

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 6th January 2020

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 6th January 2020 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

Cllrs Present Stephen Wormell – Chairman
 Jonathan Andrews
 Alan Frost
 David Grover
 Peter Hine
 Doug Kibblewhite
 Malcolm Mattack
 Margaret Palmer-Slatyer

Also in attendance – ECC Cllr K Bentley, CBC Cllr R Davidson, 4 members of public and Clerk

142/19	Apologies for absence – Cllr Dougherty	
143/19	Announcements The Chairman thanked Cllr Davidson for the £300 Locality Grant towards the memorial window Members registered their congratulation to Cllr Dougherty on his award of the MBE in the New Year’s Honours list for Voluntary Services to RAF Personnel and Veterans	
144/19	Public questions A resident enquired about having a zebra crossing in Mersea Road, outside the former Lion site. It was explained that this had been proposed some years previously but residents did not support it. However, with the prospect of the new community shop opening later in the year, this may now be more relevant and Cllr Bentley offered to take this matter forward to the Local Highways Panel.	
145/19	Declarations of interest – none	
146/19	Reports from County and Borough Cllrs and CBC Zone Warden ECC Cllr Bentley has agreed to hold quarterly meetings with Cllr Kibblewhite to update on Highways issues. In future Cllr Kibblewhite will be the councils’ link to Cllr Bentley. The high rainfall during December 2019 had resulted in a lot of flooding around the county and this in turn had caused a number of pot holes to appear. Cllr Bentley requested that any major pot holes be reported to him as soon as possible. Moving the 30mph restriction in Layer Road was likely to happen during the spring.	

	<p>CBC Cllr Davidson reported that the current locality budget deadline is 20th January and that a new budget would be available later in the year. CBC were once again running the Trees for Years scheme. This will take place at the Community Stadium on Saturday 22nd February.</p> <p>CBC were still awaiting to hear from Central Government concerning their annual grant, so council Tax bills may be delayed for 2020/21.</p>													
147/19	<p>Minutes of Meeting – 9th December 2019</p> <p>The minutes as previously circulated were signed as a correct record by Cllr Wormell. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Hine</p>													
148/19	<p>Website – update</p> <p>The Clerk reported that the website was now ready to go ‘live’ and was looking very good. The old website will be shut down and then the new website address will be publicised.</p>													
149/19	<p>Planning Applications</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 192848 – The Langenhoe Lion site, Mersea Road – removal of condition 21 of 180874 relating to noise mitigation measures – no comment 2. 193095 – 2 Gate Cottages, Mersea Road – no objection 3. 193124 – Pantile Farm, Peldon Road – approval of reserved matters – no objection 													
150/19	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A further Planning Briefing has been arranged at the EALC offices for Saturday 1st February from 1.30 – 4.30pm • The annual inspection of the streetlights has been undertaken – 5 lamps needed replacing and 2 lamp covers were replaced. 													
151/19	<p>Finance and Accounts – January 2020</p> <p>The following accounts were approved for payment, schedule 009/19 and signed by Cllrs Wormell and Hine</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">G Davis – printing costs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£7.65</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Plunkett Foundation – application fee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£550.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Suffolk Cloud – website set up fee</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£320.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs C McSweeney – printer ink</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£22.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A and J Lighting – annual inspection</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£385.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff costs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£264.25</td> </tr> </table> <p>It was noted that the cash flow statement showed that 82% of the budget had been spent as at 9.1.20</p> <p>The Bank Reconciliation for November and December 2019 had been agreed by Cllr Mattack</p>	G Davis – printing costs	£7.65	Plunkett Foundation – application fee	£550.00	Suffolk Cloud – website set up fee	£320.00	Mrs C McSweeney – printer ink	£22.99	A and J Lighting – annual inspection	£385.38	Staff costs	£264.25	
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152/19	<p>The Lion community Shop – update</p> <p>James Lambert reported that Gavin Miklaucich had resigned as Chairman of the Steering Group and that he had agreed to replace him. A meeting had been held with the developers attended by James Lambert, CBC Cllr Davidson and Cllr Dougherty. James and Sarah Lambert had undertaken some more visits to existing community shops with Cllr Dougherty. Cllr Frost had agreed to join the Steering Group and the application is to be made to join the Plunkett Foundation. A draft lease was now with the solicitor and surveyor for comment. Three events had been organized to attract community engagement.</p>	
153/19	<p>Petanque Court – to agree to applying for S106 funding</p> <p>Following a request from a resident for the council to provide a Petanque Court on land at the Village Hall, CBC had confirmed that S106 monies were available and would be considered for this project. After some discussion, it was agreed that the council should proceed and that CBC should be requested to release funding to pay for the installation. Proposed by Cllr Palmer-Slatter and seconded by Cllr Mattack. It was further agreed that 2 bench seats should be installed beside the court and funding applied for at the same time. Two quotes had been received to install the court and the Clerk was asked to approach both contractors to obtain a price for installing the seats. The seats will be purchased by the council using S106 funding and will be made of recycled plastic to match existing seating in the area.</p>	Action – Clerk to obtain quote for installing seats
154/19	<p>To agree the precept for 2020/21</p> <p>The budget as proposed and agreed at the Council meeting in December 2019 (Min 139/19), is for £16045, an increase of £562 on 2019/20. This amounts to an increase of £1.29 pa per property. CBC has confirmed that the Revenue Grant for 2020/21 will be £864 and therefore the required precept on CBC will be £15181.</p> <p>Proposed by Cllr Hine and seconded by Cllr Grover.</p>	Action – Clerk to advise CBC of precept requirement
155/19	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths and Tree Warden – during recent verge cutting some drain covers had been damaged. Cllr Mattack reported that his wife had joined the Litter Warriors, organised by the Zone Warden and had already collected 15 bags of rubbish from verges. 38 people had attended the New Year’s Day Walk. 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – the Village Christmas had been very successful and had raised £748. An event was being organised to commemorate VE Day on 8th May and more assistance/ideas are required. 3. Edward Marke Trust – nothing to report 4. Church Matters – the xmas services were well attended 5. Grass cutting – nothing to report 	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">6. Neighbourhood Watch – all the street signs are to be replaced7. Youth Liaison – nothing to report8. Finance Working Party – nothing to report9. Property Maintenance – all equipment is ok and the bench on the triangle should not need any work until the spring10. CALC – nothing to report11. Broadband – County Broadband continue to work in the village and Cllr Kibblewhite will speak to BT Openreach to ascertain what works they are undertaking locally.12. Speedwatch – nothing to report13. Social media/Newsletter – nothing to report14. Highways Issues – Cllr Kibblewhite will be attending quarterly meetings with Cllr Bentley to update on issues within the village relating to Highways. It was noted that the white lines on the Bracken Way Estate had still not been repainted and that this was very dangerous	
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There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40pm