

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 20th April 2022

A meeting of the Council took place on Wednesday 20th April 2022 at 7.20pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

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

Also in attendance – CBC Cllr Davidson, 7 members of public and Clerk

005/22	Apologies for absence Cllr Hine, CBC Cllr Moore and ECC Cllr Bentley	
006/22	Announcements – none	
008/22	Declarations of Interest – none	
009/22	Reports for County and Borough Cllrs CBC Cllr Davidson reported that the new Chief Executive, Pam Donnelly had taken up her role at the Borough. A new traffic initiative has seen the High Street closed to traffic (except Blue Badge holders) between 7am and 7pm. This has met with opposition from local traders. The Neighbourhood Plans for both West Mersea and Marks Tey have now been approved and signed off and it is noted that this has taken 5 years of hard work to reach this stage. The CBC budget has been set at £21.7m, a reduction from £25m in 2020/21 and this has been achieved without cutting any vital services. Rowan House is now closed for refurbishment and when it reopens, CBC will only occupy one floor with the rest of the building being let out to other users. Cllr Dougherty reported that now that staff had been relocated to the Town Hall this had created some communication issues and Cllr Davidson will look into this. Cllr Davidson reported that he will be visiting the local school before his term of office as Mayor comes to an end.	
010/22	Minutes of meeting – 7 th March 2022 The minutes as previously circulated were signed as a correct record by Cllr Wormell. Proposed by Cllr Dougherty and seconded by Cllr Mattack.	

	<p>Regarding item 173/21 – Cllr Kibblewhite stated that he had been in contact with ECC Cllr Ball – Cabinet Member with responsibility for School Crossing Patrols and had been advised that other areas of the County that currently had vacancies for SCP’s were of higher priority than Abberton and Langenhoe. A petition of 250 signatures had been sent to ECC Cllr Bentley who will pursue this matter.</p>	
011/22	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. N Power – the Clerk had been in contact with N Power concerning the missing invoices for January – March 2022 and had been advised that in future invoices would be seasonal and N Power are working on a system to achieve this. This means that during the current financial year there will be 15 payments for streetlight electricity and it will be necessary to vie some funds from reserves later in the year to balance this budget. 2. NEPP – confirmation that the zig zag lines outside the school entrances will be done in time for the start of the September 2022 term and that all existing lines will be repainted at the same time. 3. Community Association – request for a grant towards the Queens Jubilee celebration events. Cllr Palmer-Slatter outlined the events that were planned, some of which will be free for residents to attend and requested a grant of £500 towards this. Cllr Wormell proposed and Cllr Dougherty seconded making a grant of £500 to the Community Association, all agreed. (LGA 1972 s137) 4. Neighbourhood Watch – request for grant for signage, Cllr Grover reported this was no longer necessary. 5. Lords Lieutenants Visit – Cllr Dougherty reminded members about the visit of the Lord Lieutenant to the Village Shop on 30th April followed by refreshments at the Village Hall and advised on the protocol for meeting the Lord Lieutenant. 	
012/22	<p>Planning Applications and Decision Notices</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 220529 – Captains Field, Peldon Road – erection of single dwelling and car port with access – objection on grounds of being outside the village envelope 2. 220821 – 3 Edward Marke Drive – conversion of office/study back to garage – no objection <p>Decisions Approvals 220335 – Willowview Cottage, Layer Road – tennis court and fencing</p>	

