

## ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

Cllrs Present - Vicky Weavers  
 James Lambert  
 Alan Frost  
 Malcolm Mattack  
 Steve Wormell  
 Margaret Palmer-Slatton  
 Mike Summer  
 Andrew Crayston

Also in attendance – CCC Cllr Powling, 6 members of public and Clerk

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| 097/25 | Apologies for absence – Cllr Aguda, CCC Cllr Davidson, CCC Cllr Parsons and ECC Cllr Bentley  |   |
| 098/25 | Announcements – June Plunkett passed away in August   |   |
| 099/25 | <p>Public Questions: Tony Johnstone reported that he had sent an email to TMS.</p> <p>The next meeting of the ECC Transport Committee is on 19 November 2025 which it was agreed that Tony would attend as Pargh Council representative</p> <p>A resident raised a concern regarding a planning application for a bungalow to be built adjacent to the bottom of their garden.</p>  | <p>Planning application 252183<br/>                 agenda item 9.3</p> |
| 100/25 | Declarations of Interest – Cllr Mattack declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 10   |   |
| 101/25 | <p>Reports from County and City Cllrs – Cllr Parsons emailed the following report in his absence in regards to the Denbury Homes site: <i>The developer cannot currently undertake any works as there are still conditions that need to be discharged prior to any works being carried out. However, the school parking facilities have been agreed to be completed during the Summer Holiday period (22nd July 2026 to 28th August 2026).</i></p> <p><i>I don't know whether there is now a signed agreement, as this falls outside the remit of planning, however, I was told that the agreement can be signed once the condition has been discharged. So, it would be my understanding that the agreement should now be signed, or in the process of being signed. In any event, the date listed above is when the works will need to be carried out and completed in order for the development to meet the condition.</i></p> |   |

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|        | <p><i>I am still chasing up the issue on Fingringhoe Road and the Roman River Conservation area.</i></p> <p>Cllr Powling passed on Cllr Davidson's thanks to the Parish Council for their support with the Lions Shop which has been trading for 5 years now.</p> <p>Cllr Powling highlighted the availability of S106 money that has become available from the Borleys development. He explained that the Parish Council should decide on some project and discuss with him and the Enabling Officer.</p>  | Cllrs to think of any local projects that could benefit the community and bring to the next meeting.                                      |
| 102/25 | <p>Minutes of Council Meeting – 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting as previously circulated were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Lambert.</p>   |   |
| 103/25 | <p>Matters arising from previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Speeding traffic Layer Road – Response from ECC Cllr Bentley. ECC Cllr Bentley requested further information with regards to who may be using the road as a footpath, in what numbers and for what reasons. Also, whether the Parish Council would be in agreement to contribute financially to a VAS. This was agreed.</li> <li>2. Progress on ALPC Road Safety Petition – response from ECC Cllr Bentley. ECC Cllr Bentley advised that he was progressing this through the Local Highways Panel and will update as soon as he can.</li> </ol> | <p>Clerk to respond to ECC Cllr Bentley.</p> <p>Clerk to chase at the end of November.</p>  |
| 104/25 | <p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CCC – Colchester Residents Panel poster. Posters to encourage more local residents to join the panel and have their say</li> <li>2. CCC Local Plan information email. Email outlining the information to Parish and Town Councils</li> </ol>  |   |
| 105/25 | <p>Planning Applications and decisions received.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 252131 – Land South of Oxley House, Mersea Road, Abberton, CO5 7NR – erection of storage barn under B8 and associated hard and soft landscaping. Objection made</li> <li>2. 252204 – Oyster Lodge, Abberton Road, Langenhoe, CO5 7AW – rear and side extension to dwelling, with garage conversion. No objection</li> <li>3. 252183 – The Gate House, Layer Road, Abberton, CO5 7NH – custom built detached 4 bedroom bungalow. Objection</li> </ol>   | Cllr Crayston to draft an objection response.   |
| 106/25 | <p>Email from resident requesting a permanent pedestrian crossing. Resident expressed her concerns regarding the safety of pedestrians on Mersea Road. It was discussed that there is no longer a school crossing patrol. It was proposed that a Pelican Crossing would enable pedestrians to safely cross the road and may also help to slow traffic.</p>  | Cllr Mattack to draft a letter outlining the residents concerns and the proposal of a Pelican Crossing for the Clerk to send once agreed. |

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| 107/25                                | Estimated costs for Abberton and Langenhoe Parish Council Elections – email received outlining the costs for both contested and uncontested election   | FWP to consider this when considering the budget for 2026/2027 |         |        |         |          |         |              |         |                                       |         |                      |         |                          |         |  |
| 108/25                                | Footpath at the Petanque Court   | Clerk to obtain additional quotes and bring to next meeting.   |         |        |         |          |         |              |         |                                       |         |                      |         |                          |         |  |
| 109/25                                | <p>Finance and Accounts – November 2025<br/> The accounts as previously circulated – schedule 008/25 were agreed for payment. Proposed by Cllr Aguda and seconded by Cllr Frost</p> <p><u>Schedule 008/25</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>NPower</td> <td>£ 80.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NPower</td> <td>£114.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Knight</td> <td>£175.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&amp;J Lighting</td> <td>£ 60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&amp;L Community Association – Film Club</td> <td>£500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Royal British Legion</td> <td>£ 50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L Hills – October Salary</td> <td>£353.25</td> </tr> </table>  | NPower   | £ 80.00 | NPower | £114.36 | J Knight | £175.00 | A&J Lighting | £ 60.90 | A&L Community Association – Film Club | £500.00 | Royal British Legion | £ 50.00 | L Hills – October Salary | £353.25 |  |
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| 110/25                                | Bank reconciliation – October 2025<br>Cllr Mattack approved and signed.  |  |         |        |         |          |         |              |         |                                       |         |                      |         |                          |         |  |
| 111/25                                | <p>Review of Policies. The following Policies to be reviewed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Effectiveness of the Internal Audit</li> <li>• Action Plan</li> <li>• Standing Orders</li> <li>• Media Policy</li> </ul>  | Cllr Mattack to review and circulate.                          |         |        |         |          |         |              |         |                                       |         |                      |         |                          |         |  |
| 112/25                                | <p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Highways Issues, Footpaths and tree warden – No report</li> <li>2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – Quiz night was well attended.<br/>Fish and chip nights are doing well. May offer alternative night, possibly pizza or Chinese<br/>1<sup>st</sup> Friday dinner is sausage, jacket potato and beans £7<br/>Christmas meal and New Years Eve tickets are on sale<br/>Father Christmas will be visiting the village on 14 December</li> <li>3. Edward Marke Trust – 65% of plots have been taken.</li> <li>4. Remembrance Service 10.45 on the village green</li> <li>5. Grasscutting – Abberton Green will be cut short</li> <li>6. Neighbourhood Watch – A Lexus has been stolen from Edward Marke Drive</li> <li>7. Finance Working Party – to meet at Cllr Weavers. Date to be agreed</li> <li>8. Property Maintenance – No report.</li> <li>9. CALC – No report. Next meeting 14 December 2025</li> <li>10. Speedwatch – Jaqs has suggested maybe the use of speed bumps to slow traffic. More Speedwatch scheduled for November</li> <li>11. Parish Magazine – Will aim to be delivered week commencing 17 November 2025.</li> <li>12. RCCE Rural Exemption Scheme Working Party – No report.</li> </ol> |  |         |        |         |          |         |              |         |                                       |         |                      |         |                          |         |  |
|                                       | Date of next meeting – 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 7.30pm.  |  |         |        |         |          |         |              |         |                                       |         |                      |         |                          |         |  |

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.12pm