

## ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING – 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.30pm, via Zoom

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

Also in attendance – ECC Cllr K Bentley, CBC Cllrs R Davidson and P Moore, 3 members of public and Clerk

089/20	Apologies for absence – none	
090/20	Announcements – none	
091/20	Public Questions – none	
092/20	Declarations of Interest – Cllrs Wormell, Dougherty and Frost declared pecuniary interests in item 099/20	
093/20	<p>Reports from County and Borough Cllrs</p> <p>Cllr Bentley explained why ECC had requested that Essex be put into Tier 2 Covid Restrictions and reported that the level of infection was now falling. It is hoped that when the current lockdown ends that Essex will return to Tier 1. ECC have allocated £1.5m in addition to the money allocated by Central Government to care for vulnerable families in the County during the Covid pandemic. ECC Highways continue to work during the current restrictions. Cllr Kibblewhite raised the issues of subsidence in Lodge Lane and the dangerous bend on Fingringhoe Road. He also reported a very unsatisfactory response received concerning a sign on Mersea Road that is completely obstructed by vegetation. Cllr Bentley will look into these matters. Cllr Bentley reported that the 30mph speed limit extension in Layer Road should be implemented any day.</p> <p>CBC Cllr Moore reported that CBC were considering various measures to combat the financial shortfall this financial year due to Covid. She had signed off the S106 request for funding for a defibrillator at the Community Shop.</p>	



099/20	The Lion Community Shop – update James Lambert reported that the shop had now been open for a month and has been very well received. They are gradually adding new lines to the stock and the rota is being managed well by the volunteers.	
100/20	To consider quotes for the annual inspection of play equipment 2 quotes had been received for £154+vat and £158.67+vat. It was agreed that providing the quote for £158.67+vat was still current that this would be accepted. Proposed by Cllr Hine and seconded by Cllr Grover	Action – Clerk to contact the company and arrange inspection
101/20	To consider appointment of Internal Auditor for 2021 Proposed by Cllr Wormell and seconded by Cllr Dougherty that Mrs J Stobard be appointed Internal Auditor for 2021	
102/20	West Mersea Neighbourhood Plan No comments were offered	
103/20	Natural England Coastal Path Proposals No comments offered	
104/20	EAL Consultation – Public Sector Surveys No comments offered	
105/20	Representatives Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Footpath and tree warden – nothing to report</li> <li>2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – it has been decided not to hold the Village Xmas event this year, but it is hoped to take a decorated trailer around the village collecting presents for underprivileged children on 13<sup>th</sup> December</li> <li>3. Edward Marke Trust – there is likely to be a few half plots vacant</li> <li>4. Church Matters – the Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial was very well attended and thanks were given to Alan and Cindy Frost for their excellent display. There will be a smaller service at the Memorial on 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11am, but the school had now advised they were no longer able to participate. There is still no Minister at the Church and no services being held.</li> <li>5. Grass cutting – not expecting to make any more cuts this year</li> <li>6. Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report, but residents advised to beware of a lot of scams currently circulating</li> <li>7. Youth Liaison – nothing to report</li> <li>8. Finance Working Party – the FWP have met and considered the budget requirements for 2021/22.</li> </ol>	

	<p>Subject to the amount of the CBC Revenue Grant available it is likely that this will result in an increase of 6.25% on the Parish Council precept.</p> <p>9. Property Maintenance – all the equipment is OK. Cllr Palmer-Slatter had spoken to the CBC Zone Warden about moving the dog bin currently situated behind the bus shelter to Glebe Lane where it would be more useful. Cllr Palmer-Slatter was able to source a notice board for free that could be located near the Petanque Court</p> <p>10. CALC – next meeting is 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2020</p> <p>11. Broadband – County Broadband are making some progress in taking cable into some properties, but this continues to be slow. Full installation is now expected in early 2021. Cllr Kibblewhite has heard nothing further from BT.</p> <p>12. Speedwatch – nothing to report</p> <p>13. Social Media/Newsletter – Facebook page continues to be very popular. The next newsletter should be ready for distribution w/b 23<sup>rd</sup> November.</p> <p>14. Highways Issues – Cllr Kibblewhite continues to press ECC Cllr Bentley on a number of outstanding issues. Cllr Hine asked if consideration could be given to installing a zebra crossing outside the Community Shop.</p>	<p>Action – Clerk to speak to the CBC Zone Manager regarding moving the dog bin</p>
106/20	Date of next meeting – 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm