

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 7th April 2025

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

Cllrs Present - Steve Wormell – Chair
 Alan Frost
 Malcolm Mattack
 Andrew Crayston
 James Lambert
 Mike Summers

Also in attendance – 8 members of public and Clerk

010/25	Apologies for absence – Cllr Weavers and Cllr Palmer-Slater	
011/25	Announcements – Geoff Carter a long standing resident died 29 January 2025	
012/25	Public Questions: None	
013/25	Declarations of Interest: Cllr Mattacks declared an interest in item 12 of the agenda.	
014/25	Reports from County and City Cllrs: None	
015/25	Minutes of Council Meeting – 3rd March 2025 The minutes of the meeting as previously circulated were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Lambert and seconded by Cllr Frost.	
016/25	Matters arising from previous meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cllr vacancy – update. We have received no applications 2. Peldon Road Development – Clerk explained that the Parish Council would have to email the Enforcement Officer if they wished to make reference to the missing documents. It was agreed that no further action was required. 3. S106 Funds for the Petanque Path. – Colchester Council have confirmed that there is no S106 money available for this project. 	Clerk to Add to May Agenda
017/25	Correspondence	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. RCCE – Climate Change Survey – No action 2. Rce Village of the Year & Rural Community Awards 2025 – It was suggested that Cllr Weavers may undertake this. 3. Annual Streetlight Maintenance has been carried out. – No action required 	Clerk to add to May agenda																						
018/25	<p>Planning Applications and decisions received</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 250612 – Butterfly Lodge, Mersea Road, Langenhoe, CO5 LG – No Objections 																							
019/25	<p>Finance and Accounts – April 2025</p> <p>The accounts as previously circulated – schedule 001/25 were agreed for payment. Proposed by Cllr Frost and seconded by Cllr Crayston</p> <p><u>Schedule 001/25</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td>EALC - Training (Annual Meetings) - Leah Hills</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£120.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EALC - Training (Audit Course) - Leah Hills</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£120.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting Solutions</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting Solutions</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 57.60</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Harmonettes (£50 Deposit paid)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£300.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tony Johnstone - expenses (already paid)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 2.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Knight – Langenhoe</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£125.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Knight – Abberton</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Leah Hills - Trianing Expenses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 46.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Knight - Abberton</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£ 50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EALC/NALC Affiliation Fees</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£357.03</td> </tr> </table>	EALC - Training (Annual Meetings) - Leah Hills	£120.00	EALC - Training (Audit Course) - Leah Hills	£120.00	A&J Lighting Solutions	£ 60.90	A&J Lighting Solutions	£ 57.60	Harmonettes (£50 Deposit paid)	£300.00	Tony Johnstone - expenses (already paid)	£ 2.00	J Knight – Langenhoe	£125.00	J Knight – Abberton	£ 50.00	Leah Hills - Trianing Expenses	£ 46.40	J Knight - Abberton	£ 50.00	EALC/NALC Affiliation Fees	£357.03	
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020/25	<p>Bank reconciliation – March 2025</p> <p>Cllr Mattack approved.</p>																							
021/25	<p>Path to the Petanque Court – 1 quotation of £5,236 + VAT</p> <p>Need to get 2 further quotations</p>	Clerk to circulate quotation received to all Cllrs																						
022/25	<p>Local Bus Service – Tony Johnstone gave an update. First Bus are operating a new timetable which is due to start week beginning 21 April.</p> <p>Chair thanked Tony for his hard work</p>																							
023/25	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Footpaths and tree warden – Footpaths are beginning to dry out. 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – Curry Night was well attended by 87 people. Next pop up bar 18 April Easter Bunny Hunt – 20th April Ed’s Bar – 20th May – Salmon En Croute Village Quiz – 9th May VE Day BBQ – 5th May VE Day Afternoon Tea with The Harmonettes – 10th May 2-4pm 3. Edward Marke Trust – 6 Plots remaining 4. Church Matters – Grass has been cut 																							

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Grasscutting – 3 cuts have been done 6. Neighbourhood Watch – No report 7. Finance Working Party – No report 8. Property Maintenance –Playground and gym equipment checked and all seems in order. 9. CALC – Minutes from the last meeting had been circulated to all Cllrs prior to the Full Council Meeting. EALC offices are to close with the proposal to use training hubs. 10. Speedwatch – As per report at the Annual Parish Meeting 11. Highway Issues – Nothing to report. 12. Parish Magazine – Deadline for Summer Edition 25th April 13. RCCE Rural Exemption Scheme Working Party – nothing to report. 	
	Date of next meeting – 12 th May 2025 at 7.30pm.	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20pm