

## ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

Cllrs Present - Vicky Weavers  
James Lambert  
Alan Frost  
Malcolm Mattack  
Mike Summer  
Andrew Crayston

Also in attendance – CCC Cllr Powling, 13 members of public and Clerk

132/25	Apologies for absence – Cllr Palmer-Slatton, Cllr Aguda, ECC Cllr Bentley, CCC Cllr Parsons and Cllr Davidson	
133/25	Announcements – None	
134/25	<p>Public Questions: Resident raised a question regarding the land next to the Cricket Club. It was suggested that the Open Space Policy may reduce the likelihood of future development despite the land being within the Village Envelope. Cllr Powling said he would confirm with the Planners regarding the situation with private open spaces. Cllr Powling confirmed that any development over 150 houses would no longer be decided locally.</p> <p>Resident asked if the Parish Council would be opposing the View Park development and whether the Parish Council had seen plans. They were advised that it is just Call for Sites at present.</p> <p>Resident questioned how the current infrastructure will cope with the additional 50 homes and was advised that all residents should make their own response to the public consultation.</p> <p>Resident asked whether the View Park Public Right of Way would remain.</p> <p>The Chair extended this item by 10 minutes.</p>	
135/25	Declarations of Interest – Cllr Mattack declared a non-pecuniary interest in	
136/25	Reports from County and City Cllrs – The Chair read a report from ECC Cllr Bentley regarding 20's Plenty which explained	

	<p>that a public consultation would need to be carried out to get the views of residents who would be specifically affected. However, Cllr Mattack pointed out a public consultation in the form of a petition had already been compiled and was formally presented to Cllr Bentley in July 2024. And he went on to say Cllr Bentley had subsequently indicated he had retained the petition and was personally pursuing the matter. Cllr Mattack feels this raises the question as to why the need for further consultation is being suggested when the community's views have already been formally submitted and acknowledged by Cllr Bentley himself.</p> <p>Cllr Powling reiterated that the 50 houses would go ahead and recommended that all responses to the public consultation need to refer to policy to potentially steer the type of housing agree</p>	Clerk to confirm.
137/25	<p>Minutes of Council Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting as previously circulated were agreed as a true record with the following amendment. 116/25 non-pecuniary interest in 123/25 Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Crayston.</p>	
138/25	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Planning decision 252183. The response drafted by Cllr Crayston was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Wormell. The Chair thanked Cllr Crayston for his work</li> <li>2. Local Plan Consultation response. The Chair gave a summary of the proposed Parish Council response. Amendments to be made to the draft as discussed and then circulated for agreement by all Cllrs before the deadline for submission.</li> <li>3. Petanque Court Footpath – it was agreed to add this to the S106 wish list.</li> </ol>	Cllr Weavers to amend and circulate.
139/25	<p>Correspondence</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Denbury Homes Development Street Naming – decide who is to contact relatives as required.</li> <li>2. Precept update. Clerk confirmed that the City Council grants had been confirmed at £864.</li> </ol>	Clerk to contact relatives.
140/25	<p>Planning Applications and decisions received.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 252676 – Graylands, Peldon Road, Abberton, CO5 7PB – outdoor carport structure built by treated timber to a standard size requirement. No Objection.</li> </ol>	
141/25	<p>S106 Wish List. A list of projects the Parish Council feel could be funded by S106 Money was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Summer and seconded by Cllr Crayston</p>	Clerk to submit list
142/25	<p>Finance and Accounts – January 2026</p>	

	<p>The accounts as previously circulated – schedule 010/25 were agreed for payment. Proposed by Cllr Frost and seconded by Cllr Crayston</p> <p><u>Schedule 010/25</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Charity of Edward Marke</td> <td>£ 75.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&amp;J Lighting</td> <td>£ 60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Knight</td> <td>£ 75.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Suffolk Cloud</td> <td>£180.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Knight</td> <td>£ 50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Suffolk Cloud</td> <td>£120.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>T Johnstone</td> <td>£ 19.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>V Weavers</td> <td>£149.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L Hills – January Salary</td> <td>£353.25</td> </tr> </table>	Charity of Edward Marke	£ 75.00	A&J Lighting	£ 60.90	J Knight	£ 75.00	Suffolk Cloud	£180.00	J Knight	£ 50.00	Suffolk Cloud	£120.00	T Johnstone	£ 19.50	V Weavers	£149.00	L Hills – January Salary	£353.25	
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143/25	<p>Bank reconciliation – December 2025</p> <p>Cllr Mattack approved and signed.</p>																			
144/25	<p>Review of Policies: Review of Policies – the following policies have been reviewed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Financial Regulations Policy – amendments were agreed.</li> <li>• IT Policy – not circulated</li> </ul>	<p>Cllr Mattack to amend and circulate.</p> <p>Clerk to add to February agenda</p>																		
145/25	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Highways Issues, Footpaths and tree warden – All ok</li> <li>2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – Santa visit was a great success. Lots of children</li> <li>3. Edward Marke Trust – Allotments are looking good. Still some plots remaining.</li> <li>4. Church Matters – Church requires scaffolding to support the extension</li> <li>5. Grasscutting – No cuts scheduled</li> <li>6. Neighbourhood Watch – No report</li> <li>7. Finance Working Party – No report</li> <li>8. Property Maintenance – No report</li> <li>9. CALC – No report</li> <li>10. Speedwatch – No report</li> <li>11. Parish Magazine – Deadline for next edition 3 February 2026</li> <li>12. RCCE Rural Exemption Scheme Working Party – No report.</li> </ol>																			
	Date of next meeting – 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2026 at 7.30pm.																			

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9pm