

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 7th October 2024

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 7th October 2024 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

Cllrs Present - Steve Wormell – Chair
Victoria Weavers – Vice Chair
Alan Frost
James Lambert
Malcolm Mattack
Margaret Palmer-Slatton
Micheal Summer

Also in attendance – CCC Cllrs Davidson and Powling, 6 members of public, Clerk and Clerk elect

105/24	Apologies for absence – Cllrs Bashford and Crayston	
106/24	Announcements There were no announcements	
107/24	Public Questions There were no public questions	
108/24	Declarations of Interest Cllr Weavers declared a non pecuniary interest in item 114/24 as she is a recipient of a payment	
109/24	Reports from County and City Cllrs CCC Cllr Davidson reported that the recently announced changes to planning legislation could have a huge impact on Colchester. It was predicted that there would be an increase in the number of new build properties required to be provided. The detail of the changes is still awaited, but as a result the proposed publication of the Site Allocations would now be delayed until 2025. CCC has announced the closing of the public toilets in Castle Park. CCC Cllr Powling advised that Cine World has pulled out of the Northern Gateway development and another retailer is sought to replace them. If this is not possible it is likely that the food outlets that had shown an interest would also pull out.	
110/24	Minutes of Council Meeting – 9 th September 2024 The minutes of the meeting as previously circulated were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Lambert and seconded by Cllr Mattack	

111/24	Matters arising from previous meeting Housing Needs Survey – to consider wording of the survey summary for publication in Parish Magazine – it was agreed that the wording provided by the RCCE was accurate and could be published in the Magazine. Cllr Lambert felt that the PC should take up the offer of the RCCE to undertake a local survey of land that could be allocated for a Rural Exception Site. Cllr Lambert will liaise with RCCE.	Action – Cllr Lambert to liaise with RCCE
112/24	Planning Applications and decisions received There have been no planning applications received this month Decision Notice 241593 – Pantile Farm, Peldon Road – refused	
113/24	Correspondence 1. Tendering Colchester Borders Garden Community – consultation, noted 2. CCC – Local Plan update to timescale – noted	
114/24	Finance and Accounts – October 2024 The accounts as previously circulated – schedules 009/24 and 010/24 were agreed for payment. Proposed by Cllr Lambert and seconded by Cllr Mattack <u>Schedule 009/24</u> A&J Lighting – call out £208.80 J Knight – grass cutting £125.00 EALC – course fees £468.00 Staff costs £373.75 <u>Schedule 010/24</u> N Power – streetlight electricity £107.25 A&J Lighting – streetlight maintenance £60.90 Thinksay Creative – Magazine printing £476.40 V Weavers – travelling expenses £76.95	
115/24	Bank reconciliation – September 2024 Due the Clerks’ annual leave this will be deferred to November.	
116/24	To confirm appointment of new Parish Clerk The Chair introduced Leah Hills as the new Clerk. She will be employed on a salary equivalent to spinal point 8 with immediate effect, subject to 3 month probation period. It was agreed that	

	Carolyn McSweeney would undertake some work as a Locum Clerk to assist Mrs Hills as required.	
117/24	To consider a request from a resident to appeal the results of the speed check in Layer Road ECC Cllr Bentley had been consulted on this and advised that there was no right of appeal. The resident could request a further survey to be undertaken at his expense, but it was agreed that the PC would not take any further action.	
118/24	Remembrance Day Arrangements Cllr Palmer-Slatter is liaising with Langenhoe Primary School to organise a parade for the children to the War Memorial on 11 th November followed by a short service. A service will be held at the War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday – 10 th November, conducted by the local Minister.	
119/24	Representatives Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths and tree warden – the footpath between Fingringhoe Road and Abberton Road has still not been cut by ECC. Cllr Summer reported that he had cut back some of the foliage 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – the MacMillan Coffee morning was very successful and raised £657. Tickets still available for Quiz Night on 25th October. Ed's Bar for November would be a curry night and a Motown Evening with entertainment is on 9th November. 3. Edward Marke Trust – plots still available 4. Church Matters – nothing to report 5. Grasscutting – nothing to report 6. Neighbourhood Watch – nothing to report 7. Finance Working Party – the FWP will meet on 19th November to consider the budget/precept for 25/26 8. Property Maintenance – nothing to report 9. CALC – Cllr Lambert had attended the EALC AGM. He reported that the subscription fee would be raised by 3%, the Cllr Bursary scheme had not proved to be popular so was being extended to Councils with a precept up to £80K and John Jowers had stood down as President and been replaced by Jeffrey Tollhurst 10. Speedwatch – a lack of volunteers has led to no sessions being undertake this month. Further volunteers will be sought 11. Highway Issues – nothing to report 12. Parish Magazine – due to go to print this week. 	
	Date of next meeting – 4 th November 2024	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.25pm