

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 12th May 2025

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 12th May 2025 at 7.10pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

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

Also in attendance – 12 members of public and Clerk

030/25	Apologies for absence – CCC Cllr Davidson, CCC Cllr Parsons and ECC Cllr Bentley	
031/25	Announcements – There were no announcements	
032/25	Public Questions: MOP raised an issue regarding the Local plan boundary issue affecting the cricket club. It was advised that the village boundary is incorrect. This issue has already been raised by Cllr Mattacks however he has not yet received a response. MOP to share his correspondence to date in this regard with the clerk	Clerk to circulate this information with all Cllrs and add to June agenda.
033/25	Declarations of Interest – None	
034/25	Reports from County and City Cllrs – Cllr Parsons provided a report in his absence informing that the Local Plan Committee voted not to put the draft plan out to consultation until it could be demonstrated that the necessary water supply, sewage and roads could be provided for the proposed new houses.	
035/25	Minutes of Council Meeting – 7th April 2025 The minutes of the meeting as previously circulated were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Lambert and seconded by Cllr Summers. Cllr Weavers informed the meeting that a report had been received from the Youth Club	Clerk to send an apology

	however it was not received by the Clerk. The report was read out by Cllr Weavers.	
036/25	To receive applications for the vacant Parish Councillor position. Currently there 1 vacancy that the council may co opt and 1 application was received from Vincenzo Aguda who was invited to explain to the members why he wished to join the Parish Council and what particular interests and skills he could bring.	Later in the meeting Cllrs to decide on co-option of new member.
037/25	Matters arising from previous meeting 1. S106 Monies – CCC response to Cllr Mattacks query to confirm there was no s106 money available. 2. RCCE Village of the Year & Rural Community Award	Cllr Mattacks to continue correspondence. Cllr Weavers to submit.
038/25	Correspondence 1. Request to put Colchester Family Fest poster on noticeboard - agreed 2. CCC – Delivery of clear recycling sacks	Poster to go on noticeboard with useful links.
039/25	Planning Applications and decisions received 1. 250418 – Willow the Wisp, Peldon Road, Abberton, CO5 7PB – Approve Conditional 2. 250316 – The Gate House, Layer Road Abberton, CO5 NH - Refused	
040/25	Finance and Accounts – May 2025 The accounts as previously circulated – schedule 002/25 were agreed for payment. Proposed by Cllr Palmer-Slater and seconded by Cllr Wormell <u>Schedule 002/25</u> Jan Stobart – Internal Auditor - £245.00 Leah Hills – Stationary - £ 15.98 J Knight - £175.00 Zurich Municiple - £618.68 A&J Lighting - £ 60.90 Thinksay Creative Communication -£476.40 ICO – Data Protection Fee £ 52.00 Leah Hills – April Salary - £319.15 Leah Hills – May Salary - £319.15 HMRC – April tax £ 17.60 HMRC – May tax £ 17.60	
041/25	Bank reconciliation – April 2025 Cllr Mattack approved and signed.	
042/25	Completion and approval of Annual Audit	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To receive and agree the report of the Internal Auditor – Mrs Stobart’s report was accepted 2. To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement –Section 1 – Proposed by Cllr Lambert, seconded by Cllr Wormell 3. To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement – Section 2 – Proposed by Cllr Mattack, seconded by Cllr Frost 4. To approve the commencement dates for the Exercise of Public Rights - Proposed by Cllr Lambert, seconded by Cllr Mattack <p>All agreed. Cllr Weavers and the Clerk signed the appropriate forms</p>	
043/25	Local Plan – Settlement Boundary – previously covered in item 032/25.	Cllr Mattack will contact CCC Cllr Parsons for clarification. Cllr Mattacks, Cllr Crayston and Mr Kibblewhite to discuss prior to next meeting.
044/25	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths and tree warden – Several places around the village where overgrowth is obstruction the paths, impacting on pedestrian safety. This has been reported to Essex Highways Annual cut is scheduled for Summer 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – Ve Day celebrations went very well, great atmosphere. The chair thanked all of the helpers and volunteers on behalf of the Parish Council Quiz was very well attended – 17 teams (90 people) Fish & chips pub night – 20th May Film night – 17th June Fun Day – 21st June Elvis Tribute – 14 June American Song Book with Crissy Lee – 5th July 3. Edward Marke Trust – 1 plot has been taken 4. Church Matters – no report 5. Grasscutting – Cuts have been done 6. Neighbourhood Watch – Next meeting 16th June 7. Finance Working Party – No report 8. Property Maintenance – No report. 9. CALC – No report 	Cllr Mattacks to provide Clerk with addresses of landowners

	<p>10. Speedwatch – New members have been trained and more volunteers have signed up.</p> <p>11. Highway Issues – Issues are being reported as seen.</p> <p>12. Parish Magazine – Next edition should be ready for 23/5/25</p> <p>13. RCCE Rural Exemption Scheme Working Party – No report.</p>	
	In accordance with The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec (2), the meeting was closed to allow members to discuss a confidential item	
045/25	<p>To consider application to join the Council</p> <p>It was unanimously agreed to invite Vincenzo Aguda to join the Parish Council.</p> <p>Acceptance of Office was signed and Clerk provided necessary information,</p>	
	Date of next meeting – 2 nd June 2025 at 7.30pm.	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm