

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 6th February 2023

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 6th February 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, Rachel Rosevear – Hideout Youth Club, 3 members of public and Clerk

180/22	Apologies for absence – none	
181/22	Announcements – Cllr Dougherty provided details of the funeral arrangements for former resident, Tom Mabbit. Cllr Mattack advised of the death of former Headteacher at Langenhoe School, Nick Stanley.	
182/22	Public Questions – none	
183/22	Declarations of Interest – none	
184/22	Reports from County and Borough Cllrs CCC Cllr Davidson reported that the CCC Budget meeting will take place later in the month and the proposal is to increase Council Tax by 3% to cover a £4m shortfall. ECC are also proposing an increase of 3% and Essex Police are proposing an increase of 6.9%. CCC are undertaking a review of its waste services and it is likely that a charge for the collection of garden waste will be introduced.	
185/22	Minutes of Meeting – 9 th January 2023 The minutes as previously circulated were agreed as a correct record. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Lambert	
186/22	Matters arising from previous meeting There were none	

187/22	<p>Planning Applications and Decisions</p> <p>230082 – 4 Hillcrest Cottages, Mersea Road – erection of two storey side extension – no objection</p> <p>230168 – Manor Bungalow, Layer Road – single storey extension and associated remodeling – no objection</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>222967 – Oyster Lodge, Abberton Road – granted</p>							
188/22	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Passenger Transport – invitation for a council representative to attend the next Transport Meeting on 22nd March – Cllr Mattack will attend</p>							
189/22	<p>Finance and Accounts – February 2023</p> <p>The following accounts which had been previously circulated were approved for payment. Schedule 012/22. Proposed by Cllr Wormell and seconded by Cllr Lenart</p> <table> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting – streetlight maintenance</td> <td>£60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N Power – streetlight electricity</td> <td>£69.14</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff costs – February 2023</td> <td>£348.75</td> </tr> </table>	A&J Lighting – streetlight maintenance	£60.90	N Power – streetlight electricity	£69.14	Staff costs – February 2023	£348.75	
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190/22	<p>Bank reconciliation – January 2023</p> <p>Cllr Mattack had agreed the bank reconciliation</p>							
191/22	<p>Highway Issues</p> <p>The Clerk had contacted ECC Cllr Scott to obtain an update on outstanding issues. Cllr Scott had acknowledged the request but no update had yet been received. Cllr Dougherty will chase Cllr Scott.</p>	Action – Cllr Dougherty to contact ECC Cllr Scott						
192/22	<p>Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – request for a donation towards events for the Kings’ Coronation</p> <p>The A&L Community Association will be meeting next week to discuss proposals for events to celebrate the Kings’ Coronation in May. It is likely that community events will be organized for Sunday 7th May. It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting to hear what is planned and agree a donation. Cllr Lambert commented that Monday 8th May has been designated as a Volunteering Day and suggested that the council could organize a litter pick in the village.</p>							
193/22	<p>Youth Club – update</p> <p>Rachel Rosevear reported that 25 young people had attended the January meeting and it was a successful evening.</p>							

194/22	To approve the attendance of Cllr Knight at Roles and Responsibilities Course and Planning Briefing Course. Cllr Mattack proposed and Cllr Lambert seconded the expenditure for these courses.	
195/22	Annual Parish Meeting The APM will take place on Monday 3 rd April. It was agreed to invite representations from the A&L Community Association, the Hideout Youth Club, The Lion Community Shop and Speedwatch Team	
196/22	<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 quiz night held for the Alzheimer’s Association raised more than £1000 and the Bar Night on 3rd February was very successful. There is a quiz night on 17th March. It was reported that the Meeting Place Coffee Morning had just celebrated its 5th anniversary. 3. Edward Marke Trust – some plots are still available 4. Church Matters – the Community Payback Team had now completed the work in the churchyard, but the hedge was in need of coppicing. Cllr Dougherty suggested organizing a work party to undertake this work in the autumn 5. Grass cutting – nothing to report 6. Neighbourhood Watch – next meeting 13th March 7. Youth Liaison – nothing to report 8. Finance Working Party – nothing to report 9. Property Maintenance – the gravel on the Pétanque Court needs topping up 10. CALC – nothing to report 11. Speedwatch - 3 sessions took place on 1st February and 25 vehicles were recorded as exceeding 36 mph 12. Social media and newsletter – next newsletter due out at the end of the month 	
197/22	Date of next meeting – 6 th March 2023	