

ABBERTON AND LANGENHOE PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – 13th April 2026

The Annual Parish Meeting took place on Monday 13th April 2026 at 7pm, at the Village Hall, Edward Marke Drive, Langenhoe

Cllrs Present - Vicky Weavers – Chair

Andrew Crayston

Alan Frost

Steve Wormell

Mike Summer

Also in attendance – 14 members of public, CCC Cllr Davidson, CCC Cllr Powling and Clerk

001/26	Apologies for absence – Cllr Lambert and Cllr Mattack	
002/26	<p>Chairman's Report for 2025/26</p> <p>Cllr Weavers gave an account of the Parish Councils activities throughout the year.</p> <p>She thanked ECC Cllr Bentley for his commitment and support to the community during his long-standing service.</p> <p>Cllr Weavers noted Cllr Palmer-Slatter's resignation and her hard work in the many ways that she has served the community.</p> <p>Cllr Weavers thanked CCC Cllrs Davidson, Parsons and Powling for their support over the last year.</p> <p>Cllr Weavers wished Cllr Summers good luck on his move.</p>	
003/26	<p>Annual Reports from ECC/CCC Cllrs</p> <p>CCC Cllr Davidson confirmed that the school parking had been secured. He confirmed that there will now be 5 Unitary Authorities, ours being Tendring, Braintree and Colchester.</p> <p>He informed that there is to be a wheelie bin roll-out for general waste, recycling and garden waste.</p>	
004/26	<p>Report from Local Food Bank</p> <p>Sue King reported on the work of the Trussle Colchester Food Bank.</p> <p>20,468 people have been supported with 24% of those being under the age of 25 and 3% being over 75. The Food Bank provides emergency food and support for long term</p>	

	change. Each parcel provides enough food for 3 days, with families receiving 20kg of food and single persons receiving 12kg. Dietary requirements are accommodated if possible.	
005/26	<p>Report from Community Association Bookings</p> <p>Phil Creamer explained that the Village Hall is busier than ever with 8 or 9 regular hirers.</p> <p>Events include Coffee Morning, Film Night, Eds Bar and 1st Friday Nights. Entertainment Events are held which are well supported although there is room for growth. They are looking to start Bingo nights.</p> <p>Since Phil has taken over the bookings there has been a number of children's parties, adults parties and meetings.</p>	
006/26	<p>Report from Film Club</p> <p>Allen Martin explained that there had been difficulty obtaining the correct license but the Club now has a license to show any TV show or film.</p> <p>They obtained a new sound system and huge screen and films, which are chosen by members are streamed via Amazon Prime. Membership is £25 per year.</p> <p>They received grants from the Parish Council and The Community shop, both of £500.</p>	
007/26	<p>Report from Mudlarks Forest School Nursery</p> <p>No Report</p>	
008/26	<p>Public Questions</p> <p>Local children have asked via a resident if the Parish Council could look into bike ramps. The resident suggested this could be included in the use for S106 Money</p>	