ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 7th September 2026

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 7th September 2026 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe.

Cllrs Present - James Lambert
Alan Frost
Steve Wormell
Malcolm Mattck
Alex Miller
Jeff Moye

Also in attendance – 4 members of public, CCC Powling and Clerk

070/26	Apologies for absence – Apologies were received from Cllr Weavers and Cllr Crayston. Reasons for absence accepted. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and Seconded by Cllr Frost.	
071/26	Announcements – None	
072/26	Public Questions: A resident questioned when the black bins would be delivered and CCC Cllr Powling confirmed it would be between October 2026 and early 2027. It is still permitted to use sacks inside the black bine	
073/26	Declarations of Interest – None	
074/26	Reports from County and City Cllrs – CCC Cllr Powling confirmed that the Local Government Reform had been halted and that Colchester City Council will remain the same and will not be part of a Unitary Government. Cllr Powling confirmed the deadline for comments responding to the Consultation on the Colchester Submission Draft Local Plan being 13 October 2026. Cllr Powling is meeting with Anglia Water regarding fresh and waste water.	
075/26	Minutes of the Full Council Meeting – 6th July 2026 - the minutes of the meetings as previously circulated were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Frost.	
076/26	Matters arising from previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda:	

	1. Preparation of a short public statement asking residents to remain vigilant and report any information to Essex Police and ALPC. 2. New Councillor Training – it was agreed that the new Cllrs would attend training. 3. Discuss ordering and installation of the memorial bench for Mick Hurrell. It was agreed that ALPC would purchase and install the bench and be reimbursed for the costs of the purchase. Proposed by Cllr Mattack and seconded by Cllr Lambert	Cllr Mattack to circulate Clerk to contact resident with the decision.
077/26	Finance and Accounts – August 2026 The accounts as previously circulated – schedule 05/26 were agreed for payment. Proposed by Cllr Moye and seconded by Cllr Miller <u>Schedule 05/26</u> NPower £ 75.72 L Hills – August Salary £356.95 HMRC – August Tax £ .80 September 2026 The accounts as previously circulated – schedule 06/26 were agreed for payment. Proposed by Cllr Moye and seconded by Cllr Miller <u>Schedule 06/26</u> NPower £ 93.32 A&J Lighting £ 60.90 A&J Lighting £ 60.90 J Knight £ 50.00 L Hills – September Salary £356.95 HMRC – September Tax £ .80	
078/26	Bank reconciliation – July and August 2026 Cllr Mattack approved and signed.	
079/26	To discuss and agree what action, if any, is to be taken in regarding the complete replacement of the damaged rubber safety surface in the play area and simultaneous replacement of specific items of play equipment flagged in the most recent annual playground inspection. Cllr Mattack. It was agreed to apply for the Enovert Community Trust Grant. Application needs to be submitted by 4 December 2026.	Cllr Mattack to draft application.
080/26	To discuss and agree how to respond to the Consultation on Colchester Submission Draft Local Plan Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 – it was agreed that all comments should be passed to Cllr Weavers by Friday 18 September 2026, cc-ing Cllr Crayston to allow her to draft a response to be agreed at the next Full Council meeting.	Later in the meeting Cllrs to decide on co-option of new members.
081/26	To note NJC pay scale increase with effect from 1 April 2026 from £14.35ph to £14.83ph. Noted	

082/26	Representatives Reports 1. Highways Issues, Footpaths and tree warden – Scheduled cut has not been done 2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – 18 August – Film Night. Well attended. 30 August – Bingo. 4 September - 1st Friday - Chicken Pie dinner £14 for 40 covers 9 October – 70s / 0s disco – tickets available online. Cllr Frost thanked Cllr Wormell for the new storage container. 3. Edward Marke Trust – Few new clients. Clear up on Sunday with a BBQ 4. Church Matters – Scaffolding still not sorted. Cllr Wormell will speak with Pepeta regarding Remembrance Sunday. Cllr Weavers will liaise with the primary school. 5. Grasscutting – No recent cuts 6. Finance Working Party – No report 7. Property Maintenance – as per earlier report re playground 8. CALC – No report 9. Speedwatch – CSW session on Wednesday 9 September AM 10. Parish Magazine – Draft has been sent to printer. 11. RCCE Rural Exemption Scheme Working Party – No report 12. IT Working Party – Cllr Moye to join.	Clerk to check with CCC when this ill be done
	Date of next meeting – Monday 5th October 2026 at 7.30pm.	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.20pm