

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 11th January 2021

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 11th January 2021 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 – CBC Cllr Davidson, 4 members of public and Clerk

123/20	Apologies for absence – ECC Cllr K Bentley, CBC Cllr P Moore	
124/20	Announcement – none	
125/20	Public questions A resident raised an issue concerning planning application 201383. An amendment to this application had been made which has an adverse effect on the residents' property and neighbouring properties. However, Colchester Borough Council had not advised neighbours of this amendment and the application has now gained approval. The resident was advised that this matter should be taken up with CBC Planning Department, however the Parish Council would support the resident in making an appeal if necessary.	
126/20	Declarations of Interest – Cllrs Wormell, Dougherty and Frost declared pecuniary interests in item 133/20	
127/20	Reports from County and Borough Cllrs CBC Cllr Davidson reported that the incidence of Covid 19 in the Borough is continuing to increase rapidly. Vaccines should start to be rolled out to Care Homes next week and it was hoped that 2 additional vaccination centers will be set up in Colchester. This was having an impact on the waste and recycling collections. It was reported that Part 1 of the Draft Local Plan concerning the Garden villages is due to be passed on 1 st February 2021 and in late spring 2021, Part 2 will be considered by the Inspector. All consultees should be contacted to make a representation to the Inspector. It is likely that the elections scheduled for May 2021 will now be	

	delayed until the autumn. Cllr Mattack thanked Cllr Davidson for his intervention concerning a recent problem with the Waste collectors.	
128/20	Minutes of Meeting – 7 th December 2020 Cllr Mattack raised an issue concerning item 109/20 and it was agreed to defer approving the minutes until the next meeting	Action – Clerk to check the minutes
129/20	Matters arising from previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Playground Inspection – no date has yet been notified 2. S106 – the Clerk has forwarded the ‘Wish List’ to CBC. The monies for the Petanque Court have now been received. 	Action – Clerk to chase Inspection Co.
130/20	Planning applications and Decision Planning applications 202310 – Captains Field, Peldon Road – construction of two storey side extension to replace existing single storey addition. Demolition of double garage and replace with 4 bay cart lodge – no objection Decision 202003 – 41 Peldon Road – approved 201383 – Cricket Club, Abberton Road – approved The Planning Inspectorate – l/a Manwood Tye, Mersea Road – appeal dismissed	
131/20	Correspondence – none	
132/20	Finance and Accounts – January 2021 The following accounts were approved for payment, schedule 011/20 and signed by Cllrs Wormell and Dougherty A&J Lighting – maintenance Jan 21 £60.90 A&J Lighting – annual inspection £146.28 Mrs C McSweeney – stamps and Zoom subs £22.19 E-On – streetlight electricity Jan 21 £61.79 Staff costs £271.50	
133/20	The Lion Community Shop – update James Lambert reported that the shop continued to do well and they were considering the purchase of an additional freezer. It was agreed to remove this regular item from the agenda and receive reports when necessary.	
134/20	Budget and Precept request 2021/22 CBC has confirmed that the Revenue Grant will remain at £864 for 2021/22 and the Finance Working Party therefore recommend the budget for 2021/22 be set at £17092 which is an increase of £1047 on 2020/21. Less the Revenue Grant, the	Action – Clerk to notify CBC

	precept request will be £16228. This represents an increase of 6.89% or £0.07 per property per week. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Grover. All agreed.	
135/20	Streetlights – to note the Annual Inspection Report A&J Lighting have undertaken the Annual Inspection and this resulted in two lamps needing replacement.	
136/20	To review and agree the Risk Management Policy The policy had been previously circulated. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and second by Cllr Hine. All agreed.	
137/20	To consider the provision of a bus shelter on ‘The Triangle’ After some discussion, Cllr Kibblewhite agreed to look into this and report back to a later meeting	Action Cllr Kibblewhite to contact ECC
138/20	Representatives Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths and Tree Warden – the footpath at the Village Hall has now been repaired, but the footpath from Mersea Road to the Village Hall had not been repaired yet. 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – the Father Xmas sleigh had toured the villages on 13th December 2020 and the response from residents was overwhelming. As well as presents, £240 donations were collected. The gifts and cash were distributed to two local charities. Thanks went to Cllr Wormell for providing and driving the tractor and trailer. The Christmas Carol service outside on the Green was well attended and raised £100 which was donated to the Salvation Army. The Village Hall is now closed. 3. Edward Marke Trust – nothing to report 4. Church Matters – the churches in Essex are closed and still no vicar appointment 5. Grass cutting – cutting will probably resume in March, using the same contractor as 2020 6. Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report 7. Youth Liaison – nothing to report 8. Finance Working Party – nothing to report 9. Property Maintenance – the playground remains open in accordance with the latest Government Guidelines. Cllr Dougherty will make some signs to remind users of the guidelines to follow. Cllr Grover reported that one bench seat will need attention this year. 10. CALC – nothing to report 11. Broadband – Cllr Kibblewhite has heard nothing further from BT. Openreach are working in Bracken Way and Fingringhoe Road. Cllr Andrews reported that BT are now offering much higher speeds, but 	

	<p>they may not be available to those residents who have signed a contract with County Broadband.</p> <p>12. Speedwatch – Cllr Grover reported that he was resigning from speedwatch and that the team in Peldon had offered to undertake some speedwatch sessions in Abberton and Langenhoe. No new volunteers are currently being trained, but it was suggested that the 3 volunteers who had come forward could take over the Speedwatch duties once training resumed.</p> <p>13. Social Media and Newsletter – the deadline for items for the next newsletter is 8th February 2021</p> <p>14. Highways Issues – Cllr Kibblewhite was still awaiting updates from ECC Cllr Bentley and had added the footpath issues at the Village Hall and the subsidence at Lodge Lane to the list. He was also still chasing the line markings in Bracken Way.</p>	
	The next item was added with the consent of the Chairman	
139/20	<p>Covid Action Group</p> <p>Cllr Dougherty reported that due to the current lockdown, it had been agreed to resume the Covid Action Group and all those residents who had previously registered for assistance had been notified. The Community Shop was able to assist where necessary</p>	
140/20	Date of next meeting – Monday 8 th February 2021	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm