

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 7th July 2025

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 7th July 2025 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

Cllrs Present - Vicky Weavers
James Lambert
Alan Frost
Malcolm Mattack
Andrew Crayston
Steve Wormell
Margaret Palmer-Slatton
Mike Summers

Also in attendance – 11 members of public and Clerk

059/25	Apologies for absence – CCC Cllr Davidson and CCC Cllr Parsons	
060/25	Announcements – Suzanne Bashford, wife of former Councillor Brian Bashford passed away. Brian Smith, resident of Bracken Way, passed away.	
061/25	Public Questions: Tony Johnstone reported that he had attended the ECC Transport meeting but felt that it had not been very productive. First Bus were not represented at the meeting.	
062/25	Declarations of Interest – None	
063/25	Reports from County and City Cllrs – No reports received.	
063/25	Minutes of Council Meeting – 2 nd June 2025 The minutes of the meeting as previously circulated were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Lambert and seconded by Cllr Mattacks.	
064/25	Local Plan – Settlement Boundary. It was agreed that the letter drafted by Cllr Crayston should be sent to CCC	Clerk to email letter to Sandra.scott@colchester.gov.uk
065/25	Correspondence 1. Colchester Citizens Advice Bureau – it was agreed that we would display the Ukrainian Project leaflet on the Parish Council notice board 2. Local Plan letter – it was agreed that we would share our letter regarding the Local Plan Settlement Boundary with the clerk from Fingringhoe Parish Council	Clerk to print 2 copies Clerk to email a copy
066/25	Planning Applications and decisions received 1. 251207 – Church Farm, Rectory Lane, Abberton, CO5 7LW – Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for an existing use of cart lodge building as a dwelling in excess of 10 years. No comments	

	2. 251369 – Land Adjacent to Manwood Tye, Mersea Road, Abberton CO5 7NR – No objections	
067/25	To consider and agree review of asset register – Agreed. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Summers	
068/25	Finance and Accounts – July 2025 The accounts as previously circulated – schedule 004/25 were agreed for payment. Proposed by Cllr Lambert and seconded by Cllr Palmer-Slatte <u>Schedule 004/25</u> J Knight - Abberton Green £ 50.00 A&J Lighting £ 60.90 A&J Lighting £ 60.90 CALC Subscription £ 35.00 L Hills – Microsoft £ 84.99 L Hills – July Salary £332.25 HMRC – July Tax £ 21.00	
069/25	Bank reconciliation – June 2025 Cllr Mattack approved and signed.	
070/25	Representatives Reports 1. Footpaths and tree warden – Many pathways are totally inaccessible. Cllr Mattacks has reported this but still waiting for the annual cut. Mersea Road/Uppershots has been trimmed by CCC. Volunteers for litter picking are welcome. 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – Pub Night –6 th June Elvis Tribute – not well attended Film Night – Moulin Rouge – 15 th July Ed’s Bar – Fish &Chips – 20 th June Village fun Day – was well attended. Lots of children who enjoyed Cllr Wormell’s Tractor. Sold out of burgers 3. Edward Marke Trust – Youth group are very enthusiastic. Some more plots have been occupied. 4. Church Matters – Vicar is away in August. Church is looking for a treasurer. 5. Grasscutting – No cut this month. 6. Neighbourhood Watch – May no longer have a village Neighbourhood Watch Scheme but Colchester would potentially report 7. Finance Working Party – No report 8. Property Maintenance – Pot hole in the playground. 9. CALC – Cllr Lambert attended the June Meeting. Andrew Weavers spoke about devolution. First Mayoral election in May 2026 will be voted by residents. CC elections will be delayed until 2027 which could mean that some will be in office for 7 years.	Clerk to contact residents to request hedges are cut. Cllr Mattacks to provide addresses of properties.

	<p>Brian Butcher, Chair of CALC held question time with local MPs to answer concerns relating to 11,000 new homes planned for Colchester and surrounding areas. 75 attendees.</p> <p>10. Speedwatch – Jaqs organising new volunteers.</p> <p>11. Highway Issues – Cllr Mattacks passed on responses regarding school sign in the hedge</p> <p>12. Parish Magazine – Autumn edition deadline 4 August 2025</p> <p>13. RCCE Rural Exemption Scheme Working Party – No report.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting – 8th September 2025 at 7.30pm.</p>	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm