

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 8th November 2021

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 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
 Doug Kibblewhite
 Malcolm Mattack
 Margaret Palmer-Slatton

Also in attendance – CBC Cllr R Davidson, 2 members of public and Clerk

107/21	Apologies for absence – ECC Cllr Bentley	
108/21	Announcements – the death of Dudley Young was reported and funeral arrangements provided.	
109/21	Public Questions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A resident was concerned that the CBC Local Plan contained no provision for cycle routes in this part of the Borough and asked the Parish Council to request this be included at the next review of the Plan• The organization of the recycling arrangements in the Borough was praised• It was noted that there are currently a lot of bats in the area and the meeting was reminded that it is illegal to disturb them. The resident will write an article on this subject for the next newsletter.• James Lambert advised that the Post Office will be operating from the Community Shop on Fridays between 1.30pm and 3.30pm from 12th November on a trial basis. All normal Post Office functions will be available except the checking of passports.	
110/21	Declarations of Interest – none	
111/21	Reports from County and Borough Cllrs CBC Cllr Davidson reported on the arrangements for Remembrance Day activities in Colchester. He advised that the Planning Service were very short of staff and there was a back log of applications awaiting processing. The current Chief Executive of CBC is retiring in March and the post is to be	

	<p>advertised. CBC have begun a Click and Collect service for recycling equipment, the nearest collection point is West Mersea Town Council offices. The CBC Cllrs have been asked to report if their Wards would like to be included in the wheely bin role out programme. With the support of the members present, Cllr Davidson will be reporting that Abberton and Langenhoe did not wish to be included. The Inspector has now completed the review of the CBC Local Plan and his recommendations are available on the CBC website for comments.</p>							
112/21	<p>Minutes of Meeting – 4th October 2021 The minutes as previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by Cllr Wormell. Proposed by Cllr Dougherty and seconded by Cllr Hine.</p>							
113/21	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting – none</p>							
114/21	<p>Planning applications and Decisions 212827 – Highfields, Peldon Road – single storey rear extension – no objection 212757 – Manwood Tye, Mersea Road – renewal of 162873 – no objection but proviso that land to remain outside the settlement boundary 212852 – Lodge Lane – erection of 9 wooden poles for broadband cables – On principle no objection to this application but consideration to be given for cabling to be installed underground</p> <p>Decisions 212420 – Clairmont, Mersea Road – granted</p>							
115/21	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notification from E-On of increase in electricity prices for streetlights – the Clerk was asked to investigate if there were any cheaper options available • Notification from CBC Monitoring Officer that following the murder of Sir David Amess MP, that Cllrs should consider if they wished to continue to display their home addresses on the internet. Some members had already asked that their addresses be removed from the Councils’ website and those who wish their addresses to also be removed from the CBC website should contact the Monitoring Officer direct. 	<p>Action – Clerk to look into cheaper options</p>						
116/21	<p>Finance and Accounts – November 2021 The following accounts were approved for payment, schedule 008/21 and signed by Cllrs Wormell and Dougherty</p> <table> <tr> <td>J Knight – grass cutting</td> <td>£175.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E-On – streetlight electricity Oct and Nov</td> <td>£139.73</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting – streetlight maintenance</td> <td>£121.80</td> </tr> </table>	J Knight – grass cutting	£175.00	E-On – streetlight electricity Oct and Nov	£139.73	A&J Lighting – streetlight maintenance	£121.80	
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	<p>M Palmer-Slatter – bulbs £5.99</p> <p>Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreath £50.00</p> <p>Staff costs – November £318.25</p>	
117/21	<p>Bank Reconciliation – September</p> <p>The bank reconciliation had been agreed by Cllr Mattack</p>	
118/21	<p>Bracken Way parking – to consider questionnaire for circulation to residents</p> <p>The questionnaire had been previously circulated. Cllr Wormell asked for confirmation that it was possible to time zone a red line, advise will be sought from NEPP. Cllr Dougherty felt that the questionnaire was still too long but accepted that it was necessary to include the background information. There was some discussion on the wording of the questions. Cllr Mattack proposed and Cllr Kibblewhite seconded accepting the questionnaire and arranging its circulation on the Bracken Way estate.</p>	
119/21	<p>ECC Devolution Scheme</p> <p>ECC Cllr Bentley had requested at a previous meeting that the Parish Council consider participation in the scheme again. After some discussion it was agreed not to participate at this time.</p>	
120/21	<p>CBC Local Plan</p> <p>The comments of the Inspector are now available on the CBC website for comment by 15th November 2021</p>	
121/21	<p>Review of Policies</p> <p>The policies had been previously circulated for comment</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Action Plan – the following amendments were agreed; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Speedwatch – delete Designated Cllr and add, Abberton and Langenhoe Speed Watch Team, School Parking – delete ‘All’ Superfast Broadband – remove from the Action Plan 2. Assets Register – agreed 	Action – Clerk to make amendments and upload to website
122/21	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths and Tree Warden – nothing to report 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – the Parish Council was thanked for the grant towards the replacement heating system. The Father Xmas sleigh will be visiting the villages again on the 12th December and residents could donate either new, unwrapped gifts or make cash donations. Carols under the stars will take place at the Village Hall on 19th December at 6pm and the Salvation Army Band will be in attendance. 3. Edward Marke Trust – the annual invoices are to be sent out soon 	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Church Matters – a Remembrance Service will take place on the Village Green on 11th November starting at 10.40am and children from the Village School will be in attendance. The xmas services had now been agreed. 5. Grass cutting – no more cuts until next year 6. Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report 7. Youth Liaison – nothing to report 8. Finance Working Party – meeting arranged for 18/11 to consider the budget for 2022/23 9. Property Maintenance – it was noted that the water butt beside the Bus Shelter had been stolen. The ditches around the Village Hall/allotment area need clearing 10. CALC – next meeting 2/12 11. Broadband – it was agreed to now remove this item from the agenda 12. Speedwatch – nothing to report 13. Social Media and newsletter – there are now over 700 members of the Facebook page. The next newsletter will be ready for delivery at the end of the month 14. Highway Issues – Cllr Kibblewhite has received no further reports from Cllr Bentley 	
123/21	Date of next meeting – 6 th December 2021	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm