

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 2nd March 2026

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

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

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

162/25	Apologies for absence – Cllr Aguda received via the Chair) ECC Cllr Bentley	
163/25	Announcements – None	
164/25	Public Questions: None	
165/25	Declarations of Interest – None	
166/25	<p>Reports from County and City Cllrs – CCC Cllr Davidson informed the meeting that a Full CCC budget meeting as being held.</p> <p>He informed the meeting that any planning refusals will now go to appeal and most likely be approved by Government. He reiterated that any planning applications over 150 houses will go to the Secretary of State for decision if refused at CCC level</p> <p>The Local Plan meeting is taking place in March.</p> <p>Report from ECC Cllr Bentley was provided by the Chair. He enquired as to whether The Parish Council would make a contribution to the cost of the speed survey. He explained that there would need to be a public consultation for residents of all potentially affected areas and that if they received an objection this would need to be referred to the Cabinet Minister. He assured the Parish Council that he would leave a full hand over in this regard to his successor.</p>	

167/25	Minutes of Council Meeting – 2 nd February 2026 the minutes of the meeting as previously circulated were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Crayston.	
168/25	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bike Ramps – to discuss the Parish Council’s position regarding Public Liability insurance. It was agreed by all Cllr that the Parish Council would not support the bike ramps. It was agreed that the bumps would be leveled out to prevent any potential cycle accidents. Proposed by Cllr Wormell and seconded by Cllr Frost. 2. Speed Survey – Consider request by ECC Cllr Bentley for the Parish Council to contribute to the cost of the speed survey required to support the speed reduction to 20mph. It was agreed that the Parsi Council would make a contribution (amount to be confirmed once a cost had been provided) Cllr Mattack requested that it be noted that he is disgusted with ECC response in this matter. 	Cllr Wormell to arrange.
169/25	<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. EALC Training Bursary – training bursary of £63 received in respect of Finance training for Clerk 2. Speeding – Email from Cllr Alexander Hustwit requesting Parish Council support with his proposal. It was agreed by all Cllrs that the Parsh Council would not support this. 	
170/25	<p>Planning Applications and decisions received.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 252735 – Pantile Farm, Peldon Road, Abberton, CO5 7PD – Demolition of existing commercial storage unit(B8) and erection of fitness studio together with parking and associated landscaping. No objection 2. 252745 – Pantile Farm, Peldon Road, Abberton, CO5 7PD – relocation of 14 shipping containers and addition of a further 4 shipping containers. Objection 3. 260213 – Oxley Hill Farm, Layer Road, Abberton CO5 7NH – New Class E (a) building for the sale of pet food. No objection 	
171/25	Playground Repairs – to consider quotations and decide which, if any, to go forward with. This has been deferred until April meeting	Clerk to chase quotations.
172/25	Annual Parish Meeting – to agree the date and discuss how to pubilcise and which organisations may wish to be represented. It was agreed that this ill be held on 13 April 2026 at 7pm.	Chair to contact organisations
173/25	Tree for Queen’s Platinum Jubilee for Langenhoe Green – to consider quotations and decide which, if any, to move forward with. It was greed that an amount of £300 would be spent on a new tree. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Crayston	Cllr Mattack to look into this further

174/25	<p>Website – discuss IT Working Party’s findings. The Working Party carried out some housekeeping on the website and found out of date information and other errors. It was discussed that the website is now dated and could be more user friendly. It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain a quotation to rebuild a new website or alternatively update the existing one.</p>	Clerk to discuss with Suffolk Cloud.								
175/25	<p>Finance and Accounts – March 2026 The accounts as previously circulated – schedule 012/25 were agreed for payment. Proposed by Cllr Summer and seconded by Cllr Wormell</p> <p><u>Schedule 012/25</u></p> <table data-bbox="384 667 1050 813"> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting</td> <td>£217.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&J Lighting</td> <td>£ 60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NPower</td> <td>£189.35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L Hills – March Salary</td> <td>£353.25</td> </tr> </table>	A&J Lighting	£217.50	A&J Lighting	£ 60.90	NPower	£189.35	L Hills – March Salary	£353.25	
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176/25	<p>Bank reconciliation – February 2026 Cllr Mattack approved and signed.</p>									
177/25	<p>Review of Policies – the following policy has been reviewed and agreed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT Policy 	Chair thanked Cllr Mattack for his work on this policy.								
178/25	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Highways Issues, Footpaths and tree warden – Pothole has been reported to Highways. Temporary repairs breakdown regularly. Mrs Mattack was thanked for her help with the litter picking. 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14th February – Wully Bully Band – very well attended Friday – Salmon Wellington 20th March – Fish & Chips 5th April – Easter Hunt 9th May Quiz Night Wednesday Coffee mornings would like to see more people. 3. Edward Marke Trust – Still some plots available. 4. Church Matters – No report 5. Grasscutting – Cut to be done soon 6. Neighbourhood Watch – Next meeting 20th April at 7.30pm 7. Finance Working Party – No report 8. Property Maintenance – Hole in playground flooring. Cllr Wormell to repair. 9. CALC – Next meeting is 5th March 10. Speedwatch – No recent Speedwatch carried out School Crossing Patrol position has been filled. Not sure of start date. 11. Parish Magazine – All deliveries have been done. May need to increase next issue to 32 pages. Clerk to add renewal to all invoices. 									

	12. RCCE Rural Exemption Scheme Working Party – No response from Hasto.	
	Date of next meeting – 13 th April 2026 at 7.30pm.	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

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