

## ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING – 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe.

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

Also in attendance – 3 members of public and Clerk

030/26	Apologies for absence – CCC Cllr Davidson, CCC Cllr Parsons	
031/26	Announcements – None	
032/26	Public Questions: The Village Hall Open Day was discussed and it was suggested that the Parish Council would have a table.	Cllr Weavers agreed to attend
032/26	Declarations of Interest – None	
033/26	Reports from County and City Cllrs – None	
034/26	Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting and Full Council Meeting – 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026 - the minutes of the meeting as previously circulated were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Wormell and seconded by Cllr Frost.	
035/26	Matters arising from previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda: 1. Tree for Queen’s Platinum Jubilee for Langenhoe Green – It was agreed that Margaret Palmer-Slatter be given the opportunity to choose the tree. 2. Essex Safer Speed Strategy Response – The Parish Council response to be posted to FaceBook and the Parish Council website	Cllr Mattack to arrange.  Cllr Forst to do Facebook Clerk to do website
036/26	Correspondence 1. The Essex County Council (Layer Road, Peldon Road and Rectory Lane Abberton) (30mph Speed Limit) Order 202* - to discuss and make any comments. Parish Council have no objections/comments	Clerk to clarify which roads.
037/26	Planning Applications and decisions received.	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>260658 – Maylock, Mersea Road, Langenhoe, CO5 7LH – Demolition of existing dwelling, construction of replacement dwelling – no objection</li> <li>260595 – Captains Field, Peldon Road, Abberton, CO5 7PB – Proposed porch to front elevation and orangery to the side elevation - no objection</li> </ol>																	
038/26	<p>Finance and Accounts – May 2026 The accounts as previously circulated – schedule 02/26 were agreed for payment. Proposed by Cllr Lambert and seconded by Cllr Wormell</p> <p><u>Schedule 02/26</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Anglia Inspection Services</td> <td>£165.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Zurich Municiple</td> <td>£714.16</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Knight</td> <td>£175.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&amp;J Lighting</td> <td>£ 60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NPower</td> <td>£ 96.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Stobart</td> <td>£260.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Waltons Tree Services</td> <td>£696.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L Hills – May Salary &amp; Back Pay</td> <td>£362.05</td> </tr> </table>	Anglia Inspection Services	£165.00	Zurich Municiple	£714.16	J Knight	£175.00	A&J Lighting	£ 60.90	NPower	£ 96.48	J Stobart	£260.00	Waltons Tree Services	£696.00	L Hills – May Salary & Back Pay	£362.05	
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039/26	<p>Bank reconciliation – March and April 2026 Cllr Mattack approved and signed.</p>																	
040/26	<p>Completion and Approval of Annual Audit.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To receive and agree the report of the Internal Auditor – Mrs Stobart’s report was accepted</li> <li>To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement –Section 1 – Proposed by Cllr Wormell, seconded by Cllr Frost</li> <li>To approve and sign the Annual Governance Statement – Section 2 – Proposed by Cllr Wormell, seconded by Cllr Frost</li> <li>To approve and sign the Certificate of Exemption - Proposed by Cllr Wormell, seconded by Cllr Frost</li> <li>To approve the commencement dates for the Exercise of Public Rights - Proposed by Cllr Wormell, seconded by Cllr Frost</li> </ol> <p>All agreed. Cllr Weavers and the Clerk signed the appropriate forms</p>																	
041/26	<p>Approve Clerl’s appraisal and salary increase – ton increase Clerk’s salary to SCP 10 - Approved</p>																	
042/26	<p>ECC letter regarding dead/dangerous trees on Markes Piece. 28 days notice given to deal with this matter. Clerk has had this work carried out as per Financial Regulation 5.18 at a cost of £696 inc VAT. Noted</p>																	
043/26	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highways Issues, Footpaths and tree warden – Fingringhoe Road and Abberton Road have been trimmed.</li> <li>Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – 9<sup>th</sup> May Quiz Night – very well attended with approximately 100 people Friday Ed’s Bar – Fish &amp; Chips Open Day - 17<sup>th</sup> May</li> </ol>																	

	<p>Bingo – 31<sup>st</sup> May  Fun Day – 20<sup>th</sup> June</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Edward Marke Trust – Lots of plots available</li> <li>4. Church Matters – church has invested in scaffolding</li> <li>5. Grasscutting – No report</li> <li>6. Finance Working Party – No report. To meet to discuss Earmarked Reserves.</li> <li>7. Property Maintenance – No report. Will look into App as discussed</li> <li>8. CALC – No report</li> <li>9. Speedwatch – will be more SW carried out during the good weather.</li> <li>10. Parish Magazine – the Summer edition has had to be increased to 32 pages at an increased cost of £538.89.</li> <li>11. RCCE Rural Exemption Scheme Working Party – No report</li> <li>12. IT Working Party – to obtain quotes for new website.</li> </ol>	
	<p>Date of next meeting – 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 7.30pm.</p>	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.49pm

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