

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 2nd February 2026

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 2nd February 2026 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

Cllrs Present - Vicky Weavers
James Lambert
Alan Frost
Malcolm Mattack
Vincenzo Aguda
Andrew Crayston

Also in attendance – CCC Cllr Parsons, 8 members of public and Clerk

146/25	Apologies for absence – Cllr Palmer-Slatton, Cllr Summer, Cllr Wormell, ECC Cllr Bentley, CCC Cllr Davidson	
147/25	Announcements – None	
148/25	<p>Public Questions: Resident raised an objection to planning application No 260013 and asked if the Parish Council would support his objection. The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council had already submitted an objection.</p> <p>Resident informed the Parish Council that she was meeting with a reporter from The Gazette to discuss the petition regarding the need for a pedestrian crossing. The Chair explained that she and the Clerk had met with Cllr Bentley and Highways Liaison Officer who confirmed that it would not be likely that a pedestrian crossing could be sited at the requested point. Residents expressed their disappointment at this.</p> <p>Leader of the Youth Club explained that she had been looking into liability insurance for the bike ramps that the young people of the village have created. She confirmed that there was no specific adult supervision in place at present. She informed that on researching with other Parish Councils, the lack of insurance appears to be a common problem.</p>	
149/25	Declarations of Interest – Cllr Mattack declared a non-pecuniary interest in 148/25	
149/25	Reports from County and City Cllrs – CCC Cllr Parsons confirmed that City and County elections would go ahead in	

	<p>May. After this our County Council division will change and Cllr Bentley will no longer be our County Councillor.</p> <p>The Local Plan meeting is taking place week beginning 9th February 2026 to discuss the results of the public consultation.</p> <p>ECC Cllr Bentley provided the following update <i>'Just to confirm that I have today written to the Cabinet Member for Highways to explain our requirements with Jon's recommendation.</i></p> <p><i>This is the next step in this slightly protracted system, but it means we are now moving at a quicker pace. The time so far as been securing the funding. We will need under law a full consultation and although the petition was extremely useful and helped me kick off the process – we will still need a full consultation. As yet I don't know if it will be one covering all the schemes, Bracken Way Estate, Layer Road or Edward Marke Drive Estate or three separate ones. It will depend on what the legislations tells us.'</i></p> <p>In response to the email from ECC Cllr Kevin Bentley, Cllr Mattack raised concerns regarding the proposed imposition of 20 mph speed limits. He pointed out limiting measures to Bracken Way and Edward Marke Drive Estates, while excluding Peldon Road, Layer Road, and Fingringhoe Road, would fail to offer adequate protection for vulnerable road users, including children attending LCPS. The views other councillors present was similar, expressing reservations and challenging the report from Cllr Bentley.'</p>	
150/25	<p>Minutes of Council Meeting – 5th January 2026 the minutes of the meeting as previously circulated were agreed as a true record. with the following amendment. Proposed by Cllr Lambert and seconded by Cllr Aguda.</p>	
151/25	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gov.uk email addresses – confirm that all Councillors are now using their gov.uk email. Some Cllrs were having difficulties in setting up the new email. Cllr Aguda offered to assist. It was agreed that all Cllrs would be using this address by the End of February 2026 	<p>Cllr Aguda to contact Cllr who were having difficulties Clerk to contact Monitoring Officer with all new email addresses</p>
152/25	<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Oxley House, Mersea Road – discuss and agree whether to accept the offer of new streetlight. Cllr agreed that we need further information regarding the intended unit 	<p>Clerk to contact developer for information</p>
153/25	<p>Planning Applications and decisions received.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 260013 – Land Adj to Oxley House, Mersea Road, Abberton, CO5 7NR – erection of 2x3 bedroom dwellings and 1x4 bedroom dwelling and carport. Objection submitted 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5. Grasscutting – No cuts scheduled 6. Neighbourhood Watch – No report 7. Finance Working Party – No report 8. Property Maintenance – No report 9. CALC – Next meeting is March 10. Speedwatch – Last Speed watch was October. 11. Parish Magazine – Delivery should be week commencing 16 February. May need to increase next issue to 32 pages 12. RCCE Rural Exemption Scheme Working Party – No report. 	
	Date of next meeting – 2 nd March 2026 at 7.30pm.	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.12pm