

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 8th September 2025

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 8th September 2025 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

Cllrs Present - Vicky Weavers
 Alan Frost
 Malcolm Mattack
 Steve Wormell
 Margaret Palmer-Slatton
 Mike Summer
 Vincenzo Aguda

Also in attendance – 2 members of public and Clerk

071/25	Apologies for absence – Cllrs Lambert and Crayston, CCC Cllr Davidson, CCC Cllr Parsons and CCC Cllr Powling	
072/25	Announcements – None	
073/25	Public Questions: A resident raised concerns regarding the excessive speeding of vehicles through the village, in particular Layer Road. It was explained that it is not possible for CSW to carry out a session along Layer Road due to the length of the road and the safety issue of siting a team there.	Cllr Mattacks to draft an email including the letter from the resident.
073/25	Declarations of Interest – None	
074/25	Reports from County and City Cllrs – No reports received.	
075/25	Minutes of Council Meeting – 7 th July 2025 The minutes of the meeting as previously circulated were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Wormell and seconded by Cllr Palmer-Slatton.	
076/25	Recommendation for all Parish Councils to use .gov.uk domain names. It was agreed that the Parish Council would adopt .gov.uk. Proposed by Cllr Mattacks and seconded by Cllr Aguda	Clerk to finalise costs and to confirm ownership of the domain name.
077/25	Correspondence 1. The Conservation Volunteers – discuss their offer of help with Environmental Projects 2. RCCE – Community Agents. Discuss and decide whether the Parish Council would be prepared to fund an advert in the Parish Magazine. Agreed. Proposed by Cllr Palmer-Slatton and seconded by Cllr Mattacks 3. PKF Littlejohn – Confirmation of successful closure of audit 4. Local Government Association – Confirmation of pay agreement for 2025/2026. To be back dated to April 2025. Noted	Clerk to obtain a price for days work in Markes Wood

	<p>5. CCC – Update to CCC Warm Spaces website. Abberton & Langenhoe Community Association. All details still current, no update required.</p> <p>6. Icini Consulting – Oxley House, Abberton - consult on upgrading the existing luminaires to LED.</p> <p>7. EALC – confirmation of training bursary award for Clerk training. £150.00</p>	<p>Clerk to confirm how many lights this refers to, who would be responsible for upkeep and costs involved in maintaining and replacing bulbs etc.</p>																		
078/25	<p>Planning Applications and decisions received</p> <p>1. 251754 – Ashtree Cottage, Mersea Road, Langenhoe, Colchester, CO5 7LQ – Proposed rear extension utilising a brick lower wall, with cement blocks with render as per the existing house. No objections</p>																			
079/25	<p>Update from Tony Johnstone re Public Consultation on Supported Local Bus Services – ECC Transport Committee ‘Have Your Say’ is open until 30 October 2025 and anyone is welcome to comment. It is available on ECC website and a poster at the bus stop and the shop with a QR code. Tony pointed out that the ECC bus timetable is ineffective.</p>	<p>Cllr Weavers thanked Tony on behalf of the Parish Council for his hard work and commitment.</p>																		
080/25	<p>Finance and Accounts – August and September 2025</p> <p>The accounts as previously circulated – schedule 004/25 were agreed for payment. Proposed by Cllr Aguda and seconded by Cllr Palmer-Slatton</p> <p><u>Schedule 005/25</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Thinksay Creative Communications Ltd</td> <td>£476.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting</td> <td>£ 60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Knight</td> <td>£175.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PKF Littlejohn</td> <td>£252.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L Hills – August Salary</td> <td>£323.45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC – August Tax</td> <td>£ 18.80</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Schedule 006/25</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting</td> <td>£ 60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L Hills – September Salary and Back Pay</td> <td>£376.25</td> </tr> <tr> <td>HMRC – September Tax</td> <td>£ 32.00</td> </tr> </table>	Thinksay Creative Communications Ltd	£476.40	A&J Lighting	£ 60.90	J Knight	£175.00	PKF Littlejohn	£252.00	L Hills – August Salary	£323.45	HMRC – August Tax	£ 18.80	A&J Lighting	£ 60.90	L Hills – September Salary and Back Pay	£376.25	HMRC – September Tax	£ 32.00	
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081/25	<p>Bank reconciliation – July and August 2025</p> <p>Cllr Mattack approved and signed.</p>																			
082/25	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <p>1. Footpaths and tree warden – The section from, Meadow Way through to Mersea Road where the School Crossing Patrol operates has been superficially trimmed, however the section from Peldon Road to Meadow Way unarguably the part of the PROW which needed most attention remains untouched, (even now) the path is inundated with stinging nettles and brambles which mean it is inaccessible to pedestrians, parent could not use this as a route to Langenhoe Community Primary School. PROW 8 Langenhoe was due its scheduled cut in the summer, the path had been unnavigable to pedestrians since March</p>	<p>Clerk to contact clerk at West Bergholt PC to understand what duties their handyman undertakes.</p>																		

	<p>and meteorological summer is over and the PROW still remains uncut.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – The Meeting Place is still very busy. First Friday – Curry night with ventriloquist/comedian. £15 per ticket – 3rd October Wine Tasting – tickets available from the shop – 11th & 12th October Quiz Night – Tickets available from the shop – 18th October Cllr Frost highlighted Cllr Palmer-Slatter’s involvement in the many projects over the many years that she was involved in the Community Association, including The Meeting Place, Christmas Fayres, Carols and Easter Hunt. She was also the bookings Secretary for 15 years, during which time she increased bookings greatly. Cllr Frost thanked Cllr Palmer-Slatter greatly on behalf of the Parish Council for everything she has done. 3. Edward Marke Trust – Letters of intent have been sent to all. Allotments are approximately half taken 4. Church Matters – Nothing to report 5. Grasscutting – Will be cut this week 6. Neighbourhood Watch – Five or six weeks ago the team known as Essex Watch was made redundant. The team operated out of Police HQ in Chelmsford. The redundancies were a cost saving exercise with a view to putting more police officers out on the streets. Unfortunately, the New Crime Report that is produced automatically, does little or nothing that would enable Neighbourhood Watch to reduce crime in the communities we try to serve. CDNW will in the interim continue with analyses 7. Finance Working Party – All good. 8. Property Maintenance – Pot hole in the playground. 9. CALC – Cllr weavers reported that there had been speakers at the last meeting, Joint Head of Planning and the Head of Health Partnership and Wellbeing. There is a ‘Community Asset pot’ which is to be distributed. They are asking for expressions of interest which need to have a social value. Minimum request £5,000.00 10. Speedwatch – CSW looking to hold 2 sessions at school times 11. Highway Issues – Crossing Patrol has lapsed 12. Parish Magazine – Magazine has been delivered. Deadline for next edition is 4 November 2025 13. RCCE Rural Exemption Scheme Working Party – No report. 	
	Date of next meeting – 6 th October 2025 at 7.30pm.	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm