

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 5th September 2022

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 5th September 2022 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

Cllrs Present Simon Dougherty – Chair
 Jonathan Andrews
 Malcolm Mattack
 Margaret Palmer-Slatton
 Steve Wormell

Also in attendance – CBC Cllr Davidson, 6 members of public, Rachel Rosevear (for item 091/22) and Clerk

085/22	Apologies for absence – Cllrs Kibblewhite, Lambert, Frost and Lenart and ECC Cllr Bentley Cllr Andrews would be arriving late	
086/22	Announcements – the Clerk will be on annual leave from 7 th September to 19 th September	
087/22	Public Questions A resident raised the matter of large lorries coming through Layer Road at speed. It was noted this is likely to be as a result of the repairs being made to the wall at the reservoir. The Clerk will write to Essex and Suffolk Water to raise the concerns.	Action – Clerk to write to E and SW
088/22	Declarations of Interest None	
089/22	Reports from County and Borough Cllrs CBC Cllr Davidson reported that following the council meeting on 12 th September, the Letters of Patent formally recognising Colchester as a city will be presented. Cllr Davidson will be sitting on the Planning Cttee on 8 th September when the applications for the Peldon Road developments will be considered.	
090/22	Minutes of Meeting – 11 th July 2022 The minutes as previously circulated were agreed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Wormell and seconded by Cllr Mattack	

091/22	<p>Proposed Youth Club</p> <p>Rachel Rosevear had previously circulated her Business Plan for the new Youth Club. It is intended to hold the first session at the end of October – this will be a taster session for young people and parents and donations will be sought towards the running costs. The Parish Council thanked Ms Rosevear for her very thorough Plan and offered their support to the Club. A request had been made the Council to provide financial support towards the hall hire fees. Cllr Dougherty proposed and Cllr Wormell seconded offering a donation of £360 to cover the first years’ hire fees. All agreed. (S137, LGA 1972). The funds will be taken from Reserves as no budget exists for this.</p>					
092/22	<p>Matter arising from previous meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To consider quotes received for repair of bench seats- Cllr Frost is still trying to obtain some quotes 2. Letter to bus companies concerning drivers not stopping at The Lion bus stop – Cllr Kibblewhite is still looking into this matter 3. Request to relocate post box – the Clerk had spoken with Royal Mail and they are looking into the viability of locating to either Fingringhoe Road (near the shop) or close to the bus shelter 					
093/22	<p>Planning applications and decisions received</p> <p>There have been no planning applications received since the last meeting</p> <p>Decisions – approval</p> <p>221376 – Sanquest, Langenhoe Hall Lane</p>					
094/22	<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Smaller Authorities Audit Arrangements, opportunity to opt out of arrangements 2022-2027 – it was agreed not to opt out of the arrangements 2. CBC Health Inequalities in Towns and Parishes – Cllr Dougherty will meet with the CBC Community Equalities Officer 3. Royal British Legion – invitation to participate in The Queen’s Green Canopy Project - noted 4. CBC – Invitation to participate in Corporate Peer Challenge – Cllr Kibblewhite has offered to represent the Council at the meeting on 27th September <p>Cllr Andrews joined the meeting at 8.05pm</p>					
095/22	<p>Finance and Accounts – August and September 2022</p> <p>The following accounts which had previously been circulated for approval were formally approved. Proposed Cllr Wormell seconded Cllr Mattack. August 2022 Schedule 005/22</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>J Knight – grass cutting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£175.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting – streetlight maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£60.90</td> </tr> </table>	J Knight – grass cutting	£175.00	A&J Lighting – streetlight maintenance	£60.90	
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	<p>Thinksay Creative – newsletter £378.00 C McSweeney – stationary £39.90 Staff costs £323.75</p> <p>The following accounts for September 2022 were approved for payment – Schedule 006/22. Proposed Cllr Mattack and seconded Cllr Wormell</p> <p>A&J Lighting – streetlight maintenance £60.90 J Knight – grass cutting £50.00 E-On – streetlighting £9.66 N Power – streetlighting electricity £635.40 C McSweeney – tax rebate £54.51 Staff costs £323.75</p>	
096/22	<p>Bank reconciliations – July and August 2022 Cllr Mattack has agreed the bank reconciliations</p>	
097/22	<p>Peldon Road development update, including correspondence with West Mersea Town Council</p> <p>A Cllr from West Mersea Town Council had written an article in the ‘Mersea Life’ magazine concerning the S106 contributions for the Peldon Road developments which implied that contribution had been agreed for the NHS towards medical provision at the West Mersea surgery. At that time this was incorrect and a letter was sent to the Town Clerk at West Mersea Town Council to set the record straight. A response had now been received offering to make a supplementary comment correcting the mis information in the next edition of ‘Mersea Life’ and offering a meeting between the two councils. Matters had now progressed and a contribution has subsequently been agreed towards medical provision at both Mersea surgery and Malting Green surgery. It was agreed that there is no intention to harbour bad relations with West Mersea Town Council and following the recommendation of the CBC Planning Officer to include the medical provision in the agreement there was no need to take this matter further. The Clerk will write to the Town Clerk appropriately.</p> <p>Cllr Dougherty will be attending the CBC Planning Cttee meeting on 8th September and speaking on behalf of the Council. It was noted that ECC have not yet responded to the suggestion of creating a drop off area within the school grounds and Cllr Bentley is chasing the portfolio holder to respond before the meeting. If this happens then the Council will support this proposal, however if no communication is received from ECC prior to the meeting, Cllr Dougherty will be asking again that the parking provision within the larger site be re assessed in line with the proposals put forward in 2017. Members noted that this could involve a different type of crossing being installed to accommodate the increase in</p>	

