

## ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

### COUNCIL MEETING – 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

A meeting of the Council took place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7.30pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

Cllrs Present - Vicky Weavers  
 Alan Frost  
 Steve Wormell  
 Andrew Crayston  
 Mike Summer

Also in attendance – CCC Cllr Davidson, CCC Cllr Powling, 7 members of public and Clerk

09/26	Apologies for absence – Cllr Lambert and Cllr Mattack	
010/26	Announcements – Michael Hurrell has passed away	
011/26	Public Questions: None	
012/26	Declarations of Interest – None	
013/26	<p>Reports from County and City Cllrs – CCC Cllr Davidson informed the meeting that the consultation for the Local Plan is now finished. 3 other sites have been nominated although extra land will not be included going forward, however developers are welcome to make application.</p> <p>ECC Cllr Bentley thanked everyone for their support over the past 17 years that he has been in office, citing his greatest victory being the erection of the small village hall sign.</p>	
014/26	Minutes of Full Council Meeting – 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2026 the minutes of the meeting as previously circulated were agreed as a true record. Proposed by Cllr Wormell and seconded by Cllr Crayston.	
015/26	<p>Matters arising from previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Playground Repairs – to consider and decide which, if any, to go forward with. It was agreed that Cllr Wormell would carry out intermediate repairs as it may be necessary to replace/update the gym mats, basketball court and play area. A request for £10,000 from the available s106 monies to be made.</li> </ol>	Cllr Wormell to arrange.
016/26	Correspondence	

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Essex Safer Speed Strategy – to discuss the public consultation and decide whether to provide feedback. It was agreed that the Parish Council would provide a response.</li> <li>2. All About Kids – Colchester Family Fest – Posters to be put on the notice boards. Agreed.</li> <li>3. Consultation on the Draft Pavement Licence Policy – Discuss and decide whether to provide feedback. It was agreed that no feedback will be provided.</li> </ol>	<p>Cllr Weavers to respond</p>																												
017/26	<p>Planning Applications and decisions received.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. 260475 – Bow View, Mersea Road, Abberton, CO5 7LE – Proposed erection of front porch, add render finish to front elevation and erection of cart lodge. No objection</li> <li>2. 260419 – Rifah, Layer Road, Abberton, CO5 7NH – Removal of existing rear conservatory and replacement with single storey rear extension. Proposed front porch. No objection</li> </ol>																													
018/26	<p>Marks Piece – Litter, damage and behaviour. A resident has brought to the attention of the Parish Council that there has been a significant increase in litter left at Marks Piece as well as some damage. Cllrs reported that the children had been spoken to and were very receptive. Cllr Weavers confirmed that the area was clear today.</p>																													
019/26	<p>20mph Speed Limit – Email from Essex Highways Liaison Team. ECC Cllr Bentley confirmed that he would personally respond to this. He confirmed that the Parish Council would not be expected to pay the full amount, just a contribution. He confirmed that he would ask his successor to look into special dispensation for 20mph limit.</p>																													
020/26	<p>Finance and Accounts – April 2026  The accounts as previously circulated – schedule 01/26 were agreed for payment. Proposed by Cllr Frost and seconded by Cllr Crayston</p> <p><u>Schedule 01/26</u></p> <table> <tr> <td>Thinksay Creative (paid)</td> <td>£217.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L Hills (stationary)</td> <td>£ 6.79</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L Hills (stationary)</td> <td>£ 42.91</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L Hills (stationary)</td> <td>£ 17.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ICO</td> <td>£ 52.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NPower</td> <td>£147.07</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Knight</td> <td>£125.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&amp;J Lighting</td> <td>£834.30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>A&amp;J Lighting</td> <td>£ 60.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>J Knight</td> <td>£ 50.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>EALC/NALC Fees</td> <td>£362.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NPower</td> <td>£131.01</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L Hills (home office use x 52 weeks)</td> <td>£520.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>L Hills – April Salary</td> <td>£353.25</td> </tr> </table>	Thinksay Creative (paid)	£217.50	L Hills (stationary)	£ 6.79	L Hills (stationary)	£ 42.91	L Hills (stationary)	£ 17.07	ICO	£ 52.00	NPower	£147.07	J Knight	£125.00	A&J Lighting	£834.30	A&J Lighting	£ 60.90	J Knight	£ 50.00	EALC/NALC Fees	£362.24	NPower	£131.01	L Hills (home office use x 52 weeks)	£520.00	L Hills – April Salary	£353.25	
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021/26	<p>Bank reconciliation – March 2026  To be approved at May meeting</p>																													

022/26	<p>Representatives Reports</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Highways Issues, Footpaths and tree warden – No report</li> <li>2. Abberton and Langenhoe Community Association – 9<sup>th</sup> May Quiz Night</li> <li>3. Edward Marke Trust – Still some plots available.</li> <li>4. Church Matters – No report</li> <li>5. Grasscutting – 2 cuts been done</li> <li>6. Neighbourhood Watch – No report</li> <li>7. Finance Working Party – No report</li> <li>8. Property Maintenance – Noted that the Youth Club shed may be too close to the Village Hall.</li> <li>9. CALC – No report</li> <li>10. Speedwatch – No recent Speedwatch carried out School Crossing Patrol Officer has been welcomed.</li> <li>11. Parish Magazine – Margaret is happy to work alongside Sarah Lambert for the summer edition as a handover.</li> <li>12. RCCE Rural Exemption Scheme Working Party – No report</li> </ol>	
	Date of next meeting – 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2026 at 7.30pm.	

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm