

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 8th January 2024

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 8th January 2024 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

Cllrs Present Simon Dougherty – Chair
 Jonathan Andrews
 John Knight
 James Lambert
 Rob Lenart
 Malcolm Mattack
 Victoria Weavers
 Steve Wormell

Also in attendance – 2 members of public

147/23	Apologies for absence Cllr Frost, ECC Cllr Bentley and CCC Cllrs Davidson and Powling	
148/23	Announcements None	
149/23	Public Questions None	
150/23	Declarations of Interest None	
151/23	Reports from County and City Cllrs There were no County or City Cllrs present	
152/23	Minutes of Meeting – 11 th December 2023 The minutes as previously circulated were agreed as a correct record with the following amendment – 139/23, payment to N Power should read £149.72. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Wormell	
153/23	Matters arising from previous meetings <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Plinth – Cllr Wormell had constructed the plinth to be placed on Abberton Green to display the Coronation commemorative plaque and any future memorials. Cllrs thanked Cllr Wormell for his efforts2. RCCE Housing Needs Survey – the surveys were distributed to Cllrs for delivery. The closing date for receipt is early March so it was suggested that the surveys be delivered as soon as possible.	

	<p>3. Noticeboard – the noticeboard is now ready for delivery. The £500 grant from Cllr Bentley had been received.</p> <p>4. Precept Request – CCC has confirmed that the Revenue Grant (£864) will be paid for 2024/25, therefore the precept request resulted in a decrease of 53p per annum per property for the Parish Council element.</p>							
154/23	<p>Planning Applications and decisions received</p> <p>222355 – land at Oxley House, Mersea Road – erection of 5no self-build bespoke homes - objection on grounds that the property is outside the village envelope</p> <p>232898 – 8 Pyefleet View – proposed rear extension – no objection</p> <p>240010 – 2 Hillcrest Cottages, Mersea Road – two storey and single storey rear extension – no objections</p> <p>Planning Decision</p> <p>232129 – Fingringhoe Ranges, Lodge Lane – permission granted</p>							
155/23	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>1. CCC – request for S106 requirements relating to the Village Hall to be updated – Cllr Dougherty and Frost had updated the list and returned to CCC, but were very disappointed that CCC had requested this very lengthy document be returned within 48 hours. Cllrs felt that this was disrespectful and showed no regard for the Parish Council.</p> <p>2. NALC – updated staff Contract of Employment has been received. This does not relate to current staff.</p>							
156/23	<p>Finance and Accounts – January 2024</p> <p>The accounts as previously circulated - Schedule 013/23 were agreed. Proposed by Cllr Knight and seconded by Cllr Lambert.</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting – streetlight maintenance</td> <td>£60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>N Power – streetlight electricity</td> <td>£154.61</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff cost</td> <td>£373.75</td> </tr> </table>	A&J Lighting – streetlight maintenance	£60.90	N Power – streetlight electricity	£154.61	Staff cost	£373.75	
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157/23	<p>Bank reconciliation – December 2023</p> <p>Cllr Mattack had agreed the reconciliation</p>							
158/23	<p>Policy Review</p> <p>The following policies that had previously been circulated were agreed. Proposed by Cllr Lambert and seconded by Cllr Wormell</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Action Plan 2. Financial Regulations 3. Code of Conduct 	<p>Action – Clerk to register on NALC website that ALPC have signed up to Civility and Respect Pledge</p>						

	Civility and Respect Pledge – Cllr Lenart proposed and Cllr Weavers seconded that the Parish Council agree to sign up to the Civility and Respect Pledge. All agreed	
159/23	Annual Playground Inspection The inspection will not take place until week beginning 15 th January 2024, so this item deferred to the next meeting.	
160/23	Representatives Report <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths and tree warden – nothing to report 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – the New Year Eve Party and the January Pub Night were both well attended. An event has been arranged for Valentines Day. 3. Edward Marke Trust – nothing to report 4. Church matters – nothing to report 5. Grasscutting – nothing to report 6. Youth Liaison – nothing to report 7. Finance Working Party – nothing to report 8. Property Maintenance – a fault was noted on the basketball hoop. Cllr Wormell will check if it can be repaired 9. Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report 10. CALC – nothing to report 11. Speedwatch – nothing to report 12. Highways Issues – Cllr Mattack will be reporting several pot holes 	
161/23	Date of next meeting – 5 th February 2024	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.10pm