

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 6th March 2020

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

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

Also in attendance – 5 members of public, ECC Cllr Bentley, CBC Cllrs' Moore and Jowers and Clerk

172/19	Apologies for absence – Cllr Kibblewhite and CBC Cllr Davidson	
173/19	Announcements – the Clerk advised of her holiday dates	
174/19	Public Questions – thanks were expressed to Cllr Frost for his assistance at the Community Shop Event Day on 7 th March.	
175/19	Declarations of interest – none	
176/19	<p>Reports from County and Borough Cllrs ECC Cllr Bentley advised on the contingency plans being put in place for the impact of the coronavirus on County functions. The road teams were continuing to repair pot holes, but some work had been hampered by the recent rainfall. A further £5m had been put into the Highways budget for 2020/21. Cllr Bentley had met with Cllr Kibblewhite to report on various highways matters. The 30mph speed limit on Layer Road should be implemented soon and a village name plate had been requested.</p> <p>CBC Cllr Jowers reported that as well as the £2k locality budget for each CBC Cllr, there was also a £10k Community Grant available to each ECC Cllr and he urged the council to consider any projects that may be funded from these sources. On behalf of the council, CBC Cllr Moore had been chasing the S106 Officer for news of the release of funding for the Petanque Court. To date this had not been considered, but the Officer was hoping to look at it later in the week. CBC are still awaiting the Inspectors' report on the Local Plan Part A. If this is not approved it could seriously impact on Part B.</p>	

177/19	<p>Minutes of the Meeting – 3rd February 2020</p> <p>The minutes as previously circulated were signed as a correct record by Cllr Wormell. Proposed by Cllr Grover and seconded by Cllr Hine.</p>					
178/19	<p>Matter arising from previous meetings</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Petanque Court – still awaiting result of request for funding from CBC 2. NEPP visits to Bracken Way – Following a Freedom of Information request, NEPP reported that there had been 18 visits to Bracken Way in 2019, but none of these had resulted in any penalty charge notices being issued. So far in 2020, there had been 1 visit. Cllr Hine requested that the Clerk enquire the time of day that the visits had taken place. 	Action – Clerk to request further information from NEPP				
179/19	<p>Planning Applications</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 200302 – Pantile Farm, Peldon Road - Prior approval for change of use from light industrial to dwelling house – no objection 2. 200370 – 70 Fingringhoe Road – single storey rear extension – no objection 3. 200391 – Ives, Mersea Road – rear double and single extensions with conservatory and balcony – no objection 4. 200452 – Sanquest, Langenhoe Hall Lane – demolish existing garage and outbuildings. Rebuild wooden garage – no objection 5. 193095 – Certificate of Existing Lawful Use or Development – 2 Gate Cottages, Mersea Road – no objection <p>Planning Decision</p> <p>193124 – Pantile Farm, Peldon Road – approved</p>					
180/19	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEPP will be holding monthly surgeries at Rowan House for all Borough and Parish Cllrs to raise any issues with Management Team members • Essex County Fire and Rescue are consulting on the Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan • Bradwell B Consultation – comments required by 27th May. It was agreed to discuss this further at the next meeting 					
181/19	<p>Finance and Accounts – March 2020</p> <p>The following accounts were approved for payment, schedule 011/19 and signed by Cllr Wormell and Dougherty</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">A&J Lighting – maintenance and call outs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£437.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EALC – course fees</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£114.00</td> </tr> </table>	A&J Lighting – maintenance and call outs	£437.58	EALC – course fees	£114.00	
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	<p>Thinksay Creative Comms – newsletter £254.58 Mrs C McSweeney – printer ink £26.49 A&J Lighting – call out £418.80 E-ON – streetlight electricity £119.59 Mrs C McSweeney – use of office £260.00 Information Commissioner – DPA renewal £40.00 D A Page – ditch clearance £540.00 Staff costs – February 2020 £264.25 Staff costs – March 2020 £264.25</p> <p>It was noted that the cash flow statement showed that 104% of the budget had been spent as at 9th March 2020. Cllr Mattack had reconciled the bank statements for December 2019 and January 2020.</p> <p>A short discussion took place concerning the introduction of Internet Banking, Cllr Mattack proposed and Cllr Grover seconded that the Clerk be asked to look into this and report back.</p>	
182/19	<p>The Lion Community Shop – update The Chairman, James Lambert reported that the event held on 7th March had attracted 50 residents. The Share Offer Documents were now available and the lease was being finalized by the Solicitor. Cllr Dougherty thanked James and Sarah Lambert for all the hard work they are putting into this project. £2228 had been donated from CBC Cllrs Locality budget.</p>	
183/19	<p>To ratify matters dealt with outside of meeting, due to urgency</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To confirm acceptance of quote for ditch clearance – Cllr Grover proposed and Cllr Mattack seconded accepting the quote 2. To confirm Cllr Kibblewhite attendance at Grants and Funding Course – Cllr Mattack proposed and Cllr Hine seconded 	
184/19	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths and Tree Warden – the Tree Warden Scheme was likely to begin in April. 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – The first Edward Marke Social Evening had been held on 7th March and was very successful. The arrangements for the VE Day on 8th May were still on going. Tickets are available for the Quiz Night on 18th April and the Abba Chique night on 6th June. 3. Edward Marke Trust – Tidy up morning to be held on 14th March and 2 more plots had been let 4. Church matters – nothing to report 5. Grass cutting – no cuts yet this year 	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none">6. Neighbourhood Watch – meeting on 16th March at the Village Hall7. Youth Liaison – nothing to report8. Finance Working Party – nothing to report9. Property Maintenance – the equipment is all in good order10. CALC – nothing to report11. Broadband – it is being reported that connections may now not take place until December12. Speedwatch – two sessions have been undertaken by the Peldon Team and in total 50 cars were found to be exceeding the speed limit. A letter of thanks to be send to the Peldon Speedwatch Organiser13. Social Media/Newsletter – nothing to report14. Highways Issues – nothing to report	
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There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm