

## ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

Cllrs Present     Alan Frost – Vice Chair  
                         Jonathan Andrews  
                         John Knight  
                         James Lambert  
                         Malcolm Mattack  
                         Steve Wormell

Also in attendance – Clerk

163/22	Apologies for absence – Cllrs Dougherty, Palmer-Slatter and Lenart, CBC Cllrs Davidson and Moore and ECC Cllr Bentley	
164/22	Announcements The death of former resident Tom Mabbit was noted Cllr Frost welcomed Cllr Knight to his first meeting	
165/22	Public Questions - none	
166/22	Declarations of Interest - None	
167/22	Reports from County and City Cllrs There were no County or City Cllrs present	
168/22	Minutes of Meeting – 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2022 The minutes as previously circulated were agreed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Lambert	
169/22	Matters arising from previous meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Precept request – the Clerk had submitted the precept request. It was noted that due to an increase in the Tax Base that the increase would now only be £2.45 per property per annum</li></ul>	
170/22	Planning application and Decisions 223060 – Abberton Copse, Layer Road – single storey extension – no objections  Decision 222539 – 4 Hillcrest Cottages, Mersea Road – refused	

171/22	Correspondence Letter received from Royal British Legion thanking the Council for its recent donation	
172/22	Finance and Accounts – January 2023 The following accounts which had been previously circulated were approved for payment, Schedule 011/22. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Lambert  A& Lighting – streetlight maintenance                      £60.90 N Power – streetlight electricity                                      £71.07 Anglia Inspection Services – playground Inspection    £175.00 Staff costs – January 2023    £348.75	
173/22	Bank Reconciliation – December 2022 Cllr Mattack had agreed the bank reconciliation	
174/22	Review of Policies The following policies had been reviewed and accepted. Proposed by Cllr Lambert and seconded by Cllr Wormell 1. Risk Management 2. Complaints procedure 3. Training Policy 4. Acceptance of advertisements for newsletter 5. Freedom of Information 6. Financial Regulations	Clerk to upload policies to website
175/22	Youth Club -update The December meeting had been cancelled at short notice, but the January meeting will go ahead on the 20 <sup>th</sup> . The age group had been amended to now include ages 6 to 13	
176/22	Colchester City Council -S106 infrastructure audit The Council had been asked to resubmit priority projects for S106 funding, it was agreed to resubmit the document prepared detailing refurbishment of the Village Hall and also to add; basketball court refurbishment, 2 picnic benches for Village Green, replacement noticeboard and replacement of surface under the adult gym equipment.	Clerk to submit information to CCC
177/22	Annual Playground Report The annual inspection had been undertaken by Anglia Inspections Ltd and had not shown any issues that needed immediate attention. It was noted that the swing seats were showing signs of wear and this will be monitored.	
178/22	Representatives Reports 1. Footpath and tree warden – nothing to report 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – the turn out for the Pub Night on 7 <sup>th</sup> January was	

	<p>disappointing and several community groups had not resumed their classes this term but hoped to resume after easter.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Edward Marke Trust – still several plots available</li> <li>4. Church matters – nothing to report</li> <li>5. Grass cutting – likely to begin again in February</li> <li>6. Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report</li> <li>7. Youth Liaison – nothing to report</li> <li>8. Finance Working Party – nothing to report</li> <li>9. Property Maintenance – nothing to report</li> <li>10. CALC – no recent meetings</li> <li>11. Speedwatch – there is a day of action planned for February. More volunteers needed</li> <li>12. Social media/newsletter – nothing to report</li> <li>13. Highway Matters – it was agreed to discuss moving forward on this at the February meeting</li> </ol>	
179/22	Date of next meeting – 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8pm