

## ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING – 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 7.25pm via Zoom

Cllrs Present    Stephen Wormell – Chairman  
                      Simon Dougherty – Vice Chairman  
                      Jonathan Andrews  
                      Alan Frost  
                      Doug Kibblewhite  
                      Malcolm Mattack  
                      Margaret Palmer-Slatton

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

005/21	Apologies for absence – Cllrs Hine and Grover	
006/21	Announcements – ECC Highways have advised that the works to the footpath around the Village Hall will commence on 13 <sup>th</sup> April.	
007/21	Public Questions – A resident wished to avail the Council of his reasons for objecting to the recent planning application by the Cricket Club to resite their practice nets. Cllr Wormell offered to mediate between the resident and the Cricket Club if possible.	
008/21	Declarations of Interest – Cllr Mattack declared a non-pecuniary interest in Planning Decision 210075	
009/21	Reports from County and Borough Councillors ECC Cllr Bentley is still liaising directly with Cllr Kibblewhite on Highway issues affecting the villages and this seems to work well. He has asked the Highway Rangers to repair the speed sign that had been hit by a vehicle. CBC Cllr Moore reported that she had received notification that red lines are to be installed around Meadow Way, preventing all parking at set times of the day – including residents. ECC Cllr Bentley had not received this notification and will be taking the matter up with NEPP. The deadline for comments on this matter is 16 <sup>th</sup> April and Cllr Moore will forward the email to the Parish Council to comment. CBC Cllr Davidson reported that recycling sacks will be delivered to each property during April and this year will include blue sacks for clothes and textiles recycling. The Borough is encouraging as many residents as possible to apply for a postal vote this year, closing date for application is 20 <sup>th</sup> April. The Inspectors' Hearing into the Local Plan Part 2 begins next week. Cllr Davidson has arranged for the CBC Recycling Route Planner to visit Pyefleet View to consider	

	<p>the use of a smaller vehicle to avoid the constant damage to kerbstones and driveways.</p> <p>Cllr Bentley was asked for an update on the Electric Scooter scheme, he reported that it was going well and the only issue appears to be that there are no docking stations for returning scooters to, but this may be looked at when the trial ends.</p>															
010/21	<p>Minutes of the Meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021</p> <p>The minutes as previously circulated were agreed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Dougherty and seconded by Cllr Mattack.</p>															
011/21	<p>Matter arising from previous meeting</p> <p>Bracken Way parking – the Clerk has not received any response from NEPP.</p>															
012/21	<p>Planning Applications and Decisions</p> <p>There have been no planning applications received since the last meeting</p> <p><u>Planning Decisions – approvals</u></p> <p>210075 – Idle Hours, Peldon Road</p> <p>210036 – Manwood Tye, Mersea Road</p> <p>210347 – 13 Pyefleet View</p> <p>210336 – Fircroft, Mersea Road</p>															
013/21	<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Police Engagement Meeting – the Clerk reminded the meeting that a PCSO will be in attendance in the Village Hall car park on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> May between 12 noon and 1pm to speak to residents.</li> <li>2. ECC – Essex Minerals Local Plan – comments by 29<sup>th</sup> April</li> <li>3. Essex Police, opportunity to pay for additional patrols in the village – it was agreed that this would be too expensive and has not been included in the budget</li> </ol>	Action – Clerk to advise Essex Police														
014/21	<p>Finance and Accounts – April 2021</p> <p>The following accounts were approved for payment, schedule 001/21 and signed by Cllrs Wormell and Dougherty. Proposed by Cllr Palmer-Slatton and seconded by Cllr Kibblewhite</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>A&amp;J Lighting – streetlight maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EALC – annual subs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£318.17</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Knight -grass cutting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£175.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Thinksay Creative – printing newsletter</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£324.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zurich Municipal – annual insurance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£587.15</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs C McSweeney – McAfee and Zoom subs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£84.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff costs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£271.50</td> </tr> </table>	A&J Lighting – streetlight maintenance	£60.90	EALC – annual subs	£318.17	J Knight -grass cutting	£175.00	Thinksay Creative – printing newsletter	£324.00	Zurich Municipal – annual insurance	£587.15	Mrs C McSweeney – McAfee and Zoom subs	£84.38	Staff costs	£271.50	
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015/21	<p>Bank Reconciliations</p> <p>Cllr Mattack had undertaken the bank reconciliations for January, February and March 2021.</p>															

