

## ABBESS, BEAUCHAMP & BERNERS RODING PARISH COUNCIL

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### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Councillors are summoned to attend the Meeting of  
Abbess Beauchamp & Berners Roding Parish Council  
on Wednesday 26 March 2025 at 7.30pm at The Room in the Rodings  
for the purpose of transacting the following business.

*K Weare*

Clerk to the Council

20 March 2025

*The press and the public are invited to attend.*

### AGENDA

1. **Chair's Welcome**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Approval of Minutes**  
Cllrs to agree minutes of the meeting January 22 2025 as a correct record. The Chair will sign for the records.
4. **Declarations of interest in Agenda Items**
5. **Public Representation**
6. **Police Report**
7. **Essex County Council Report**
8. **District Council Report Rural East**
9. **Clerk's Report**

## **10. Highways**

### **1. Village Gateways**

Licenses update. Arrangements and budget to be put in place for installing them.

### **2. School Lane, Abbess**

Cllr Milligan

### **3. Berwick Lane**

Cllr Markey

### **4. Fyfield Speed Reduction Meeting**

Cllrs Stratton/Markey

### **5. Reports to ECC on defects**

New issues to report?

Several updates received to be collated by Clerk.

## **11. Planning**

### **1. New applications**

**EPF/0195/25 and LBC EPF/0209/25 8 Bonds Cottages.** Comments made.

### **2. EFDC Decisions made**

**EPF/0089/25 Well Cottage, Beauchamp.** Refused 11/3/25

**EPF/2320/24 4 Dacre Cottages.** Refused 28/1/25

**EPF/2438/24 Elms Farm.** Approved 24/1/25

### **3. Secretary of State Appeal Decisions**

EPF/0733/24 2 Frayes Chase appeal dismissed

## **12. Finances**

1. The Clerk reported the Lloyds bank transactions for the period to 28/2/25 at the APM. The balances at 20/3/25 £13,367.70 current £323.91 and savings £13,043.70) with no outstanding income or payments.-

2. The Berners Roding defibrillator pads expire in May. A set costs £60-£70 (net) and there appears to be no supply issues. The Clerk will purchase in April.

3. Cllrs to consider annual donations. Last year £340 each to Abbess and Beauchamp Churches and Essex & Herts Air Ambulance.

## **13. Verge Contract 2025**

The existing contractor is happy to tender for the 2025 season in the amount of £2,170 (2024 £1,797.68 with ECC payment £1,933.39).

Cllrs to discuss. Cllrs are reminded they are not required to accept the lowest tender. There is also the option to cancel the contract with ECC (? by 31/3/25).

**14. Feedback from Annual Parish Meeting March 5 2025**

Payment to caterers

**15. Delivery Rounds**

Cllr Parmenter has been liaising with the Clerk and Cllr Markey over discrepancies between the Electoral Role "VL" and Royal Mail Postcodes. In turn the Clerk has been liaising with EFDC and Royal Mail.

- Hunters Lodge next to Ash Tree Barn, Little Laver  
Royal Mail from *not yet built* to postcode file. Now on VL no electors.
- Choby Barn now Dillons Barn  
Royal Mail correct. EFDC have changed.
- Cobblers Pieces now Parkers Hall  
VL correct. Royal Mail 250228-002833 need application from resident.
- Fairlands Barn next to Fairlands  
Occupied but not on VL. Royal Mail no postcode.
- Forgotten Cottage  
No longer exists. Not on VL. Royal Mail exists
- Dalbeg CM5 0JJ  
Royal Mail list – could be a business rather than address. Not on VL. No trace.

Please advise the Clerk and Cllr Markey if your round is incorrect so that the number of print copies for each is about right.

**16. VE Day Event May 8 2025**

The Room in the Rodings is booked for the evening but not yet invoiced. ECC Cllr McIvor donation payment requested

- Time
- Music
- Food
- Invitations/ Invitations for non-residents
- Transport for residents
- Beacon

**17. Correspondence**

Freedom of Information request "Dangerous Wild Animals Act 1976". Clerk responded that Parish Councils are not licensing authority for this.

**18. Urgent items, information exchange and future agenda**

**19. Date of Next Meeting**

APCM Wednesday May 2025 (7, 14, 21, 28)

**20. CLOSE MEETING**