

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 7th March 2022

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 7th March 2022 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

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

Also in attendance – CBC Cllr Davidson, 10 members of public and Clerk

171/21	Apologies for absence – ECC Cllr Bentley	
172/21	Announcements – none	
173/21	Public questions Several residents expressed concerns over the lack of a School Crossing Attendant at the moment. The current Attendant is currently off sick and ECC are advertising for a temporary replacement. The speed of traffic on Mersea Road was discussed and Cllr Grover will approach the Speedwatch Team to undertake some sessions at school times. A reduction in the speed limit was raised, but the Chairman advised that would be unlikely to be pursued due to Mersea Road being a main artery route and that reductions in speed limits is a long drawn out process.	Action Cllr Grover to approach speedwatch team Cllr Kibblewhite to contact EEC Member responsible for SCP
174/21	Declarations of Interest – none	
175/21	Reports from Borough and County Cllrs CBC Cllr Davidson reported that both CBC and ECC had now agreed their budgets for 2022/23 and both had imposed an increase on 21/22. A Covid Memorial Service is being held on 26 th March 2022 to remember those residents from the Borough who had passed away from Covid-19. Details on the website to apply for tickets, but the event is being streamed on You Tube as well. The Boundary Commission are considering changes to the electoral boundaries that would see this Ward being moved into the Witham constituency.	

	<p>Permission has now been given for the Chinese built reactor for Bradwell.</p> <p>ECC Cllr Bentley had submitted a written report. He provided information about the budget for ECC, siting Adult Social Care as the main beneficiary for County resources.</p>	
176/21	<p>Minutes of Meeting – 7th February 2022</p> <p>The minutes as previously circulated were signed as a correct record by Cllr Wormell. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Kibblewhite</p>	
177/21	<p>Matter arising from previous meeting not covered elsewhere on the agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consider request from Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association for a donation towards the Queens Jubilee events – Cllr Palmer-Slatton explained that 2 events were so far planned, a social evening with BBQ on 3rd June and Celebratory Lunch on 5th June with entertainment provided. There was a meeting of the Cttee organizing the events on 21st March. On principle the members agreed that the Parish Council could make a donation but asked for more information to be provided to the next meeting. 2. To consider any information received from Utility Aid concerning quotes for streetlight electricity – a response had been received stating that due to current situation in Ukraine, it was not possible to provide any prices at this time 	
178/21	<p>Planning Applications and decisions received</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 220270 – Taqdeer, Mersea Road – proposed single and two storey rear extension – no objection 2. 220217 – Willowview Cottage, Layer Road – detached single storey swimming pool building – no objection 3. 220250 – The Willow Grove, Mersea Road – first floor extension above existing garage with internal alterations – no objection 4. 220335 – Willowview Cottage, Layer Road – proposed tennis court and perimeter fencing – no objection 	
179/21	<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ride London cycling Event, 27th-29th May – the Ladies event on 27th May will be passing through Abberton 2. Invitation to Covid Commemoration Event – due to take place on 26th March at the Mercury Theatre – residents can enter a ballot for tickets, but event will be streamed on line 3. Request from resident of Fingringhoe Road for parking restrictions - since the opening of the Community Shop and the occupation of the new properties there have been 2 commercial vehicles parked regularly in 	<p>Action – Cllr Wormell to approach owners of vehicles</p>

