

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 2023

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 5th June 2023 at 7pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

Cllrs Present Simon Dougherty – Chair
 Alan Frost – Vice Chair
 Jonathan Andrews
 John Knight
 James Lambert
 Rod Lenart
 Malcolm Mattack
 Margaret Palmer-Slatte

Also in attendance – ECC Cllr K Bentley, CCC Cllrs R Davidson and C Powling, 12 members of public and Clerk

046/23	Apologies for absence – none	
047/23	Announcements <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unfortunately, ECC Cllr Scott is unable to attend tonight’s meeting, but will be present at the next meeting on 10th July• The recent death of Denis Ball, long time resident, was announced• Cllr Dougherty welcomed CCC Cllr Powling to his first meeting since being elected as member for this Ward	
048/23	Public Questions A resident reported that the kerb stones had finally been repaired in Pyefleet View and praised the quality and content of the parish newsletter. Residents were interested to know how the proposal to install a speed camera in the village was progressing and was advised that ECC Cllr Bentley was pursuing this matter	
049/23	Declarations of Interest Cllr Knight declared a pecuniary interest in item 056/23 as he is the recipient of payment	
050/23	Reports from County and Borough Cllrs ECC Cllr Bentley is still pursuing the speed camera and replacement VAS and explained the procedure. The ECC Cllrs all have a locality budget of £5k to use for local projects this year and the CIF fund is now open for applications. Cllr Bentley updated the meeting on the subject of relocating asylum seekers at Weathersfield and the position of the	

	<p>Afghan resettlers who have been requested to find new accommodation by August.</p> <p>CCC Cllr Powling thanked the villagers for their support at the recent elections and reported that he is currently attending many training sessions. There is to be a new consultation on boundary changes that may affect this Ward.</p> <p>CCC Cllr Davison reported that following the recent City Council elections, the administration is led by the Liberal Party, supported by the Labour Party. The proposals to introduce a charge for garden waste collection are due to be considered at the next Full Council meeting.</p>																	
051/23	<p>Minutes of Annual General Meeting – 15th May 2023</p> <p>The minutes as previously circulated were agreed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Knight</p>																	
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053/23	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting</p> <p>There were none</p>																	
054/23	<p>Planning Application and Decision Notices</p> <p>231268 – Oxley Hill Farm, Layer Road – application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use of two agriculture buildings to Class E – no objection</p>																	
055/23	<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Zurich Municipal – the annual renewal documents for the insurance policy have been received. The cost of replacement of items has been increased by 20% 2. ECC – Invitation to participate in winter Salt Bag scheme – Clerk will check with Cllr Wormell if any further supplies are needed 	Action – Clerk to speak to Cllr Wormell																
056/23	<p>Finance and Accounts – June 2023</p> <p>The following accounts which had been previously circulated were approved for payment – Schedule 005/23. Proposed by Cllr Lenart and seconded by Cllr Lambert</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">A& Lighting – streetlight maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zurich Municipal – insurance payment</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£674.87</td> </tr> <tr> <td>M Palmer-Slatte – plants</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£89.92</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Knight – grasscutting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£175.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C McSweeney – stationary</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£46.04</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A Frost – repairs to pétanque court</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£79.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N Power – streetlight electricity</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£83.18</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff costs</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£348.75</td> </tr> </table>	A& Lighting – streetlight maintenance	£60.90	Zurich Municipal – insurance payment	£674.87	M Palmer-Slatte – plants	£89.92	J Knight – grasscutting	£175.00	C McSweeney – stationary	£46.04	A Frost – repairs to pétanque court	£79.00	N Power – streetlight electricity	£83.18	Staff costs	£348.75	
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057/23	<p>Bank reconciliation – May 2023 Cllr Mattack had agreed the bank reconciliation</p> <p>The next item was added to enable a decision before the next meeting</p>	
058/23	<p>Participation at Training Courses Cllr Lenart will attend the EALC New Cllrs Training Course on 25th June and 3rd July at total cost of £190+vat</p>	Action - Clerk to submit booking form to EALC
059/23	<p>RCCE – to consider inviting a representative from the RCCE to a future meeting to discuss undertaking a survey on Rural Affordable Housing After some discussion it was agreed that the last survey done in 2012 no longer reflected the current needs of residents and it would be appropriate to undertake a new survey. It was agreed to invite a representative from the RCCE to attend the meeting in September.</p>	Action – Clerk to contact RCCE
060/23	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths and Tree Warden – there are a number of broken fence panels along the footway between Peldon Road and Broom Way 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – the Meeting Place and Pub Nights continue to be popular. Bookings are starting to pick up 3. Edward Marke Trust – there are still some vacant allotments 4. Church Matters – nothing to report 5. Grasscutting – ongoing 6. Neighbourhood Watch – next meeting is 12th June and more volunteer coordinators are required 7. Youth Liaison – nothing to report 8. Finance Working Party – nothing to report 9. Property Maintenance – the damage to the wet pour still needs repair 10. CALC – next meeting 22nd June at Marks Tey Village Hall 11. Speedwatch – sessions took place on 23rd and 24th May and on both occasions 29 vehicles were exceeding the speed limit 12. Social Media and newsletter – Facebook continues to be popular and Cllr Palmer-Slatton was thanked for the presentation of the recent newsletter 13. Highway Matters – Clerk will update the outstanding issues prior to the next meeting 	Action Clerk to contact residents
061/23	Date of next meeting – 10 th July 2023 at 7pm	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8pm