	<p>footfall. Proposed by Cllr Dougherty and seconded by Cllr Palmer-Slatton</p>	
098/22	<p>To approve attendance at New Cllr Training for Cllr Lambert This training takes place over two Saturdays in October at a cost of £200. Proposed Cllr Wormell and seconded Cllr Dougherty</p>	
099/22	<p>Bracken Way estate – update on road markings around Langenhoe School Cllr Mattack reported that all lines and signage had been in place before the start of the new school term.</p>	
100/22	<p>Markes Wood – report of meeting with The Conservation Volunteers Cllr Palmer-Slatton met with representatives of TCV and it was agreed that works required would take two days at a cost of £260 per day. This sum had already been agreed at the previous meeting (Min 077/22). All the works will be carried out on the Markes Wood site and not on the footway from Mersea Road to the school which had been cleared recently.</p>	
101/22	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpath and tree warden – nothing to report 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – club nights continue to well attended. There is a Quiz Night on 23rd September and a local band will be performing on 15th October. Tickets are available for both events. There is a Village Walk planned for 23rd September, starting at the Village Hall at 2pm. 3. Edward Marke Trust – The AGM was held in August and a new Treasurer was appointed. There are currently 2.5 plots available and there are some issues of non-cultivation 4. Church Matters – the hedge around the churchyard needs attention 5. Neighbourhood Watch – letters have been delivered to all properties introducing the local coordinators. A few more properties have now joined the scheme. 6. Youth Liaison – nothing to report 7. Finance Working Party – nothing to report 8. Property Maintenance – the cracks in the ground around the play area were noted, but are as a result of the dry weather and should close up in the autumn. Cllr Frost was thanked for cleaning out the bus shelter 9. CALC – nothing to report 10. Speedwatch – a session was held on 14th July. 39 vehicles were recorded as exceeding 36mph with 8 	

	exceeding 40mph. There are now 5 volunteers, but more are needed. 11. Social Media and newsletter – nothing to report 12. Highway Issues – nothing to report	
102/22	Date of next meeting – 10 th October 2022	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm