

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 7th November 2022

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 7th November 2022 at 8pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

Cllrs Present Simon Dougherty – Chair
 Alan Frost – Vice Chair
 James Lambert
 Rod Lenart
 Margaret Palmer-Slatton
 Steve Wormell

Also in attendance – CBC Cllr Davidson, Rachel Rosevear - The Hideout, 3 members of public and Clerk

127/22	Apologies for absence Cllrs Mattack and Andrews	
128/22	Announcements Cllr Dougherty reported that Doug Kibblewhite had resigned from the Parish Council and the process to fill the vacancy had begun. Thanks were expressed to Doug for all the hard work and dedication he had given to the Parish Council over the last 10 years.	
129/22	Public Questions Rachel Rosevear from The Hideout Youth Club reported that the first meeting held on 21 st October was successful, with 12 young people and their families attending. The next meeting will be on 25 th November.	
130/22	Declarations of Interest - none	
131/22	Reports from County and Borough Cllrs CBC Cllr Davidson reported that Colchester would now receive its City Status at a ceremony on 23 rd November. Each Borough Councillor had a Locality budget of £2000 to spent within their Wards and any requests for funding should be sent to Cllr Davidson. Qualifying properties should begin to receive financial help from the Government towards energy costs in the coming days.	
132/22	Minutes of Meeting – 10 th October 2022 The minutes as previously circulated were agreed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Lambert and seconded by Cllr Palmer-Slatton	

133/22	<p>Matters arising from previous meetings not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Response from Clarke Telecom – the Clerk had received a standard response thanking the Parish Council for its comments 2. Correspondence from RCCE regarding Housing Needs Survey – the Clerk had made enquiries concerning a Housing Needs Survey being undertaken by RCCE. There is a cost involved which is dictated by the amount of questionnaires returned and it was agreed to hold off on this until the Decision Notice for the proposed development in Peldon Road is issued. A representative from RCCE is happy to attend a Parish Council meeting to discuss the ways of keeping affordable housing available to the community in perpetuity. 	Action – Clerk to advice CBC Planning team that a Housing Needs Survey was proposed.
134/22	<p>Planning Applications and Decision Notices</p> <p>Applications</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 222509 – 41 Peldon Road, proposed single storey rear extension – no objection 2. 222416 – land at Mersea Road, dropped kerb access for woodland management – no objection, but to be used only for the purpose of the application. The Parish Council would not welcome further development on this site. 3. 222539 – 4 Hillcrest Cottages, Mersea Road, double storey extension – no objection <p>Decision Notices</p> <p>221376 – Sanquest, Langenhoe Hall Lane – granted</p> <p>2221318 – Lainston, Layer Road – granted</p>	
135/22	<p>Correspondence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essex Air ambulance- request for donation, noted but unable to assist • CBC launch of Winter Warmth and Welcome Spaces Fund - noted • Transport East, Rural Mobility in Parishes survey – Cllr Palmer-Slatter will approach a local bus user for assistance in completing the survey • NALC – Clerks pay award wef April 2022 – noted 	
136/22	<p>Finance and Accounts – November 2022</p> <p>The following accounts which had previously been circulated were approved for payment. Schedule 008/22 Proposed by Cllr Wormell and seconded by Cllr Lambert</p> <p>J Knight – grass cutting £50.00</p>	

	<p>N Power – streetlight electricity £87.70 A&J Lighting – streetlight maintenance £60.90 Royal British Legion – poppy wreath £50.00 EALC – course fees £126.00 J Lambert – travel expenses £59.20 C McSweeney – stationary £48.93 Staff costs £523.75</p> <p>Schedule 009/22 Proposed by Cllr Wormell and seconded by Cllr Lambert Thinksay Creative – newsletter £474.00</p>	
137/22	<p>Bank Reconciliation – October 2022 This had been agreed by Cllr Mattack</p>	
138/22	<p>CBC – Draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Document Councillors were requested to let the Clerk have any comments before the end of the consultation</p>	
139/22	<p>Review of Policies The following policies had been previously circulated</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Standing Orders – agreed changes; Item 3f remove ‘4 minutes’ and replace with ‘15 minutes’; item 3g remove ‘4 minutes’ and replace with ‘2 minutes’; Item 18f changed to reflect the national guidance; Item 18g removed. 2. Assets Register – no changes, it was noted that the only addition this year had been a replacement water butt 3. Action Plan – agreed with the addition of a section relating to ‘Neighbourhood Plan’ <p>The above policies were agreed, proposed by Cllr Lambert and seconded by Cllr Lenart</p>	
140/22	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths and tree warden - nothing to report 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – the recent music night raised approx. £900, the Pub Night continues to be popular, the Youth Club has now started meeting in the hall monthly. There is a comedy night on 26th November, tickets are £10, the AGM is on 28th November at 7.30pm. The annual visit of Father Christmas will take place on Sunday 11th December beginning at 4pm and will be followed by refreshments in the Village Hall. 3. Edward Marke Trust – there are currently several half plots available 4. Church Matters – there will be remembrance services at the War Memorial on the Village Green on 11th and 	

	<p>13th November, every one is welcome to attend and should be in position by 10.45am</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Grass cutting/maintenance – likely to be one more cut this year 6. Neighbourhood Watch – next meeting 14th November 7. Youth Liaison – nothing to report 8. Finance Working Party – next meeting 22nd November to consider the 23/24 budget 9. Property maintenance – the base of the basketball court needs attention 10. CALC – next meeting 1st December 11. Speedwatch – nothing to report 12. Social Media and newsletter – newsletter will be ready for delivery soon 13. Highway issues – nothing to report 	
141/22	Date of next meeting – 12 th December 2022	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm