

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 11th July 2022

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 11th July 2022 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

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

Also in attendance – CBC Cllr Davidson, 3 members of public and Clerk

064/22	Apologies for absence Cllr Dougherty and ECC Cllr Bentley	
065/22	Announcements – none	
066/22	Public Questions – none	
067/22	Declarations of Interest Cllr Kibblewhite declared a non pecuniary interest in items 068/88 and 082/22 as he is a Governor at Langenhoe School and Cllr Mattack declared an interest in items 068/22 and 082/22 as his wife is Chair of the Governors at Langenhoe School	
068/22	Reports from County and Borough Councillors CBC Cllr Davidson reported that the Colchester Local Plan was finally adopted on 4 th July. He reported that following the meeting on 5 th July between CBC and the developers of the proposed Peldon Road site it appeared there was little cooperation from ECC and Cllr Bentley was chasing this and there were mixed messages coming from Langenhoe School as to their preferences to combat the parking issue. As a Governor of the school, Cllr Kibblewhite explained the views of the Headteacher.	
069/22	Minutes of meeting – 6 th June 2022 The minutes as previously circulated were approved with the following amendment – item 059/22, add Cllr Lambert to the attendees. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Lambert	

070/22	<p>To receive a presentation from a resident concerning the establishment of a Youth Club</p> <p>Rachel Rosevear is interested in setting up a Youth Club to run once a month at the Village Hall. It is proposed to have two sessions to cover Junior School age and Senior School age children. Ms Rosevear has conducted surveys amongst parents to ascertain the interest level for a Youth Club and has already had offers of help to run the club. She explained what she had so far achieved and what still needed to be done before a club could be set up. The members offered their support to the venture and suggested that she come back to the next meeting in September with a Business Plan.</p>									
071/22	<p>Matters arising from previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To decide on purchase of tree for Abberton Green – it was noted that the willow tree that had fallen last year had started to recover and it was therefore decided to defer this item for a year to see how it progressed and if a replacement tree was necessary. 2. To consider quotes received to repair bench seats – no quotes had yet been received 									
072/22	<p>Planning Applications and Decision Notices</p> <p>There had been no applications received since the previous meeting</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>221318 – Lainston, Layer Road – approved</p>									
073/22	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>CBC has offered Planning training to all Parish Cllrs on 4th August</p>									
074/22	<p>Finance and Accounts – July 2022</p> <p>The following accounts were approved for payment, schedule 004/22 and signed by Cllrs Frost and Wormell</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>CBC – Election expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£130.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting – July maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Knight – grass cutting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£175.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff costs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£323.75</td> </tr> </table>	CBC – Election expenses	£130.00	A&J Lighting – July maintenance	£60.90	J Knight – grass cutting	£175.00	Staff costs	£323.75	
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075/22	<p>Bank reconciliation – June 2022</p> <p>Cllr Mattack had agreed the bank reconciliation</p>									
076/22	<p>To consider the production of an information leaflet for circulation to residents and consider a quote received if approved</p> <p>The last leaflet had been produced over 10 years previously and Cllr Palmer-Slatter felt that this should now be repeated and had received a quote of £75 for 500 copies of a leaflet</p>									

	<p>which could be circulated with the newsletter. There was much discussion as to the need for the leaflet and how the information could be provided to new residents in a different way. Cllr Frost offered to arrange to have some leaflets printed that could be provided to new residents, with copies being available for collection at the Village Hall and the Lion Community shop. Some information will also be printed in the newsletter and added to the website and Facebook page.</p>	
077/22	<p>Tree works in Edward Marke Place – update Cllr Palmer-Slatter was meeting again with a representative of The Conservation Volunteers on 3rd August to discuss the extent of the works required. The cost quoted is £260 for one days works and it was agreed that up to two days work could be approved prior to the next meeting. Any additional works to be brought back to the next meeting for approval. Proposed by Cllr Lambert and seconded by Cllr Lenart</p>	
078/22	<p>Reserves – to consider and agree reserves following the end of year accounts closure At the end of the 2021/22 financial year, there was a balance of £8560 outstanding. After discussing various options, it was agreed to transfer the full amount to the General Reserve. This would bring the General Reserve to £23779, however it is noted that a sum of £10000 has been pledged from this Reserve towards the project to replace the heating in the Village Hall. Proposed by Cllr Lambert and seconded by Cllr Kibblewhite</p>	
079/22	<p>Public Transport – to consider writing to the bus companies concerning drivers failing to stop Cllr Kibblewhite would like to see the bus stop at the Lion Corner being made a compulsory stop as residents who wait in the bus shelter cannot always see the bus approaching and then are unable to cross to the bus stop in time to flag down the driver to stop. The Clerk will write to the companies involved.</p>	<p>Action Clerk to write to bus companies</p>
080/22	<p>Meeting with A&J Lighting to consider solar light installation on Langenhoe Green The costs to provide solar lights would be £1490 each and at least 3 would be required. After some discussion it was noted that the lights on the perimeter of the Village Hall were not currently working and these should be repaired first to ascertain if additional lighting is required.</p>	
081/22	<p>To consider a request to Royal Mail to install a post box near the Lion Community shop It was noted that the two post boxes in the village are not full accessible to all residents due to there locations. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to Royal Mail to request an</p>	<p>Action Clerk to write to Royal Mail</p>

	additional post box that is more central to the villages for all residents to access.	
082/22	<p>Peldon Road development – update</p> <p>Cllr Dougherty had represented the Parish Council at a meeting on 5th July with CBC and representatives of Mersea Homes to discuss the proposals for development in Peldon Road. He had previously circulated the notes of the meeting which were briefly discussed. It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Dougherty had presented the councils views in a comprehensive manner and covered all points of concern. Agreement had been reached to include the Parish Council in future discussions.</p>	
083/22	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths and tree warden – thanks to Mark Walklett for cutting back vegetation not only outside his own property, but further down the road where the School Crossing Patrol attends. The annual verge cut by ECC has still not taken place. Thanks again to the Litter Pickers. 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – the scarecrow competition takes place from 20th to 29th August, £3 to enter with all proceeds to Stepping Stones charity. The Social evening on 1st July was well attended. 3. Edward Marke Trust – the allotments were being strimmed 4. Church Matters – the Community Volunteers are attending to works needed in the car park 5. Grass Cutting – nothing to report 6. Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report 7. Youth Liaison – nothing to report 8. Finance Working Party – nothing to report 9. Property Maintenance – the bus shelter needs cleaning. Cllr Wormell said that the fence around Langenhoe Green was only temporary and would be replaced when he had the time. 10. CALC – a recent meeting had discussed planning issues and the change in supplier for the electric Scooter trial. All future meetings will now be face to face. 11. Speedwatch – 2 sessions having recently taken place, a total of 52 cars were recorded as exceeding 36 mph and 20 of those had exceeded 40mph. 1 vehicle was noted as untaxed and 1 vehicle with no MOT. Both sessions had taken place during the morning school run when the School Crossing Patrol had been in attendance. 	

	<p>12. Social Media and newsletter – deadline for items for the next newsletter is 3rd August. The Facebook page continues to be popular.</p> <p>13. Highways – Cllr Kibblewhite continues to liaise with ECC Cllr Scott who has stated that all the works outstanding in Abberton and Langenhoe will be done in full as a matter of urgency</p>	
084/22	Date of next meeting – 5 th September	