	<p>Fingringhoe Road close to the junctions with Edward Marke Drive and Mersea Road, which create an obstruction to driveways and cause traffic hold ups. The Chairman suggested that he could speak to the owners of the vehicles in the first instance to advise them of the nuisance being caused to residents.</p> <p>4. CBC are planning a lot of activities to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee and are offering to provide each parish with a commemorative tree. The members agreed to accept the offer of a tree for the village green.</p> <p>5. NALC – information received on the NJC Salary Award backdated to 1.4.2021 – noted</p>	Action - Clerk to apply for free tree												
180/21	<p>Finance and Accounts – February and March 2021 The following accounts were approved for payment, schedule 012/21 (February) and signed by Cllrs Wormell and Dougherty. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Kibblewhite</p> <table> <tr> <td>Thinksay Creative – newsletter</td> <td>£378.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Schedule 013/21 (March)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Knight – grass cutting</td> <td>£175.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting – streetlight maintenance</td> <td>£60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Information Commissioner – GDPR registration</td> <td>£40.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff costs</td> <td>£381.25</td> </tr> </table>	Thinksay Creative – newsletter	£378.00	Schedule 013/21 (March)		J Knight – grass cutting	£175.00	A&J Lighting – streetlight maintenance	£60.90	Information Commissioner – GDPR registration	£40.00	Staff costs	£381.25	
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181/21	<p>Bank reconciliation – January and February 2022 Cllr Mattack had agreed the reconciliations</p>													
182/21	<p>Bracken Way parking Cllr Mattack had spoken to Shane Taylor of NEPP and agreed that no red routes would be installed. It was agreed that the yellow zigzag lines in Bracken Way would be mirrored in Meadow View. The Clerk to confirm this with NEPP and request that the existing lines in Bracken Way be repainted and obtain a date for this to be actioned.</p>	Action – Clerk to contact NEPP												
183/21	<p>To consider closing the Covid-19 Action Group The group was set up to assist residents during the lockdowns in 2020 and 2021. No requests for assistance had been received for over a year and Cllr Dougherty proposed now formally closing the website and email and destroying all data in accordance with GDPR regulations. Agreed. Cllr Dougherty praised all the volunteers who had come forward to help.</p>	Action – Cllr Dougherty to close website and email, Cllr Mattack to ensure all data has been destroyed												
184/21	<p>ECC – Essex Mineral Local Plan Review, Policy S6 Noted</p>													

158/21	<p>To consider setting up a Working Party to assess repairs needed to playground shelter</p> <p>It was agreed that members would look at the shelter before the next meeting and then decide appropriate action to take.</p>	
159/21	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpath and Tree Warden – nothing to report. It was noted that some younger members of the community had joined the Litter Picking Team and were thanked for their efforts 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – Cllr Frost thanked CBC Cllr Davidson for £2000 Locality grant towards the replacement heating and advised that £2700 had also been received from Omicron. The Edward Marke Social Evening held on 4th March was a great success and Cllr Frost thanked the volunteers for preparing the food and serving behind the bar. The Meeting Place was starting to get busy again, but a lot of the groups are finding it slow to get back to their numbers pre covid. There is further meeting on 21st March to discuss the Jubilee arrangements. On 12th March there is a coffee morning with all profits going to the appeal for Ukraine. There is quiz night on 18th March and the Easter Rabbit Hunt will take place on 17th April, with refreshments in the Village Hall afterwards. 3. Edward Marke Trust – nothing to report 4. Church matters – new vicar is now in place and a former resident has donated an organ to the church. 5. Grass cutting/maintenance – the first cut has now been done and Cllr Frost had repaired the village sign that was a casualty of the recent storm. 6. Neighbourhood Watch – meeting on 14th March, Cllr Grover reported that some of the signage needed replacing and asked if the Parish Council could make a donation for this. Will be discussed at the next meeting 7. Youth Liaison – dance classes have resumed 8. Finance Working Party – nothing to report 9. Property Maintenance- the benches on the triangle will need some refurbishment this year 10. CALC – next meeting 17th March 11. Speedwatch – nothing to report 12. Highway matters – Cllr Kibblewhite will be accompanying ECC Cllr Lee Scott around the villages on 31st March, pointing out some of the outstanding issues that need action. 13. Social media and newsletter – the newsletter has now been delivered 	

160/21	Date of next meeting – 11 th April 2022. Note the Annual Parish Meeting will commence at 7pm, followed immediately by the Full Council Meeting	
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There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm