

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 10th October 2022

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 10th October 2022 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

Cllrs Present Simon Dougherty – Chair
 Alan Frost – Vice Chair
 Jonathan Andrews
 Doug Kibblewhite
 James Lambert
 Rod Lenart
 Malcolm Mattack
 Margaret Palmer-Slatton
 Steve Wormell

Also in attendance – CBC Cllrs Davidson and Jowers and Clerk

103/22	Apologies for absence – ECC Cllr Bentley	
104/22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Dougherty advised that after the agenda had been issued information was received from Clarke Telecom concerning an installation in the village that requires an urgent response. This matter will be added to the agenda with the agreement of the meeting. • CBC has advised that the Colchester Borough Council Vehicular Nuisance Public Space Protection Order 2022 came into effect on 30th September 2022 and covers the whole of the CBC area. 	
105/22	Public Questions - none	
106/22	Declaration of interest Cllr Wormell declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in item 110/22	
107/22	<p>Reports from County and Borough Cllrs</p> <p>CBC Cllr Jowers was disappointed that West Mersea Town Council had taken some S106 funds from the proposed development at Peldon Road for medical provision in West Mersea. Cllr Dougherty advised that he had spoken with the Chair at WMTC and this was additional funding and not taken from that proposed for Abberton and Langenhoe. Cllr Jowers advised that the structure of the Local Highways Panel was changing. CBC has submitted a bid to the UK shared Prosperity Fund, results will be known soon.</p> <p>CBC Cllr Davidson advised that the 4 affordable homes to be built on the West side of Peldon Road are to be made</p>	Action – Clerk to contact RCCE

	available to local residents first. He suggested contacting the RCCE to request another survey of local needs to be undertaken	
108/22	Minutes of meeting – 5 th September 2022 The minutes as previously circulated were agreed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Palmer-Slatter	
109/22	Matters arising from previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Quotes for bench seat repairs – a quote had been obtained from Bradbury Carpentry to refurbish the bench at a cost of £1058.35. It was proposed by Cllr Palmer-Slatter that this quote be accepted. Seconded by Cllr Lenart. Funding is available in Grounds Maintenance budget 2. Letter to bus companies concerning drivers not stopping at The Lion stop – Cllr Kibblewhite is taking up this matter with ECC Cllr Scott 3. Response from Essex and Suffolk Water concerning hauliers exceeding the speed limit – an apology was received and it was noted that the deliveries had been made by sub-contractors and this was now completed. 	
110/22	Planning Applications received and decisions 222386 – Langenhoe Hall – Agricultural Determination to excavate reservoir for agricultural irrigation – no objection 222355 – land at Oxley House, Mersea Road – erection of 5 self-build dwellings – objection on grounds that the development is outside the village envelope and is contrary to the published Local Plan Decision Notice 213531 – land adj. Borleys, Peldon Road – approved Notice of planning appeal 213402 – Langenhoe Hall, Langenhoe Hall Lane – appeal against refusal for new Mot testing station and vehicle workshop	
111/22	Proposed Peldon Road development – update Cllr Dougherty had represented the Parish Council at the CBC Planning Cttee meeting. Application 213531 had been agreed and decision notice issued. However, the development on the west side of the road had been agreed in principal but the decision notice could not yet be issued. The issue of car parking for the school remains a sticking point and it was noted at the meeting that ECC had yet to respond. The preferred option was for the parking area to be provided	

	<p>within the school grounds, but if this does not prove possible, the application will have to be resubmitted. Agreement had been reached to include pathways along Peldon Road, appropriate signage and village gates. Four affordable homes are to be included within the development which in the first instance will be offered to local residents. Cllr Dougherty thanked the CBC Cllrs for their support in this matter.</p>																					
112/22	<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EEC Minerals Local Plan, Call for Sites – noted 2. CBC Warm Welcoming Spaces – it was agreed to advise CBC of the weekly Meeting Place held at the Village Hall 3. CBC – survey concerning residents’ priorities for next 3 years – noted 4. Fence at Langenhoe Green – Cllr Wormell is arranging the replacement of the fence 																					
113/22	<p>Finance and Accounts – October 2022</p> <p>The following accounts which had previously been circulated for approved for payment – Schedule 007/22 were proposed by Cllr Kibblewhite and seconded by Cllr Lambert</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting – October maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting – Annual maintenance inspection</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£316.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Knight – grass cutting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£175.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N Power- streetlights – Aug 22</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£74.96</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N Power – streetlights – Sept 22</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£78.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td>CALC – subscription</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£35.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>The Hideout – grant to Youth Club</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£360.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs C McSweeney – 6 months office use</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£260.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M Palmer-Slatter – plants</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£44.47</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff costs – October 22</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£323.75</td> </tr> </table>	A&J Lighting – October maintenance	£60.90	A&J Lighting – Annual maintenance inspection	£316.80	J Knight – grass cutting	£175.00	N Power- streetlights – Aug 22	£74.96	N Power – streetlights – Sept 22	£78.89	CALC – subscription	£35.00	The Hideout – grant to Youth Club	£360.00	Mrs C McSweeney – 6 months office use	£260.00	M Palmer-Slatter – plants	£44.47	Staff costs – October 22	£323.75	
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114/22	<p>Bank reconciliation – September 22</p> <p>Cllr Mattack had agreed the reconciliation</p>																					
115/22	<p>CALC – renewal of subscription</p> <p>It was agreed to renew the subscription - £35. Proposed Cllr Dougherty and seconded Cllr Mattack</p>																					
116/22	<p>20’s Plenty – to consider submitting a request for reducing the speed limit in villages</p> <p>Cllrs Mattack and Kibblewhite had attended a presentation concerning the introduction of 20mph speed limits on residential streets in towns and villages. Cllr Mattack felt that a request should be made for all the roads in the village that currently have a 30mph limit, to be reduced to 20mph. There was a lot of discussion concerning the enforcement issues and whether this was appropriate for all roads, particularly Mersea Road. A vote was taken; 7 for, 1 against and 1 abstention. It was agreed that Cllr Mattack would prepare a</p>	<p>Action Cllr Mattack to prepare response</p>																				

