

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 8th March 2021

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 8th March 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

Also in attendance – ECC Cllr Bentley, 1 member of public and Clerk

156/20	Apologies for absence – Cllr M Palmer-Slatter, CBC Cllr Davidson and Moore	
157/20	Announcements The deaths of residents Linda May and Fulvio Mussi were recorded.	
158/20	Public Questions – none	
159/20	Declarations of Interest Cllr Kibblewhite declared a pecuniary interest in item 163.2/20	
160/20	Reports from ECC and CBC Cllrs ECC Cllr Bentley reported that the Covid vaccination programme in Essex was going well and that infection rates were beginning to fall. Most schools had returned and the County was looking into restarting the school transport. ECC budget has been agreed with a 0% rise on Council Tax, but the budget for Adult Social Care will be increased by 1.5%. The Highways staff were beginning to concentrate again on routine work. He was still looking into the replacement of the VAS and reported that trials were now taking place on body cams for School Crossing Attendants. He will be chasing the replacement of the white lines on the Bracken Way estate. Cllr Bentley asked that he be advised once the cabling works by BT and County Broadband were completed if the verges were not returned satisfactorily.	

161/20	Minutes of Meeting – 8 th February 2021 The minutes as previously circulated were agreed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Wormell and second by Cllr Mattack																			
162/20	Matters arising from previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quote for refurbishment of village sign – the Clerk had contacted the person who had previously refurbished the sign and they were interested in undertaking the work again. A quote for cleaning and redecoration of the sign had been received for £150. Cllr Wormell proposed and Cllr Dougherty seconded that this quote be accepted and an approach be made to CBC for release of S106 funding. Cllr Frost agreed to remove, transport and replace the sign. <p>Having previously declared an interest, Cllr Kibblewhite took no part in the next item</p>	Action – Clerk to submit S106 application																		
163/20	Planning Applications <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 210336 – Fircroft, Mersea Road – single storey side extension for annexe – no objection 210347 – 13 Pyfleet View – Gazebo – no objection 																			
164/20	Correspondence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Offer from eforests to supply free trees – the offer was for a minimum of 200 trees, which was felt to be too many for the parish. Cllr Mattack would contact the CBC Tree Officer again regarding the offer of trees from the Woodland Project. Colchester Rotary Club – locations required for ‘friendly bench’ – it was felt that there were sufficient benches already located in the villages 	Action – Cllr Mattack to contact CBC Tree Officer																		
165/20	Finance and Accounts – March 2021 The following accounts were approved for payment – schedule 013/20 and signed by Cllrs Wormell and Dougherty <table> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting – maintenance March</td> <td>£60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting – call out</td> <td>£163.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Knight – grasscutting</td> <td>£175.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Charity of Edward Marke – ground rent</td> <td>£75.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M Palmer-Slatter – compost for planters</td> <td>£20.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C McSweeney – zoom subs</td> <td>£14.39</td> </tr> <tr> <td>E-On – streetlight electricity</td> <td>£55.81</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Information Commissioner – data reg.</td> <td>£40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff costs – March 21</td> <td>£271.50</td> </tr> </table>	A&J Lighting – maintenance March	£60.90	A&J Lighting – call out	£163.20	J Knight – grasscutting	£175.00	Charity of Edward Marke – ground rent	£75.00	M Palmer-Slatter – compost for planters	£20.00	C McSweeney – zoom subs	£14.39	E-On – streetlight electricity	£55.81	Information Commissioner – data reg.	£40.00	Staff costs – March 21	£271.50	
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166/20	Colchester Local Plan – notification of inspection dates and invitation to make a representation Cllr Wormell will make a representation to the Inspector on behalf of the Parish Council	Action – Clerk to advise the Programme Officer																		

167/20	Essex County Council (Borough of Colchester) Covid-19 E Scooter Trial 2021 – comments required Item to be deferred to May 2021 to access the response to the trial	
168/20	To consider planting a new tree on Abberton Green Cllr Palmer-Slatter had suggested this item. It was agreed that the existing willow tree should be allowed to re sprout and would likely return to its previous fullness within a couple of years. It was however agreed that it would be a nice gesture to plant a tree somewhere in the villages to commemorate Sir Tom Moore. Cllrs were asked to consider locations for the next meeting.	
169/20	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths and Tree Warden – nothing to report 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Village Hall – the hall remains closed and a burst pipe had resulted in there currently being no electrics. It has been arranged to hold a Covid secure Easter Egg hunt around the villages on Easter Sunday and organize a quiz. 3. Edward Marke Trust – plots are currently being prepared for the summer and rents are being collected. 4. Church matters – a dog walker had reported finding what he thought was an unexploded bomb in the churchyard, but this did not turn out to be the case. Church still closed and a wedding has been postponed. Still no vicar. 5. Grass cutting – first cut has now been done 6. Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report 7. Youth liaison – the dance troupe will start up again when the village Hall reopens 8. Finance Working Party – nothing to report 9. Property maintenance – a tool is needed to tighten up the ropes on the climber. Cllr Wormell will see if he has anything suitable. 10. CALC – next meeting is 18th March. 11. Broadband – County Broadband were now emailing residents about laying cables and BT were also working quickly to install cables in the villages. Cllr Dougherty had ascertained that residents who had previously signed up to County Broadband would be breaking their contract by now signing up to BT. 12. Speed watch – nothing to report 13. Social media and Newsletter – Facebook page continues to grow and adverts are being refused. Next newsletter will be ready to deliver very soon. 14. Highway Issues – Cllr Kibblewhite continues to liaise with ECC Cllr Bentley on Highway issues. The junction markings at Bracken Way should be replaced soon 	

	and CBC Cllr Davidson is looking into a smaller refuse vehicle being used in Pyefleet View to protect the kerbs. The damage to the surface of Mersea Road outside Abberton Cars is a priority as it could damage property foundations and Cllr Bentley is aware of this.	
170/20	To exclude members of the press and public due to the confidential nature of the next item	
171/20	S106 – to receive some information from CBC The information was received and considered.	
172/20	Date of next meeting – 12 th April 2021. This will also be the Annual Meeting.	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25pm