

## ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING – 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

Cllrs Present    Stephen Wormell – Chairman  
                         Jonathan Andrews  
                         Alan Frost  
                         David Grover  
                         Doug Kibblewhite  
                         Malcolm Mattack  
                         Margaret Palmer-Slatton

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

156/21	Apologies for absence – Cllrs Dougherty and Hine and ECC Cllr Bentley	
157/21	Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The death and funeral arrangements for former resident of Abberton, Robert Fairbairn were noted</li><li>• The death of Felicity McCarthy, a resident of Bracken Way was reported</li></ul>	
158/21	Public Questions – none	
159/21	Declarations of Interest – none	
160/21	Reports from County and Borough Councillors CBC Cllr Davidson reminded the members that Covid grants were still available to cover loss of revenue during the pandemic. Due to not receiving the Inspectors comments the approval of the Local Plan could be delayed to the summer. CBC has introduced a new policy on the collection from rubbish bins/dog bins. Colchester Museum will be holding various activities for children during the half term holiday. CBC had agreed to trial a new planning system and had received funding for this. Cllr Davidson had planted a tree in Castle Park to commemorate the Queens Platinum Jubilee and he announced that he would be hosting a reception for Parish Cllrs during March.	
161/21	Minutes of Meeting – 10 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 The minutes as previously circulated were agreed as a correct record and signed by Cllr Wormell. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Grover.	

162/21	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To consider any information received from Utility Aid concerning quotes for streetlight electricity – nothing received from Utility Aid</li> <li>2. To consider and decide on action resulting from annual playground inspection – the inspection report had been previously circulated. Any highlighted matters were identified as ‘low risk’ and it was agreed could be dealt with by members later in the year.</li> </ol>									
163/21	<p>Planning Applications and Decisions There were no planning applications to consider</p> <p>Decisions – Refusal 213402 - Langenhoe Hall, Langenhoe Hall Lane</p> <p>The Planning Inspector – Appeal Decision 201163 – The Maltings, Mersea Road – appeal allowed</p>									
164/21	<p>Correspondence Letter of thanks received from Abberton and District Cricket Club for the assistance provided in them obtaining S106 funding for new equipment</p>									
165/21	<p>Finance and Accounts – February 2022 The following accounts were approved for payment, schedule 011/21 and signed by Cllrs Wormell and Frost</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">A&amp;J Lighting – streetlight maintenance – Feb</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kompan – playground inspection</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£196.11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mrs C McSweeney – stationary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£35.61</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff costs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£367.65</td> </tr> </table>	A&J Lighting – streetlight maintenance – Feb	£60.90	Kompan – playground inspection	£196.11	Mrs C McSweeney – stationary	£35.61	Staff costs	£367.65	
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166/21	<p>Closure of Covid Action Group Item deferred to March 2022</p>									
167/21	<p>Bracken Way Parking – to consider submission to NEPP The submission as previously circulated was discussed and it was decided to forward to NEPP.</p>	Action – Clerk to forward submission to NEPP								
168/21	<p>S106 – to consider items for ‘Wish list’ The Clerk advised that CBC had requested a list of items that could be financed from future developments in the village. It was noted that under new planning arrangements, Developers were not committed to providing funding for Community or Leisure activities unless such activities were previously identified and were relevant to the proposed development. Cllrs Frost and Dougherty had identified areas of the Village Hall that needed refurbishment and this had been forwarded to CBC.</p>									

169/21	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Footpaths and Tree Warden – the footpaths connecting Bracken Way and Mersea Road and Bracken Way and Meadow Way had been cleared by ECC. A new junior Litter Picker had been recruited and was commended for his efforts.</li> <li>2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – the Social Evening on 4<sup>th</sup> February was very successful. The Coffee Exchange is running again. A meeting had been held to consider events to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee and a request would be made to the Parish Council to assist with funding this. There is quiz on 18<sup>th</sup> March.</li> <li>3. Edward Marke Trust – nothing to report</li> <li>4. Church Matters – a service to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> March at Fingringhoe Church to welcome the new Curate</li> <li>5. Grass Cutting/maintenance – grass cutting of both greens will commence soon. Some of the wooden posts on Abberton Green will need repair/replacement</li> <li>6. Neighbourhood Watch – next meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March</li> <li>7. Youth Liaison – nothing to report</li> <li>8. Finance Working Party – nothing to report</li> <li>9. Property Maintenance – some of the benches will need cleaning and infant swing seats may need replacing</li> <li>10. CALC - next meeting 17th March</li> <li>11. Speedwatch – a Around Town event held in January registered a total of 115 vehicles speeding, 43 of which were in Abberton and Langenhoe</li> <li>12. Social Media and Newsletter – the next newsletter should be ready for distribution by the end of the month</li> <li>13. Highway Issues – Cllr Kibblewhite reported that he was no longer getting information from ECC Cllr Bentley on the outstanding highway matters. The new ECC Cabinet Member for Highways was visiting the villages on 16<sup>th</sup> March and Cllr Kibblewhite will be accompanying him on a walk around the villages to point out the issues that need urgent action. Cllr Kibblewhite was thanked for his diligence in tracking the highway issues</li> </ol>	
170/21	Date of next meeting – 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2022	

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8.20pm