

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 7TH April 2025

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on Monday 7th April 2025 at 7pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

Cllrs Present - Steve Wormell – Chair
Andrew Crayston
Alan Frost
James Lambert
Malcolm Mattack
Micheal Summer

Also in attendance – 14 members of public, CCC Cllr Parsons and Clerk

001/25	Apologies for absence – Cllr Weavers and Cllr Palmer-Slater	
002/25	Chairman's Report for 2024/25 Cllr Wormell gave an account of the Parish Councils activities throughout the year. He referenced the appointment of the new Clerk and the change of Cllrs that had occurred. Cllr Wormell congratulated Cllr Frost on his British Empire Medal. Cllr Wormell thanked all of the Cllrs for their continued hard work and also all of the volunteers for their support and assistance throughout the year	
003/25	Annual Reports from ECC/CCC Cllrs CCC Cllr Parsons provided an overview of the Local #plan and explained that if the Plan is not approved by 1 July 2026 there will be a 20% increase of houses. He reiterated that Langenhoe has been allocated 50 new houses. Cllr Parsons explained the local government reorganization and assured that this will no effect on Parish Councils.	
004/25	Report from Neighbourhood Watch Sue King reported on the work carried out by the Neighbourhood Watch Group. She explained that the membership is very low and that number of co-ordinators is also low and expected to deplete further. She asked if any residents had any suggestions as to how to increase the number of supporters. Next meeting 16 June 2026	

005/24	<p>Report from Lions Corner Community Shop</p> <p>Phil Rose explained that the shop has celebrated its 5th birthday. The shop is currently open 61 hours per week and has 53 active volunteers both running the shop as well as securing local produce. He thanked all of the volunteers for their help. He explained the benefit of working closely with the local primary school – with both the children and customers benefitting. He noted that the shop is a great support to the more isolated residents and that he helps to combat loneliness. An increase in footfall would add to this as well as the shop revenue. The shop was awarded a Community Enterprise Award in 2024. It has donated to the Youth Club and towards the new sound system for the hall and is actively looking for new projects to donate to.</p>	
006/25	<p>Report from Hideaway Youth Club</p> <p>No Report Received</p>	
007/25	<p>Report from Community Speedwatch Team</p> <p>Jaqs Waddell explained that there are currently 5 volunteer and a minimum of 3 volunteers are needed per session. There are 2 new members who are going to undertake training but more volunteers are needed.</p> <p>190 cars were caught speeding in 7 45-minute sessions over an 8 month period which equates to 1 speeding car every 2 minutes.</p>	
008/25	<p>Report from Chair Abberton & District Cricket Club</p> <p>Kevin Smith has been chair of the club for 3 years. He explained that they hold several sessions both during the week and at weekends for all age ranges. The membership has increased but he explained they would like to see more locals coming along to watch matches. Kevin explained that the club costs between £56-£60,000 to run and is a non profit making organisation. The Christmas raffle raised money for the Food Bank and the upcoming summer event will be supporting Speak Up for Mental Health.</p>	
009/25	<p>Public Questions</p> <p>It was reported that a street sign pole had corroded.</p>	Cllr Mattacks to report.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.40pm