	response requesting that 20mph become the default speed limit in Abberton and Langenhoe	
117/22	Internal Audit 2022/23 – to confirm the appointment of Jan Stobart as Internal Auditor Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Andrews that Mrs Stobart be appointed as Internal Auditor for 2022/23 at a cost of £210	
118/22	Abberton Reservoir – Rights of Way Cllr Wormell had attended a meeting at Abberton Reservoir concerning the upkeep of the rights of way, bridle paths and structures. He advised that there was a sum of money available for upkeep and repairs and Cllrs should advise him of any works that needed to be undertaken.	
119/22	To discuss and agree arrangements for Remembrance Day In his capacity as School Governor, Cllr Kibblewhite advised the meeting that the school were planning to attend the War Memorial on 11 th November with 2 classes of children, to be accompanied by representatives from the Military Police. The actual arrangements for the day needed to be confirmed to the school and Cllr Dougherty offered to make contact with the school representative and finalise the arrangements. A service will take place at the church on 13 th November.	
120/22	Book of Condolence – HM The Queen It was agreed that the Book of Condolence should be lodged at the Essex Records Office	
121/22	Streetlights – Annual Maintenance Report The Annual Inspection was completed on 21 st September 2022. 4 lights were found to be faulty and were replaced and all lights were cleaned.	
122/22	EALC AGM – report Cllrs Dougherty and Frost had attended the AGM which had been held at Hylands House. It had been a very well attended meeting and there had been a lot of opportunity for networking. It was noted that the ECC Devolution Project has now been abandoned.	
123/22	CBC Corporate Peer Challenge Meeting Cllr Kibblewhite had attended this meeting on 27 th September on behalf of the Council. The meeting was poorly attended. Representatives from around the country had sought the views of local Parish and Town Councils into how they felt CBC dealt with them and their report would be published shortly. The meeting agreed that there was not enough liaison between CBC and the Parishes and that too much time was	

	<p>spent on dealing with issues in the urban areas and the rural areas tended to be forgotten.</p> <p>The next item was added to the agenda due to urgency of submitted a response</p>	
124/22	<p>Proposed upgrade to existing radio base station Clarke Telecon were seeking the Parish Councils' views on the proposal to remove the existing 12.5m mast in Mersea Road and replace it with a 20m mast to provide 5g coverage within the area. There was some concern that the plans were misleading and inaccurate and that residents living close to the site had not been consulted. Whilst Cllrs generally agreed that the mast need to be upgraded, the location in the centre of the village was too visible for such a large structure. It was proposed to respond that whilst the council accepted that the mast needed to be located locally, the proposed site was not acceptable and a less visible location should be found, the timescale for consultation was too short and did not include local residents and the documents were inaccurate. A vote was taken; 7 for and 2 against.</p>	Action – Clerk to respond to Clarke Telecom
125/22	<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 quiz night had raised £490 and The Lion Shop was thanked for donation of prizes. The Macmillen Coffee Morning had raised £552.30. The Social evenings were becoming very popular. 3. Edward Marke Trust – a new Treasurer had been appointed 4. Church Matters – Harvest Festival will take place on 16th October at 11am 5. Grass cutting/maintenance – likely to be one more cut this year. The planters had been replanted for the winter 6. Neighbourhood Watch – next meeting on 14th November 7. Youth Liaison – the dance class had now relocated to a different venue away from the village. The Youth Club will hold its first meeting on 21st October 8. Finance Working Party – nothing to report 9. Property Maintenance – the wooden posts around Abberton Green will need replacing soon 10. CALC – very interesting meeting, good presentation by local Police Inspector. 11. Speedwatch – nothing to report 12. Social Media/Newsletter – Cllr Andrews explained how the approval of items for the Facebook page works and reminded the meeting that it was a 	

	<p>'community' page, not a PC page. Item for the next newsletter required by 24th October.</p> <p>13. Highways Issues – Cllr Kibblewhite is in contact with ECC Cllr Scott and most of the outstanding items had now been prioritised. Details of pot holes had been forwarded to Cllr Bentley for attention and he had reported a faulty cover on a streetlight in Bracken Way to ECC.</p>	
126/22	Date of next meeting – 7 th November 2022	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.05pm