

## ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

Cllrs Present - James Lambert  
Alan Frost  
Malcolm Mattack  
Andrew Crayston  
Steve Wormell  
Margaret Palmer-Slater  
Vincenzo Agura

Also in attendance – Cllr Parsons, 4 members of public and Clerk

046/25	Apologies for absence – CCC Cllr Davidson, CCC Cllr Powling and Cllr Weavers	
047/25	Announcements – Community Shop volunteer Sally Tarpy passed away in June	
048/25	Public Questions: Tony Johnstone reported that he had received an email from ECC Transport Committee informing that a Bus Survey will be being carried out between 2-30 June with a face to face opportunity to discuss or ask questions in Osborne Street on 17 <sup>th</sup> , 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> June	
049/25	Declarations of Interest – Cllr Frost and Cllr Mattacks declared an interest in Agenda item 8.1 – Application for Funding for Village Film Night	
050/25	Reports from County and City Cllrs – CCC Cllr Parsons informed that Liberal Democrats and Labour have agreed to form a Colchester City Council coalition for 2025/2026. The Local Plan is going out to consultation after September. There are 3 houses that fall within the current boundary of the village envelope that are in Fingringhoe, meaning that the current boundary covers two villages. The senior planners have been challenged twice regarding the formal boundary of the village envelope and have responded that they will wait until public consultation before addressing this issue.	Cllr Crayston to draft a letter to be sent highlighting the issues.
051/25	Minutes of Council Meeting – 12th May 2025	

	The minutes of the meeting as previously circulated were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mattacks and seconded by Cllr Wormell.	
052/25	Local Plan – Settlement Boundary. As discussed in minute 050/25	Cllr Crayston to draft a letter to be sent highlighting the issues.
053/25	Correspondence 1. Application for funding for village film night- it was agreed to give a grant of £500. Proposed by Cllr Wormell and seconded by Cllr Crayston 2. CCC Enquiry regarding Glyphosate use and weed management practices – not applicable 3. Email from Balkerne Gate Development - Wallraven House – re delivery of welfare unit & proposal to remove house to build only bungalows.	Clerk to email response  Clerk to respond thanking for their email
054/25	Planning Applications and decisions received 1. 250987 – Capons Elm, Mersea Road, Langenhoe, CO5 7LW – proposed single storey rear extension. No objections 2. 250612 – Butterfly Lodge, Mersea Road, Langenhoe CO5 7LG – Approve Conditional 3. 231301 – The Old Bakery, Layer Road, Abberton, CO5 7NH – Approve Conditional 4. 231302 – The Old Bakery, Layer Road, Abberton, CO5 7NH – Approve Conditional 5.	
055/25	Approve Clerks Appraisal and Salary Increase – Agreed Proposed by Cllr Mattacks and seconded by Cllr Crayston	
056/25	Finance and Accounts – June 2025 The accounts as previously circulated – schedule 003/25 were agreed for payment. Proposed by Cllr Palmer-Slater and seconded by Cllr Aguda <u>Schedule 003/25</u> J Knight - Abberton Green                      £ 50.00 J Knight – Langenhoe Green                      £125.00 A&L Community Association                      £200.00 Leah Hills – June Salary                      -                      £323.45 HMRC – May tax                      £ 18.80	
057/25	Bank reconciliation – May 2025 Cllr Mattack approved and signed.	

058/25	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Footpaths and tree warden – Many pathways are inaccessible. The Folly is overgrown near the school crossing. CC need to do the cut which scheduled for Summer</li> <li>2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social evening –6<sup>th</sup> June - £7 per main meal</li> <li>Elvis Tribute – 14 June</li> <li>Neighbourhood Watch – 16<sup>th</sup> June</li> <li>Film Night – Bucket List – 17<sup>th</sup> June</li> <li>Ed’s Bar – Fish Chips – 20<sup>th</sup> June</li> <li>Village fun Day – 21<sup>st</sup> June 12-4pm</li> <li>American Song Book with Crissy Lee – 5<sup>th</sup> July</li> </ul> </li> <li>3. Edward Marke Trust – School participation is very positive</li> <li>4. Church Matters – Grass needs cutting</li> <li>5. Grasscutting – No report</li> <li>6. Neighbourhood Watch – Theft of 3 hanging baskets from Langenhoe Park was reported on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2025 Next Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> June</li> <li>7. Finance Working Party – Discussed Clerks salary increase</li> <li>8. Property Maintenance – Road sweepers haven’t been Light in bus shelter isn’t working</li> <li>9. CALC – Next meeting 5<sup>th</sup> June</li> <li>10. Speedwatch – New volunteers have signed up.</li> <li>11. Highway Issues – Fly tipping in School Lane</li> <li>12. Parish Magazine – Has been delivered</li> <li>13. RCCE Rural Exemption Scheme Working Party – No report.</li> </ol>	<p>Clerk to email Carl Powling</p>
	Date of next meeting – 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 7.30pm.	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm