

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 7th June 2021

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 7th June 2021 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-Slatter

Also in attendance – ECC Cllr K Bentley, CBC Cllr P Moore, 5 members of public and Clerk

043/21	Apologies for absence – Cllr Dougherty and CBC Cllr Davidson	
044/21	Announcements – none	
045/21	Public Questions – none	
046/21	Declarations of Interest – none	
047/21	<p>Reports from County and Borough Cllrs</p> <p>ECC Cllr Bentley reported that following the recent elections he was now Leader of ECC. This will not impact on his Highways liaison with Cllr Kibblewhite but he may not always be available for attendance at Parish Council meetings. The ECC Cllrs had again be allocated a £10000 Locality Grant and Cllr Bentley will welcome requests for funding. Cllr Bentley spoke briefly about the parking issue on the Bracken Way estate, but was aware this matter will be covered in greater detail later in the meeting. Cllr Bentley felt that NEPP had taken on board the lack of communication between them and the Parish Council, Ward Cllrs and residents. He advised that any work on the estate will not now take place until Spring 2022 so there was now adequate time for consultation and he was happy to print and help deliver any letters for residents on the estate. Cllr Kibblewhite advised that the 30mph sign in Layer Road had been hit and Cllr Hine suggested that the sign is moved further back from the road to avoid getting hit by passing lorries. Cllr Kibblewhite reminded Cllr Bentley about the road surface issues in Layer Road and Mersea Road. Regarding the damage to the kerb stones in Pyefleet View, Cllr Bentley asked if photographic evidence could be sent to him</p>	

	<p>in order than he can continue to encourage CBC to use smaller vehicles in the road. Cllr Palmer-Slatton asked that the ramp in Mulberry Gardens be looked at as it was scaping the underside of vehicles.</p> <p>CBC Cllr Moore reported that the new administration at CBC had seen the Conservative Group take control with the assistance of the Highwoods Group. The new administration intended to promote better working relationships between Officer, Ward Cllrs and Parish Councils.</p>					
048/21	<p>Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting – 12th April 2021</p> <p>The minutes as previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by Cllr Wormell. Proposed by Cllr Kibblewhite and seconded by Cllr Mattack</p>					
049/21	<p>Minutes of Annual Meeting – 10th May 2021</p> <p>The minutes as previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by Cllr Wormell. Proposed by Cllr Palmer-Slatton and seconded by Cllr Kibblewhite</p>					
050/21	<p>Minutes of Meeting – 10th May 2021</p> <p>Cllr Mattack requested to clarify a reference he had made in item 040/21 to ‘red lines’ and requested that this be removed from the minutes as he had subsequently learned this was inaccurate. This was agreed and the minutes were signed as a correct record, with the amendment at 040/21, by Cllr Wormell. Proposed by Cllr Grover and seconded by Cllr Mattack.</p>					
051/21	<p>Planning Applications and Decision notices</p> <p>211278 – 16 Sawkins Close – first floor extension – no objection</p> <p>Oxley Barns, Oxley Hill Farm – Prior approval for extensions and alterations for agricultural use is not required.</p>					
052/21	<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ECC – Invitation to participate in Winter Salt Bag Scheme – Cllr Wormell reported that very little salt was used last winter so further stocks were not required. 2. Anglian Water – notification of works in Layer De La Haye – noted 					
053/21	<p>Finance and Accounts – June 2021</p> <p>The following accounts were approved for payment, schedule 003/21 and signed by Cllrs Wormell and Frost. Proposed by Cllr Hine and seconded by Cllr Mattack</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">A&J Lighting – streetlight maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Knight – grasscutting, May</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£175.00</td> </tr> </table>	A&J Lighting – streetlight maintenance	£60.90	J Knight – grasscutting, May	£175.00	
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	<p>Mrs C McSweeney – printer ink £42.50</p> <p>E-On – streetlight electricity May and June £121.59</p> <p>J Knight – grasscutting, June £175.00</p> <p>Staff costs £271.50</p>	
054/21	<p>Bank Reconciliations – April and May 2021</p> <p>Cllr Mattack had undertaken the bank reconciliations and reported no issues</p>	
055/21	<p>Parking – Bracken Way estate</p> <p>Cllr Kibblewhite began by thanking Cllrs Bentley and Davidson for their assistance with this matter and Cllr Moore for bringing this to the Parish Councils’ attention.</p> <p>Cllr Kibblewhite reported that the meeting on site on 21st May had been attended by ECC Cllr Bentley, CBC Cllr Davidson, Cllrs Grover, Mattack and himself and Shane Taylor from NEPP. It had been agreed that residents should have been consulted and that the proposal as it currently stands would just move the problem to other areas and cause more inconvenience to residents than parents at the school. Shane Taylor had confirmed that any works would not now take place until Spring 2022 at the earliest, giving time for a full consultation to happen. Cllr Frost said that the suggestion to use the Village Hall car park would not be a solution to the problem and it was reported that a large percentage of the children attending the school live outside the catchment area. The Headteacher at the school was intending to bring this matter to parents’ attention again via the school newsletter before the end of term and the Chair of the School Governors had arranged for CBC Cllr Davidson to attend a site visit at the end of the school day to witness the disruption caused to residents. It was agreed that the letter to residents should have a 28-day consultation period, but that this should now not be delivered until the start of the new term in September. Cllr Kibblewhite will advise Shane Taylor accordingly.</p>	
056/21	<p>CBC Woodland Biodiversity Project</p> <p>It was agreed that the offer of free trees should be extended to residents and will be advertised in the Autumn Newsletter. The Parish Council will also select a tree to plant in commemoration of Sir Tom Moore.</p>	
057/21	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footpaths and Tree Warden – nothing to report • Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – the boiler is to be replaced and a new tank fitted in the loft. The hall is now open to children’s groups and it is hoped to resume the Meeting Place on 7th July. A Fun Day is being held on 3rd July between 12 noon and 4pm. Sue King who assisted in coordinating the Covid 19 Action Group is planning to hold a thank you event 	

	<p>for all the volunteers and is requesting a donation from the Parish Council. Cllr Kibblewhite proposed and Cllr Hine seconded that a donation of £50 be made (LGA 1972 S137)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Edward Marke Trust – all the allotments are now let and all paid up • Church Matters – nothing to report • Grass cutting/maintenance – grass is needing regular cuts now • Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report • Youth Liaison – nothing to report • Finance Working Party – nothing to report • Property Maintenance – Cllr Wormell has now undertaken the repair to the wet pour surface of the playground. Cllr Grover believes this was deliberate damage. One of the benches is in need of repair and ruts to the grass surface caused by lorries need to be filled in. • CALC – next meeting 24th June • Broadband – Outreach are having some issues with connections in Glebe Lane. County Broadband are unlikely to be ready to connect now until August at the earliest. Cllr Andrews will put the contact details on Facebook for residents to complain about the delays. • Speedwatch – The Peldon Team had undertaken 2 sessions and reported 53 vehicles speeding, Essex Police have also carried out 1 session since the last meeting. 1 new volunteer had now been trained to use the equipment. • Social media and Newsletter – the newsletter is almost ready for delivery • Highways Issues – Cllr Kibblewhite will continue to liaise with Cllr Bentley 	
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There being no other business the meeting ended at 8.30pm