

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 3rd February 2025

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 3rd February 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
Andrew Crayston
Margaret Palmer-Slater
James Lambert

Also in attendance – CCC Cllrs Powling and Davidson, 7 members of public and Clerk

166/24	Apologies for absence – Cllr Summers	
167/24	Announcements It was reported that long term resident Roy Henson has passed away.	
168/24	Public Questions: None	
169/24	Declarations of Interest: No declarations of interest.	
170/24	Reports from County and City Cllrs CCC Cllr Parsons provided an update regarding the Peldon Road Development. He reported that the County will not be adopting any of the roads on the development and that all properties will be charged starting at £250 per annum. 33% of the development will be open land. CCC Cllr Carl Powling reported the following: Brown bin price has increased to £60 per annum The zone warden is retiring after 48 years Local Plan proposals can be viewed at Charter Hall on 17 February 2025. This is open to all. Essex will be in the first tranche of unitary Authority reorganization. There has been no confirmation yet as to whether or not there will be an election in May.	
171/24	Minutes of Council Meeting – 6 th January 2025 The minutes of the meeting as previously circulated were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Lambert and seconded by Cllr Mattack.	
172/24	Matters arising from previous meeting 1. Locality Fund – ALPC has received £500 from CCC	

	<p>2. Advert for Cllr vacancy by way of Co-option will be circulated</p>	<p>Clerk to put on website Cllr Palmer-Slater to put on notice board Cllr Frost to put on Facebook</p>
173/24	<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Love Your Bus Grant Fund - Tony Johnstone provided an update from the community questionnaire and it was agreed that Tony would liaise with Mersea Town Council to put forward a joint application 2. VE Day 80 – Possibility of tea dance type event 	<p>Tony Johnstone to speak to Mersea Town Council</p> <p>Cllr Palmer-Slater to look into this</p>
174/24	<p>Planning Applications and decisions received</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 250101 – 3 Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe, Colchester, CO5 7LP – Single storey extension following part demolition of conservatory. The council have no objection to this application 	
175/24	<p>Finance and Accounts – February 2025</p> <p>The accounts as previously circulated – schedule 014/24 were agreed for payment. Proposed by Cllr Palmer-Slater and seconded by Cllr Frost</p> <p><u>Schedule 014/25</u></p> <p>EALC - L Hills Training (VAT only) £ 36.00</p> <p>A&J Lighting Solutions Ltd £ 60.90</p> <p>Anglia Inspection Services Ltd £160.00</p> <p>HMRC £ 34.40</p> <p>Staff costs £302.35</p>	
176/24	<p>Bank reconciliation – January 2025</p> <p>Cllr Mattack approved.</p>	
177/24	<p>RCCE Rural Exemption Scheme – Cllr Lambert gave an update on the RCCE working party’s meeting with Hastoe which has identified 6 potential sites for development of affordable housing.</p>	
178/24	<p>South Wards - S106 2025 Update Form. It was decided that Cllr Frost would do a wish list.</p>	<p>Clerk to speak to Jake Mullinder at CCC to discuss what there may already be funding for.</p>
179/24	<p>Annual Playground Report - deferred until next meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk to highlight any repairs required.</p>

180/24	Spring Magazine Print Cost - £476.40 – Agreed	Clerk to make payment once invoice received.
181/24	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths and tree warden – nothing to report 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – Supper Club £10 per person for Spicy Sausage Cassoulet and dessert. 3. Edward Marke Trust – An advert had been put on Facebook which attracted 2 new people. There are 6.5 plots remaining from a total of 20 plots. 4. Church Matters – Nothing to report 5. Grasscutting – First cut should be end of February weather dependant) 6. Neighbourhood Watch – A resident had reported a residential burglary in Bracken Way. Next meeting is 17 March 2025 7. Finance Working Party – Nothing to report 8. Property Maintenance – nothing to report 9. CALC – Nothing to report 10. Speedwatch – Nothing to report 11. Highway Issues – Manwood Hill pothole has been repaired. 12. Parish Magazine – Next addition to be printed 13. RCCE Rural Exemption Scheme Working Party – as per item 177/24 	
	Date of next meeting – 3 rd March 2025	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.22pm