ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 6th July 2026

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 6th July 2026 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe.

Cllrs Present - Vicky Weavers
Alan Frost
Steve Wormell
Malcolm Mattck
James Lambert
Andrew Crayston

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

055/26	Apologies for absence – None	
056/26	Announcements – Barbara Janes passed away. Long term resident of Langenhoe who helped with the village hall.	
057/26	Public Questions: A resident has spoken with the local primary school regarding the littering issue and lack of respect for the playground. A resident thanked the Parish Council for their work. They questioned whether there were plans for bike ramps in Markes Wood as they believed it may have an environmental impact.	
058/26	Declarations of Interest – None	
059/26	Reports from County and City Cllrs – CCC Cllr Powling confirmed that he is the Chair of the Environmental Sustainability Panel that will be concentrating on rivers and water supply resilience. He confirmed that all recycling except glass can now go in the same sacks. 24/08/26 – Mersea Skate Camp – open to all local children. CCC Cllr Parsons confirmed that the Water Authority has a legal obligation to provide water/sewage to houses once they are built. Fingringhoe Water plant has capacity for an extra 120 houses at present. In mid-February, the Governments House Building target kicked in – 1300 houses per year for the next 5 years. He said that there is a tilted balance regarding planning in favour of the developers. If CCC refuses an application it is likely that the planning	

	inspector will overturn the decision and if too many decisions are overturned, the Government will take the power away. Consultation periods for Local Plan: Regulation 18 – changes may be made. Regulation 19 Consultation September/October 2026- not much is likely to change.	
060/26	Minutes of the Full Council Meeting – 8th June 2026 - the minutes of the meetings as previously circulated were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Frost.	
061/26	Matters arising from previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda: 1. To approve the proposal for 2 replacement streetlights on existing pole – Denbury Homes, Peldon Road. All agreed	
062/26	Finance and Accounts – July 2026 The accounts as previously circulated – schedule 04/26 were agreed for payment. Proposed by Cllr Wormell and seconded by Cllr Lambert <u>Schedule 04/26</u> Colchester City Council – Election Fee £148.00 A&J Lighting £ 60.90 J Knight £100.00 J Knight £ 50.00 L Hills – June Salary £356.95 HMRC – June Tax £ .80	
063/26	Bank reconciliation – June 2026 Cllr Mattack approved and signed.	
064/26	To discuss and agree what action, if any, is to be taken in regards to the reported felling of the Oak tree on Markes Piece. To formally report and update all relevant incidents with Essex Police, ensuring that the felling of the Oak tree is recorded as criminal damage. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and Seconded by Cllr Wormell. All agreed Request, collect and preserve all available evidence including photographs, dates and precise locations. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and Seconded by Cllr Wormell. All agreed To prepare a short public statement asking residents to remain vigilant and report any information to Essex Police and ALPC. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and Seconded by Cllr Crayston. All agreed	Clerk to report to Essex Police Cllr Mattack to draft a generic statement
065/26	To receive applications for the vacant Parish Councillor positions. Currently there are 3 vacancies that the council may co-opt and 2 applications were received from Jeff Moye and Alex Miller who were invited to explain to the members why they wished to join the Parish Council and what particular interests and skills they could bring.	Later in the meeting Cllrs to decide on co-option of new members.

	Chair thanked the applicants.	
066/26	Agree the following policies reviewed and circulated by the Clerk: 1. Financial Regulations Policy 2. Standing Orders Proposed by Cllr Lambert and Seconded by Cllr Mattack	
067/26	To consider and approve Ear Marked Reserves recommended by FWP. Proposed by Cllr Frost and Seconded by Cllr Wormell. Approved	
068/26	Representatives Reports 1. Highways Issues, Footpaths and tree warden – As discussed earlier re Markes Piece. Cllr Wormell has cleared by the school crossing. 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – 20th June – Fun Day. Very busy. Cllr Frost thanked everyone that helped Bingo – well attended. The next bingo night will be a Sunday. 1st Friday - Pie dinner for 46 people. Cllr frost thanked Cllr Wormell for the new storage container. 3. Edward Marke Trust – Cllr Wormell has cut the hedge. 4. Church Matters – Preliminary application to English Heritage for £500,000 for more scaffolding 5. Grasscutting – Abberton Green needs a cut. Cllr Frost thanked Mrs Creamer for her work on the pots and the watering. Cllr Frost thanked Cllr Wormell for putting the bollards back. 6. Finance Working Party – Met 23 June to discuss Earmarked Reserves. 7. Property Maintenance – Cllr Mattack thanked Mrs Mattack for her help with the clean up 8. CALC – Next meeting in September 9. Speedwatch – No CSW currently 10. Parish Magazine – 1 August deadline. 11. RCCE Rural Exemption Scheme Working Party – No report 12. IT Working Party – No report.	
	In accordance with The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Sec (2), the meeting was closed to allow members to discuss a confidential item	
069/26	To consider applications to join the Council It was unanimously agreed to invite Jeff Moye and Alex Miller to join the Parish Council. Acceptances of Office were signed and Clerk provided necessary information.	
	Date of next meeting – 7th September 2026 at 7.30pm.	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm