

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 3rd March 2025

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 3rd March 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 Cllr Parsons, 7 members of public and Clerk

182/24	Apologies for absence – Cllr Summers	
183/24	Announcements – No Announcements	
184/24	Public Questions: Member of the Public raised an issue regarding a structure that has been erected by their neighbour. Tony Johnstone provided an update re Love Your Bus Grant Fund advising that Cllr Baker had submitted an application	Advised to contact CCC and if no response to obtain a solicitor letter.
185/24	Declarations of Interest: No declarations of interest.	
186/24	Reports from County and City Cllrs CCC Cllr Parsons provided an update regarding the Local Plan confirming that Langenhoe had been allocated 50 houses. Local Plan Committee have serious concerns regarding infrastructure, sewerage capacity and water supply. Due to this there will be a 3 month delay to the Plan being ready for public consultation. He advised that according to Essex Water, if the current usage continues, the Colchester area will go into deficit by the end of this year.	
187/24	Minutes of Council Meeting – 3rd February 2025 The minutes of the meeting as previously circulated were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Lambert and seconded by Cllr Frost.	
188/24	Matters arising from previous meeting	

	<div>1. Annual Playground Report – to consider the repair recommendations to the 2 multi climbing units</div> <div>2. Cllr vacancy – update. We have received no applications</div> <div>3. S106 funds for the path to the Petanque Court – update. Jake Mullinder at CCC will check if there are any funds and revert.</div> <div>4. VE Day 80 – Harmonettes confirmed for 10 May 2025 for Tea Dance at a cost of £300. It was agreed the PC would provide £200 of s137 money for food. It was agreed that this will be a ticketed event at a cast of £10 per person and residents over the age of 90 admitted for free.</div>	<div>No Action</div> <div>Cllr Mattacks to approach possible candidate</div> <div>Cllr Mattacks obtaining quote</div>																																				
189/24	<div>Correspondence</div> <div>1. Clerk attending training on 11th March 2025 (Understanding the Annual Meetings) – Confirmation of bursary award. Agreed.</div>																																					
190/24	<div>Planning Applications and decisions received</div> <div>1. 250316 – The Gate House, Layer Road, Abberton, Essex, CO5 7NH – Outline planning for a 4 bedroom sustainable residential dwelling within the Abberton Parish.</div>	<div>Clerk to provide objection as per Cllr Mattacks email.</div>																																				
191/24	<div>Finance and Accounts – March 2025</div> <div>The accounts as previously circulated – schedule 015/24 were agreed for payment. Proposed by Cllr Palmer-Slater and seconded by Cllr Frost</div> <div>Schedule 015/25</div> <table><tr><td>EALC - Training (Public Rights of Way) - Cllr Mattacks</td><td>£</td></tr><tr><td>96.00</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Charity of Edward Marke</td><td>£</td></tr><tr><td>75.00</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>A& Lighting Solutions</td><td>£</td></tr><tr><td>434.40</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Thinksay Creative Communications</td><td>£</td></tr><tr><td>476.40</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Npower</td><td>£</td></tr><tr><td>152.82</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Tony Johnstone - expenses</td><td>£</td></tr><tr><td>11.15</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Leah Hill - Office Use (25 weeks £10)</td><td>£</td></tr><tr><td>250.00</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>A& Lighting Solutions</td><td>£</td></tr><tr><td>60.90</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>Leah Hills</td><td></td></tr><tr><td>£319.15</td><td></td></tr></table>	EALC - Training (Public Rights of Way) - Cllr Mattacks	£	96.00		Charity of Edward Marke	£	75.00		A& Lighting Solutions	£	434.40		Thinksay Creative Communications	£	476.40		Npower	£	152.82		Tony Johnstone - expenses	£	11.15		Leah Hill - Office Use (25 weeks £10)	£	250.00		A& Lighting Solutions	£	60.90		Leah Hills		£319.15		
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	HMRC - Tax 17.60	£	
192/24	Bank reconciliation – February 2025 Cllr Mattack approved.		
193/24	Tree for Queens Platinum Jubilee for Langenhoe Green (deferred from May 2024)		Cllr Wormell to have a look at the tree at the allotment to see if it is suitable.
194/24	Peldon Road development site – condition of hedgerows and road surface.		Cllr Wormell to visit site.
195/24	Basketball court - Cleaning		Cllr Wormell to take a look
196/24	Annual Parish Meeting – discuss how to publicise		Clerk to design a poster and post on Facebook
197/24	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths and tree warden – nothing to report 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – Friday Chilli-con-Carne Art Exhibition 10-4pm on 15 March 2025 Spring Walk 23 March 2025 beginning at pm from the hall. Village Fun Day 21 June 2025 (PC to participate) 3. Edward Marke Trust – Looking for more members 4. Church Matters – Lent begins on 5 March 2025 5. Grasscutting – First cut will be week beginning 3 March 2025 6. Neighbourhood Watch – Nothing to report. Next meeting 17 March 2025 7. Finance Working Party – Nothing to report 8. Property Maintenance – a new lock on the new electric box outside the back of the hall and have given a set of keys to Councillor Alan Frost. I have noticed the low wall to the entrance of the small hall appears to have been damaged and needs to be repaired I have checked the playground and gym equipment and all seems in order. 9. CALC – next meeting 6 March 2025 10. Speedwatch – no further news, however we may recommence now that a new person has been appointed at the school crossing (this might give us the 3 persons required to do a speed check) 11. Highway Issues – Manwood Hill pothole has been repaired. The pothole at the top of the hill needs addressing. 12. Parish Magazine – Has been delivered. Cllr Wormell thanked Cllr Palmer-Slater for her work. 		

	13. RCCE Rural Exemption Scheme Working Party – nothing to report.	
	Date of next meeting – 7 th April 2025	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9pm