

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 6th January 2025

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 6th January 2025 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

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

Also in attendance – CCC Cllrs Parsons, 2 members of public and Clerk

153/24	Apologies for absence – None	
154/24	Announcements Congratulations to Cllr Frost on his British Empire Medal Cllr Bashford has resigned.	Clerk to inform the Electoral Services Officer at Colchester City Council
155/24	Public Questions: None	
156/24	Declarations of Interest: No declarations of interest.	
157/24	Reports from County and City Cllrs CCC Cllr Parsons provided an update regarding the Local Plan. He explained that there is a range of evidence to object to housing allocations i.e lack of sewerage. He confirmed that Colchester has to provide 1300 houses per year for the next 5 years. If this is not achieved then the total number will increase. Preliminary allocations should be in by Mid February 1000 homes have been proposed for Middlewick – if this site is removed, these homes will need to be built somewhere else within the area. A White Paper has been published on the reorganization of Local Government. This will not change Parish Councils. City councils will change radically. Colchester City Council and possibly Essex County Council will be replaced by a Unitary Council. Unsure at the moment how many	

	<p>Unitary Councils there will be in Essex but will be between 1-3. Whitehall will make the decision. Mayoral Authorities will be responsible for transport, highways and imposing house building targets. The Mayor would also be the Police and Crime Commissioner. In light of this, CCC would like to postpone the May 2025 election for 1 year.</p> <p>Cllr Parsons offered £500 from the Locality Budget. A vote was taken to accept this. All in agreement.</p>	<p>Cllr Mattacks to contact Cllr Parsons to accept the offer.</p>
158/24	<p>Minutes of Council Meeting – 9th December 2024 The minutes of the meeting as previously circulated were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Summers.</p>	
159/24	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Playground Inspection – to be carried out on 15 January 2025 2. Site I.D 10622 – Land East of Mersea Road, Langenhoe – objections have been emailed to relevant departments but no response received yet. 	<p>Cllr Crayston to email Cllrs regarding a meeting to discuss objections.</p>
160/24	<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Love Your Bus Grant Fund 	<p>Tony Johnstone to arrange a questionnaire for the community to comment on. Responses to be collated for the next meeting.</p>
161/24	<p>Finance and Accounts – January 2025 The accounts as previously circulated – schedules 013/24 were agreed for payment. Proposed by Cllr Frost and seconded by Cllr Lambert <u>Schedule 013/24</u> Phil Creamer £ 51.87 A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd £ 60.90 NPower £143.44 HMRC £ 41.20 L Hills - Stationary £ 24.98 Staff costs £295.55</p>	
162/24	<p>Bank reconciliation – December 2024 Cllr Mattack approved.</p>	

163/24	Terms of Reference for RCCE Working Party were agreed Proposed by Cllr Lambert and seconded by Cllr Frost	
164/24	It was agreed that representative Tony Johnstone could claim for travel expenses incurred. (s137 money)	Tony Johnstone to send invoice to Clerk
165/24	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths and tree warden – nothing to report 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – the 3 Christmas events were very well attended with the ticket and raffle money raised going to the Food Bank. New Years Eve disco was well attended. 15 February 2025 there is a wine tasting event - £20 per ticket to include luxury finger food. Eds Pop Up Bar will be open on 17 January 2025, 21 February 2025 and 21 March 2025 3. Edward Marke Trust – nothing to report 4. Church Matters – Cleaner is leaving. Volunteers welcome. 5. Grasscutting – Next cut due at the end of February 6. Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report 7. Finance Working Party – Nothing to report 8. Property Maintenance – nothing to report 9. CALC – Nothing to report 10. Speedwatch – 2 new volunteers may undertake training to volunteer for Speedwatch. 11. Highway Issues – nothing to report 12. Parish Magazine – Deadline for next edition is 3 February 2025 	Cllr Palmer-Slater will get cost for next print
	Date of next meeting – 3 rd February 2025	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40pm