

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 8th July 2024

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 8th July 2024 at 7pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

Cllrs Present - Steve Wormell – Chair
Victoria Weavers – Vice Chair
Brian Bashford
Andrew Crayston
Alan Frost
James Lambert
Malcolm Mattack
Micheal Summer

Also in attendance – Robert Eburn Planning Manager – Denbury Homes, CCC Cllr R Davidson, 18 members of public and Clerk

068/24	Apologies for absence CCC Cllr K Bentley and CCC Cllrs Powling and Parsons	
069/24	Presentation from Robert Eburn – Planning Manager Denbury Homes Mr Eburn explained that Denbury Homes had bought the site in Peldon Road from Mersea Homes along with the outline planning approval to provide up to 50 homes. He gave some background to the company and provided a proposed site plan and a Q & A sheet about the site. He had already held a meeting with Langenhoe Primary School concerning the school drop off site and would continue discussions with them. Part of the planning conditions included improvements to the speed signage in Peldon Road and the addition of streetlights to the site. He invited any further questions to be emailed to him and was happy to arrange a public meeting if that was required. Cllr Wormell thanked him for attending. CCC Cllr Davidson left the meeting	
070/24	Announcements None	
071/24	Public Questions A resident enquired if the proposed street lights for the Peldon Road development would be maintained by the Parish Council. The Clerk advised that it would be the County Council who would take on that responsibility.	
072/24	Declarations of Interest	

	None	
073/24	To receive applications for the vacant Parish Councillor position Two applications had been received and both applicants were invited to explain why they had applied to join the council and what attributes they could bring to the council. Cllr Wormell thanked them for their interest and advised that a decision would be made at the end of the meeting.	
074/24	Reports from County and City Cllrs There were no ECC or CCC Cllrs present. CCC Cllr Powling had asked the Clerk to advise the meeting that he had recently made enquiries at CCC concerning the incidents of fly tipping since it had become necessary to book slots at the recycling centers and the introduction of charging for green waste collection. He was pleased to advise that incidents had actually fallen and not increased as had been expected.	
075/24	Minutes of Council Meeting – 3 rd June 2024 The minutes as previously circulated were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Lambert and seconded by Cllr Mattack	
076/24	Matters arising from previous meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Annual delivery of recycling sacks – due during July 2. Changes to bank mandate – on going 	
077/24	Planning Applications and decisions received <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 241243 – Pantile Farm, Peldon Road – determination if prior approval is required for change of use from agricultural buildings to commercial use - objection on the grounds that there is insufficient information provided and mis representation of current use. It was noted that commercial use was already in operation and the land had not been used for agricultural purposes for some time. 2. 241148 – Borleys, Peldon Road – reserved matters, footpath detail – this application had not been sent to the PC for consultation as it was a reserved matter specifically for ECC Highways comment Decision Notice 241091 – P R Wormell Farms, Langenhoe Hall – approved	
078/24	Correspondence <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EALC – confirmation of Cllr bursary awards for Cllrs Weavers and Summers 2. Essex Highways – result of Local Bus Consultation/Tenders outcome and invitation to next transport meeting. Tony Johnston, PC Rep for transport matters will attend the meeting and report back 3. CALC – 2024 update and request for subscription 	

	<p>4. CCC – Draft Recycling and Waste Strategy consultation launch</p> <p>5. Kompan Ltd – invitation to outdoor fitness demonstration</p>	
079/24	<p>Finance and Accounts – June and July 2024 The accounts as previously circulated were agreed for payment. Proposed by Cllr Frost and seconded by Cllr Lambert Schedule 005/24 June 24 N Power – streetlight electricity £107.82 ECC – Traffic count £368.20 C McSweeney – stationery £11.99 EALC Training fees £96.00 A&J Lighting – streetlight maintenance £60.90 J Knight – grasscutting £225.00</p> <p>Schedule 006/24 – July 24 A&J Lighting – streetlight maintenance £60.90 A&J Lighting – call out £180.00 EALC – training fees £312.00 N Power – streetlight electricity £95.01 CALC – annual subs £35.00 Staff costs £373.75</p>	
080/24	<p>Bank reconciliation – June 2024 Cllr Mattack had agreed the reconciliation</p>	
081/24	<p>20's Plenty – update The petition had now attracted over 300 signatures which will be collated. Cllr Mattack will contact ECC Cllr Bentley to ascertain the next steps. Cllr Bashford asked if Abberton Road could be added to the list of roads for consideration, but as the speed limit there is 40mph this does not qualify.</p>	<p>Action – Cllr Mattack to contact Cllr Bentley</p>
082/24	<p>To agree procedure for appointment of new Clerk Cllr Wormell announced that the Clerk had resigned and would be leaving at the end of August. An advert for replacement has been sent to the EALC for circulation but so far there have been no applicants.</p>	

083/24	<p>RCCE – Village of the Year Awards</p> <p>Cllrs Weavers, Frost and Lambert attended the awards ceremony on 3rd July 2024 where it was announced that the Lion Community Shop had won the Community Enterprise Award. The volunteers were thanked for their valuable contribution to keeping the shop running and Cllr Weavers was congratulated on submitting the application. The prize included a plaque to display in the shop and a cheque for £200.</p>	
084/24	<p>To confirm Cllr Summers attendance at Cllr Training Days</p> <p>Agreed</p>	
085/24	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths and tree warden – the footpaths were now due the annual cut by ECC. Cllr Mattack reported that some of the work being done was poor standard and asked that Cllrs contact him if they identify any unacceptable work 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – Ed’s Bar on 5th July was well attended and there will be further pub nights during August. Quiz night on 25th October. The recent Art Exhibition was succesful and the exhibitors were congratulated on the standard of the works submitted. 3. Edward Marke Trust – grass on the common areas has now been cut 4. Church Matters – the vicar will be away for most of August 5. Grasscutting – ongoing. The planters have been replanted by a local resident who was thanked for her hard work 6. Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report 7. Finance Working Party – nothing to report 8. Property Maintenance – nothing to report 9. CALC – Cllrs Lambert and Weavers had attended the recent CALC meeting. Karen Syrett, Head of Planning and Place Strategy at CCC had attended and advised that a further 7500 homes needed to be found in Colchester to meet government requirements for house building. Call for Sites was still open specifically to attract Bio Diversity and Net Gain sites. CALC will be writing to CCC to complain about the standard of verge cutting 10. Speedwatch – nothing to report 11. Highway Issues – Cllr Bashford will collate a list of previous highway projects that are still outstanding and bring back to the October meeting 	
	<p>In accordance with The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec (2), the meeting was closed to allow members to discuss a confidential item</p>	
086/24	<p>To agree co option to the Parish Council</p> <p>After much discussion it was agreed to invite Margaret Palmer-Slatter to join the council. Mr Aguda was thanked for his application.</p>	

087/24	Date of next meeting – 9th September 2024	

There being no further matters to discuss the meeting closed at 8.50pm