ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 5th October2026

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 5th October 2026 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe.

Cllrs Present - Vicky Weavers
James Lambert
Alan Frost
Steve Wormell
Andrew Crayson
Malcolm Mattack
Alex Miller
Jeff Moye

Also in attendance – 3 members of public and ECC Cllr Perera.

083/26	Apologies for absence – Apologies were received from CCC Cllrs Parsons & Powling. Apologies were received from the RFO/Clerk. Cllr Moye was appointed by the Council to take the minutes for this meeting.	
084/26	Announcements – None	
085/26	Public Questions – A resident reported a damaged speed limit sign on Mersea Rd.	Cllr Mattack to report
086/26	Declarations of Interest – None	
087/26	Reports from County and City Cllrs – ECC Perera introduced himself and outlined his key areas of concern: • Level of local policing available in comparison to other areas, • School transport, • Lack of GP's locally. Anyone struggling to find a GP should contact the ICB (Integrated Care Board) who are required to make one available. Cllr Perera is happy to be contacted by anyone who needs to contact the ICB. Cllr Perera said a planning application has been submitted for additional parking spaces at Langenhoe Primary School, which was a condition of the Denby Homes planning permission. He will look into the deadlines for this application. Several road safety concerns were mentioned, including speeding (especially in Layer Rd), a zebra crossing on Mersea Rd near the school, and cameras for the school crossing patrol.	Clerk to write to Cllr Perera regarding school crossing patrol cameras which have not yet been delivered.
088/26	Minutes of the Full Council Meeting – 7th September 2026 - the minutes of the meetings as previously circulated were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and Seconded by Cllr Lambert.	
089/26	Matters arising from previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda:	

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	1. Application for the Enovert Community Trust Grant. Cllr Mattack confirms the application has been started	Cllr Mattack to complete
090/26	Planning Applications – 1. 261704 – Church Fm, Rectory Ln – Domestic Solar Array. No objections raised by ALPC.	
091/26	Playground Flooring – Quotes have been obtained from three suppliers for complete removal and renewal of the surface (approx. £33,500 - £49,000 +vat) and professional repair of the damaged areas (approx. £5,600 - £7,900 + vat). Council considered the life expectancy of the play equipment. Cllr Lambert proposed the repair option from Sports and Playground Services UK, seconded by Cllr Mattack. Agreed by unanimous vote.	
092/26	Response to the Consultation on Colchester Submission Draft Local Plan Regulation 19 of the Town and Country (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 – Policy PP25 – View Park Cllr Weavers reported that many of the Council's previous objections to the proposed View Park development have now been incorporated into PP25, with the exception of the failure to secure safe and continuous pedestrian connectivity with the rest of the village pavements. A draft response was considered by council. Adoption was proposed by Cllr Mattack, seconded by Cllr Moye. Agreed by unanimous vote.	
093/26	Arrangements for Remembrance Sunday – Cllr Weavers has contacted the school. Cllr Wormell confirms the Church will order the wreath.	Cllr Wormell to check with Pepeta for availability.
094/26	Finance and Accounts – October 2026 The accounts as previously circulated – schedule 07/26 were agreed for payment. Proposed by Cllr Wormell and Seconded by Cllr Frost. <u>Schedule 07/26</u> A&J Lighting £60.90 Thinksay Creative Comms £538.89 L Hills – October Salary £373.63 L Hills – Back Pay (Apr-Sept) £69.12	
095/26	Bank reconciliation – July and August 2026 Cllr Mattack approved and signed.	
096/26	Representatives Reports 1. Highways Issues, Footpaths and tree warden – Footpaths have not been cut. Meadow Wy / Peldon Rd is impassable. ECC say repair of cracked footpaths is a low priority. 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association Bingo on Sunday was well-attended. Curry Night was held on Friday. Upcoming events: 7th October – Coffee Morning 10am -midday. Guest speaker from Nat West Bank on Scams and Fraud. 9 October – 70s / 80s disco – tickets available online. 25 October - Bingo 31 October - Quiz Night 13th November – IRIE J – Classic soul, reggae and original songs Cllr Frost reports the locks to the hall have now been changed	Cllr Mattack to contact Cllr Parera via Clerk re access to Meadow Wy / Peldon Rd and Mersea Rd school crossing visibility splay

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	3. Edward Marke Trust – Some more plots have been let. 4. Church Matters – Scaffolding has now been arranged. 5. Grass cutting – Grass hasn't been cut, but 1 hedge has. Costs are going up for the first time in 10 years. 6. Finance Working Party – No report 7. Property Maintenance – The bench on Edward Marks Piece needs to be re-laid 8. CALC – No invitations to attend have been received by Cllrs. 9. Speedwatch – Three 1-hour checks conducted: Mersea Rd – 40 vehicles in excess of 35mph Peldon Rd – 4 vehicles in excess of 35mph Mersea Rd – 39 vehicles in excess of 35mph Highest speed recorded was 50mph. 10. Parish Magazine – After some delays due to holidays, the magazine has now been printed and distributed. Cllr Lambert made a request for appropriate photographs for the front cover of the winter issue. 11. RCCE Rural Exemption Scheme Working Party – No report 12. IT Working Party – No report	Cllr Weavers to contact CALC to check they have the correct contact details.
	Date of next meeting – Monday 2nd November 2026 at 07:30pm	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.40pm

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