

ABBESS, BEAUCHAMP & BERNERS RODING PARISH COUNCIL

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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held at the Room in the Rodings, Beauchamp Roding
on Wednesday 8th March 2023 at 7.30 pm

MINUTES

Present: Parish Cllrs Bruce Stratton, Andrew Parmenter, Pip Lawrance,
David Mapes, Chris Markey, Ian Milligan and Tamsin Osborn.
County Cllr Jaymey Mclvor
District Cllr Raymond Balcombe

Miss Karen Weare – Parish Clerk

Speakers as below

Approximately 15 members of the public and invited guests

- 1. Chairman's Welcome**
Cllr Stratton welcomed everyone.
- 2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on March 2nd 2022**
Minutes agreed and signed by Cllr Stratton as a correct record.
- 3. Rural Engagement Team**
Three Police Officers attended to outline the Team's role in addition to their "normal" policing duties.

The main point to come out of the presentation was that a rural crime in progress was a 999. Members of the public were asked to report incidents to the police in the first instance before taking to Social Media. Police resources are calculated on reported crimes. It was important that all incidents are reported even after the event.

- 4. Chairman's Report**
Cllr Stratton (report attached).
- 5. Essex County Council Report**
Cllr Jaymey Mclvor (Ongar & Rural)
He explained the new funding available and process for dealing with potholes. Residents might notice emergency temporary repairs. Any permanent repairs which failed were the responsibility of Ringway Jacobs.

He answered questions from the floor and is available to deal with concerns from residents.

6. Epping Forest District Council Report

Cllr R Balcombe (High Ongar, Willingale and The Rodings.)

He answered queries about refuse collections, Council Tax and boundary changes.

7. Open Forum

1. Mr M Brill alerted those present to a litter pick “Womble” to be held on March 25th and 26th.

2. A resident present had contacted the Clerk about the sewage discharges from Thames Water Sewage Works in Abbess Roding. The Clerk had looked at the records and advised that a discharge was not necessarily of sewage. The latest incident was on February 15th for half an hour. The Clerk would monitor and concerns would be raised with Alex Burghart MP.

3. A resident (not present) had contacted the Clerk about the recent incident at the Berwick Lane/B184 junction at Nether Street. There was no possibility of speed reduction but improved signage might be an option.

8. Room in the Rodings (Village Hall) Report

Mr Robert Osborn thanked Mr Martin Ritchie and his Team for their continued support.

9. Churches Report

Cllr A Parmenter (report attached).

10. Parish Clerk’s Financial Report

Karen Weare (report attached).

11. Ride London 2023

Mr Chris Davey attended to outline the improvements made since last year’s event. His job was to publicise the road closures and to help businesses and residents plan. There will be less disruption this year as the Ladies Classique would not be going through.

Last year’s event benefitted over 430 charities and £1m was given to Active Essex.

He stayed on after the meeting to speak to anyone who needed assistance.

12. Meeting closed at 9.15pm after which refreshments were served.

Signed Chairman March 2024