	<p>220270 – Taqdeer, Mersea Road – single and two storey rear extension</p> <p>220250 – The Willow Grove, Mersea Road – first floor extension</p> <p>220217 – Willowview Cottage, Layer Road – detached swimming pool building</p> <p>Refusal</p> <p>220529 – Captains Field, Peldon Road – erection of single dwelling and car port</p>																					
013/22	<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Conservation Volunteers – reminder of availability to undertake conservation works in the villages – Cllr Palmer-Slatter will contact them concerning works required at Markes Wood 2. Tiptree Parish Council – Neighbourhood Plan consultation now open – no comments 3. Resident requesting that the tree stump on the green be removed and the tree replaced – Cllr Wormell will obtain quotes for suitable replacement tree 4. CBC – delivery requirements for Jubilee Oak tree – tree to be planted on Village Green at Village Hall and preferred species is Pin Oak 	<p>Action</p> <p>Cllr Palmer-Slatter to contact TCV</p> <p>Cllr Wormell to obtain tree quotes</p> <p>Clerk to liaise with CBC</p>																				
014/22	<p>Finance and Accounts – March and April 2022</p> <p>The following accounts were approved for payment, schedule 014/21 and 015/21 (March) and signed by Cllrs Wormell and Dougherty. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Frost</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">Charity of Edward Marke – ground rent</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£75.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs C McSweeney – McAfee subscription</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£69.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs C McSweeney – office use</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£520.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Schedule 001/22 (April)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting – call out</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£602.34</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting – maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EALC – annual subs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£312.53</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Knight – grass cutting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£175.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff costs – April 22</td> <td style="text-align: right;">323.75</td> </tr> </table>	Charity of Edward Marke – ground rent	£75.00	Mrs C McSweeney – McAfee subscription	£69.99	Mrs C McSweeney – office use	£520.00			Schedule 001/22 (April)		A&J Lighting – call out	£602.34	A&J Lighting – maintenance	£60.90	EALC – annual subs	£312.53	J Knight – grass cutting	£175.00	Staff costs – April 22	323.75	
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015/22	<p>Bank reconciliation – March 2022</p> <p>Cllr Mattack had agreed the reconciliation</p>																					
016/22	<p>CBC – S106 funding for Parks and Leisure</p> <p>Cllr Dougherty explained how the current rules for S106 allocation work. Cllrs were asked to consider any projects to put forward for funding and report back to next meeting.</p>																					
017/22	<p>Tending Colchester Borders Garden Community, Draft plan</p> <p>No comments</p>																					

018/22	<p>Zurich Municipal – renewal of insurance policy</p> <p>The annual policy is due for renewal on 1st June 2022 and Cllrs considered the quotes provided. After some discussion it was agreed to accept the quote for a 5-year policy at £609.05 per annum</p>	<p>Action Clerk to contact Zurich</p>
019/22	<p>Meeting with ECC Cllr Lee Scott, Cabinet Member for Highways</p> <p>On 31st March, Cllrs Kibblewhite and Dougherty, together with ECC Cllr Bentley met with Cllr Scott. They followed a route round the village that took in all the recent highway issues, particularly along Mersea Road, Bracken Way and Peldon Road. Cllrs agreed this was a positive meeting and a temporary repair of the pot hole outside Abberton Car Sales has already been undertaken. Cllrs discussed with Cllr Scott the impact that the proposed development on Peldon Road will have on the highway infrastructure and he agreed to go back to ECC and ask Officers for a justification of the comments made concerning traffic movements from the new development. Cllr Kibblewhite believed that the Parish could have a good working relationship with Cllr Scott.</p>	
020/22	<p>To consider replacing the water butt at the bus shelter</p> <p>One of the water butts at the bus shelter had been stolen and Cllr Palmer-Slatter wished to replace it. She had found a suitable replacement at a local hardware store for £35.99 and it was agreed that this would be purchased. It was noted that this should be fixed to the bus shelter to avoid being stolen in future.</p>	<p>Action Cllr Palmer-Slatter to obtain new water butt</p>
021/22	<p>Representatives' reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths and Tree Warden – a further recruit has joined the litter picking team 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – the Social Evening on 1st April had not been as busy as previous evenings and the next Social Evening on 6th May will be better advertised. The Easter Hunt was very successful and 57 easter eggs were given out. There is an Art Exhibition on 14th May 10am to 4pm, as well as a display of art there will be some pieces for sale and an art display by children from the local school. Refreshments will be available. 3. Edward Marke Trust – allotments are looking good, but more gardeners are required to help out. 4. Church matters – the new vicar undertook the easter service 5. Grass cutting – two cuts undertaken so far this year 6. Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report 7. Youth Liaison – nothing to report 8. Finance Working Party – nothing to report 	

	<p>9. Property Maintenance – all equipment has been inspected</p> <p>10. CALC – meeting held on 17th March where a presentation from the S106 Officers was received. There were discussions concerning how Colchester could help the Ukraine situation and Cllr Dougherty advised the meeting that Abberton and Langenhoe had already held a coffee morning to raise funds to send to Ukraine.</p> <p>11. Speedwatch – nothing to report</p> <p>12. Social Media/Newsletter – deadline for next newsletter is 4th May</p> <p>13. Highway issues – already covered under item 019/22</p>	
022/22	<p>Date of next meeting – 6th May 2022</p> <p>The Annual General Meeting will begin at 7pm and be followed immediately by the Council meeting</p>	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9pm