

## ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING – 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

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

Also in attendance – CCC Cllr Davidson, Parsons, 7 members of public and Clerk

113/25	Apologies for absence – Cllr Wormell and ECC Cllr Bentley	
114/25	Announcements – Phyllis De’ath long standing resident of Langenhoe has passed away	
115/25	<p>Public Questions: Tony Johnstone reported that he attended ECC Transport Meeting as representative for the Parish Council where a Q&amp;A session was held. Tony felt that the providers were receptive and reported that there was not any change to the bus services expected before April 2026.</p> <p>A resident informed the Parish Council that a petition has obtained approximately 350 signatures in support of a permanent pedestrian crossing on Mersea Road.</p>	
116/25	Declarations of Interest – Cllr Mattack declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 12	
117/25	<p>Reports from County and City Cllrs – Cllr Davidson reported that CCC had held a Full Council meeting where all Cllrs have asked Leaders to continue with the May 2026 elections.</p> <p>Cllr Davidson suggested that the Parish Council should consider a Neighbourhood Pan to demonstrate where would be suitable/preferable for any future development. He explained that all developments of over 100 houses, if refused, would be then reviewed by Government.</p> <p>Cllr Parsons reported that the whole direction of planning is changing. He explained that Ministers should be informed prior to any refusal for developments of over 100 houses</p>	

	Cllr Parsons explained that the Local Plan consultation responses need to be evidence based, to include but not limited to the following: sewage station, hedgerows/biodiversity, GP surgery capacity, village envelope.	
118/25	Minutes of Council Meeting – 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025 The minutes of the meeting as previously circulated were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Lambert and seconded by Cllr Mattack.	
119/25	Correspondence 1. Youth Club – request for funding. The Youth Club requested a grant to help fund the cost of hall hire for the next 4 sessions, a total of £120. It was agreed by all to provide a grant of £120. Proposed by Cllr Lambert and seconded by Cllr Summer	Clerk to obtain bank details for payment.
120/25	Planning Applications and decisions received. 1. 252131 – Land South of Oxley House, Mersea Road, Abberton, CO5 7NR – erection of storage barn under B8 and associated hard and soft landscaping. REFUSED	
121/25	Local Plan Consultation – to discuss how best to inform residents. It was agreed that the best way to reach residents with information as to how they can take part in the consultation was by way of a flyer delivered to each house. Proposed by Cllr Crayston and seconded by Cllr Mattack.	Cllrs Weavers and Crayston will produce a flyer to be agreed by Cllrs. Quote and timeframe to be obtained for printing
122/25	Consultation on New Unitary Authorities for Greater Essex – to discuss and agree a response. Cllr Lambert reported that this had been discussed in detail at CALC and that most Parish Councils were not going to make a response as a Council. It was agreed that the Parish Council will not be making a response. Proposed by Cllr Lambert and seconded by Cllr Aguda.	
123/25	Footpath at the Petanque Court – 3 quotations were discussed and it was agreed to defer this until next month when we may have had confirmation regarding S106 money Cllr Summer recorded his objection to this path being funded by Parish Council funds.	Clerk to add to January 2026 agenda.
124/25	Finance and Accounts – December 2025 The accounts as previously circulated – schedule 009/25 were agreed for payment. Proposed by Cllr Aguda and seconded by Cllr Crayston <u>Schedule 009/25</u> NPower £151.29 NPower £175.64 Thinksay Creative Communications Ltd £476.40 A&J Lighting £ 60.90 L Hills – Filing Cabinet £152.99 Suffolk Cloud £ 16.50 EALC £100.80	

	P Creamer £ 86.95 A&J Lighting £217.50 L Hills – December Salary £353.25	
125/25	Bank reconciliation – November 2025 Cllr Mattack approved and signed.	
126/25	Budget and Precept for 2026/2027 – this was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Aguda	
127/25	Confirmation of the appointment of Mrs J Stobart as Internal Auditor for 2025/2026. Proposed by Cllr Weavers and seconded by Cllr Lambert.	Clerk to book
128/25	Confirm of instruction to Anglian Inspections to carry out the annual playground inspection. Proposed by Cllr Summer and seconded by Cllr Mattack	Clerk to book
129/25	Review of Policies: Review of Policies – the following policies have been reviewed and accepted <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> <li>• Code of Conduct</li> <li>• Complaints Policy</li> <li>• Data Protection Policy</li> <li>• Freedom of Information Policy</li> <li>• Risk Management Policy</li> <li>• Training Policy</li> <li>• Advertising Policy for Village Magazine</li> </ul>	Clerk to upload to website  Cllrs thanked Cllr Mattack.
130/25	Review of Policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Regulations Policy</li> </ul>	Cllr Mattack & Cllr Aguda to review and circulate.
131/25	Representatives Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Highways Issues, Footpaths and tree warden – Cllr Mattack thanked Mrs Mattack for her hard work with litter picking on behalf of the Parish Council. Lots of litter from the new developments on Peldon Road and Mersea Road</li> <li>2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – Christmas meal was well supported – 80 meals provided, Cllr Frost thanked Rosemary 20 December - Curve will be performing 60's music New Years Eve tickets are on sale. £20pp, children half price Father Christmas will be visiting the village on 14 December and then returning to the village hall at 4.30pm</li> <li>3. Edward Marke Trust – some plots remaining.</li> <li>4. Church Matters – Carols on 21 December</li> <li>5. Grasscutting – One more cut if it is dry enough</li> <li>6. Neighbourhood Watch – No report</li> <li>7. Finance Working Party – as per minute 126/25</li> <li>8. Property Maintenance – all equipment ok.</li> </ol>	Clerk to contact developers.

	<p>9. CALC – Next meeting Pam Cox may speak but will only take questions from one member from her constituency.</p> <p>10. Speedwatch – Weather has prevented CSW however there should be some carried out in the New Year.</p> <p>11. Parish Magazine – Cllr Palmer-Slatter thanked Cllrs for their help delivering the magazine. Need to consider increase in deliveries when new properties are occupied.</p> <p>12. RCCE Rural Exemption Scheme Working Party – No report.</p>	
	Date of next meeting – 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.30pm.	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm