

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 6th March 2023

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 6th March 2023 at 7.30pm, 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-Slatter
 Steve Wormell

Also in attendance – CCC Cllr Davidson, 2 members of public and Clerk

198/22	Apologies for absence There were no apologies	
199/22	Announcements The recent death of Irene Beales was noted	
200/22	Public Questions None	
201/22	Declarations of Interest Cllr Knight declared an interest in item 207/22 as he is the recipient of a payment	
202/22	Reports from County and Borough Cllrs CCC Cllr Davidson outlined the programme for the visit of the King and Queen Consort to Colchester on 7 th March. CCC had set the precept for 2023/24 which will result in an increase of £75.06 (plus the Parish Council element) per annum for a Band D property. He reminded the members of the need to now book to attend the recycling centres and reported that it was now possible to book a slot on the day.	
203/22	Minutes of Meeting – 6 th February 2023 The minutes as previously circulated were agreed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Lambert and seconded by Cllr Mattack	

204/22	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Passenger Transport – Mr Tony Johnstone has offered to represent the Parish Council at the Passenger Transport meetings. Cllr Dougherty thanked him for volunteering. The next meeting is on 22nd March and Mr Johnstone will report back to the next Parish Council meeting. 2. Highway Issues – no response has been received from ECC Highways. Cllr Dougherty will chase. 	Action – Cllr Dougherty to contact ECC Highways																		
205/22	<p>Planning applications and decisions</p> <p>There have been no applications or decisions received since the previous meeting</p>																			
206/22	<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RCCE, Invitation to attend ‘Community Led Housing in Essex’ a Q&A for Parish Councils – Cllr Lambert will attend 2. Cllr J Knight- offer to cut Langenhoe Green for free prior to the Coronation Celebrations – Cllr Knight was thanked for his kind offer and this was accepted 3. Keep Britain Tidy, invitation to organize a litter picking event – it was agreed to hold a litter pick on Sunday 26th March at 2pm followed by refreshments at the Village Hall 4. Suffolk Cloud, notification of NALC recommendations for website domain name and email addresses – it was agreed that the Council is already compliant with all the requirements 	Action – Clerk to contact Zone Warden for provision of equipment for litter pick																		
207/22	<p>Finance and Accounts – March 2023</p> <p>The following accounts which had been previously circulated were approved for payment. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Wormell</p> <p>Schedule 013/22</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>Thinksay Creative – newsletter printing</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£414.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Schedule 014/22</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting – streetlight maintenance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Knight – travel expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£30.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Knight – grasscutting</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£175.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EALC – course fees</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£168.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Charity of Edward Marke – ground rent</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£75.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>C McSweeney - office use</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£260.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N Power – streetlight electricity</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£60.53</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff costs – March 2023</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£348.75</td> </tr> </table>	Thinksay Creative – newsletter printing	£414.00	A&J Lighting – streetlight maintenance	£60.90	J Knight – travel expenses	£30.30	J Knight – grasscutting	£175.00	EALC – course fees	£168.00	Charity of Edward Marke – ground rent	£75.00	C McSweeney - office use	£260.00	N Power – streetlight electricity	£60.53	Staff costs – March 2023	£348.75	
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208/22	<p>Bank reconciliation – February 2023</p> <p>Cllr Mattack had agreed the bank reconciliation</p>																			

209/22	<p>Community Association – request for a donation towards event for the Kings’ Coronation</p> <p>Events will take place on 7th May at the Village Hall. A donation of £500 is requested which will be used towards the cost of hiring the hall for the day, decorations and music. It is also planned to invite all residents 80+ to attend a special tea at no cost. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Wormell to make a contribution of £500. All agreed.</p>	
210/22	<p>CCC – comments requested on Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Document</p> <p>After much discussion the only comments concerned the presentation of the document and this will be relayed to CCC</p>	
211/22	<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 pub night on 3rd March was a success, the next pub night is on 7th April. There is a quiz on 17th March and a rabbit hunt on 9th April. The Art Exhibition will take place on 29th April with a preview evening on 28th April. 3. Edward Marke Trust – nothing to report 4. Church Matters – nothing to report 5. Grass cutting – the first cut has taken place 6. Neighbourhood Watch – next meeting is on 13th March and more coordinators are needed 7. Youth Liaison – the March meeting of the Youth Club was very popular 8. Finance Working Party – nothing to report 9. Property Maintenance – work is outstanding on the Pétanque Court 10. CALC – next meeting 9th March, Cllrs Dougherty and Frost will attend 11. Speedwatch – Cllr Mattack has received 3 comments to his article in the newsletter concerning the proposals for 20’s Plenty 12. Social Media and newsletter – nothing to report 13. Highway Issues – no response from ECC Highways 	
212/22	<p>Date of next meeting – 3rd April. This will begin at 7pm with the Annual Parish Meeting and the Council meeting will follow</p>	