

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 12TH April 2021

The Annual Parish Meeting of the Council took place on Monday 12th April 2021 at 7pm via Zoom

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

Also in attendance – CBC Cllrs P Moore and R Davidson, 4 members of public and Clerk

001/21	Apologies for absence – Cllrs Hine and Grover	
002/21	<p>Chairman’s Report for 2020/2021 Cllr Wormell acknowledged the difficulties that Covid-19 had caused, but was pleased to report that the Parish Council had continued to undertake many activities. 11 Council meetings had now been held using Zoom and in the main had been successful with some broadband issues. New planters for the village green had been purchased and thanks were given to Cllr Palmer-Slatter for maintaining them. 4 newsletters had been published during the last year and are always well received. Although the Village Hall has been closed for much of the last year some events have still managed to take place including the VE day celebrations, the Xmas Santa sleigh and Carol singing. All were well attended with money raised for charity and the village pulling together to donate more than 600 Christmas presents for local charities. Thanks were also given to Cllr Frost and his wife for decorating the village green several times over the year. There have been some planning issues to face and it is inevitable that new housing in the village will happen. The Cricket Club has resumed business again and the Village Hall will be opening for some hirers. Cllr Kibblewhite was thanked for his pursuit of Highway matters and the litter picking volunteers were praised for their work. The Council had obtained funds from S106 to build a Petanque Court at the Village Hall and also to provide a defibrillator for the Village shop. The allotments continue to be well used and the biggest success of the past year has been the opening of the Community Shop which has been well received. Broadband is still an issue, but it is hoped that this will soon be resolved. Cllr Wormell thanked all the Councillors for their support during the last year and mention was made</p>	

	of all the residents who freely gave up their time to assist the Covid Action Group during the initial lockdown.	
003/21	<p>Annual Reports from ECC and CBC Cllrs</p> <p>CBC Cllr Davidson said that the community spirit in Abberton and Langenhoe was impressive and he praised the Council for being so proactive. He reported that a large proportion of the Locality Budgets from all 3 CBC Cllrs had been spent in Abberton and Langenhoe last year, specifically for the Village Shop, defibrillator and equipment for the school, all of which were worthy projects. He reported that the enthusiasm of the local litter picking group had encouraged more groups to start up in neighbouring villages. He enquired if the council were intending to restart the Village Walks and Cllr Wormell thought this may happen, but it may be necessary to recruit a new leader.</p> <p>CBC Cllr Moore reported that the CBC Local Plan was moving forward.</p>	
004/21	Public questions – there were no questions from the public.	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.25pm