	The Clerk reported that the end of year accounts are ready for submission to the Internal Auditor.	
016/21	To approve the renewal of the Annual Insurance Policy The Insurance Policy is due to renew on 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2021 and the renewal notice has been received (3 year term). Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Kibblewhite	
017/21	To consider the planting of a tree to commemorate Sir Tom Moore There was some reluctance to proceed and it was agreed to defer to the next meeting	
018/21	S106 update Following the discussion at the previous meeting (item 171/20) the Clerk had submitted the suggested projects to CBC for consideration <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Enhancements to basketball court – already agreed to be funded from Sports and Leisure budget</li> <li>2. Village Sign refurbishment – awaiting final decision from CBC regarding funding</li> <li>3. Resurfacing of Village Hall car park – can be funded from Sports and Leisure budget</li> <li>4. Replacement doors and windows for Village Hall – can be funded from Communities budget</li> <li>5. Replacement score board for Cricket Club – can be funded from Sports and Leisure budget</li> <li>6. Replacement street lights – does not qualify for funding</li> <li>7. Sports equipment for village school – would qualify for funding from Education budget (access by ECC only)</li> </ol> <p>The S106 ‘Wish List’ will comprise items 1 – 5 above but will be reviewed on a regular basis.</p>	
019/21`	To discuss and decide how to proceed with future meetings following the Governments decision to not extend the ‘Coronavirus Act 2020 S78’ The Clerk advised that Hertfordshire County Council has lodged an appeal in the High Court against this decision and this had the backing of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. This is due to be heard on 21 <sup>st</sup> April and the Clerk will advise on the outcome. If this is turned down then face to face meetings will resume with social distancing.	
020/21	Representatives Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Footpaths and Tree Warden – Cllr Mattack advised that the Woodland Tree Project will be liaising directly with the school concerning tree planting on school premises.</li> <li>2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – the Easter Hunt was held on 4<sup>th</sup> April and was very successful. 62 easter eggs were handed out and over 200 residents</li> </ol>	

	<p>took part. The works to replace the electrics has now been completed.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Edward Marke Trust – the allotments continue to be popular</li> <li>4. Church matters – there is 1 wedding booked so far this year. Fortnightly services are now taking place at Rowhedge, but still no vicar at St Andrews.</li> <li>5. Grass Cutting – 2 cuts so far this year</li> <li>6. Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report</li> <li>7. Youth Liaison – the Dance Classes are due to resume at the Village Hall</li> <li>8. Finance Working Party – nothing to report</li> <li>9. Property Maintenance – Cllrs Dougherty and Wormell investigated some damage to the wet pour surface at the children’s play area. The Clerk had found a repair product that can be purchased and it was agree to proceed up to £150. Proposed Cllr Dougherty and seconded Cllr Wormell.</li> <li>10. CALC – next meeting is 24<sup>th</sup> June</li> <li>11. Broadband – other villages have been given dates for the external connections</li> <li>12. Speedwatch – nothing to report</li> <li>13. Social media and newsletter – Facebook continues to be popular. The deadline for articles for the next newsletter is 4<sup>th</sup> June.</li> <li>14. Highway Issues – Cllr Kibblewhite has confirmed with Cllr Bentley that it is the road outside the exit gates at the school that need hatch markings and the H bars and junction markings still need replacing. Cllr Bentley is liaising with NEPP. The dips in Mersea Road outside Abberton Cars have been marked as needing urgent attention due to prospective damage being caused to nearby property foundations. Cllr Bentley has also been asked to report the road submergence on the road leading to Mersea. Cllr Wormell reported that he had assisted in installing a new bridge over the river at Friday Woods.</li> </ol>	
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There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25pm