

# ABBESS, BEAUCHAMP & BERNERS RODING PARISH COUNCIL

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## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Held at the Room in the Rodings, Beauchamp Roding  
on Wednesday 6th March 2024 at 7.30 pm

## MINUTES

Parish Councillors present

Bruce Stratton, David Mapes, Chris Markey, Ian Millgan, Andrew Parmenter, Pip Lawrence

District Cllr Ray Balcombe, invited speakers

Around 30 residents

### 1. Chairman's Welcome

Cllr Stratton welcomed those present.

### 2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on March 8th 2023

The meeting resolved to accept the minutes as a correct record.

### 3. Open Forum

- Excessive speeding on B184 by motorbikes and performance cars

There was unlikely to be a reduction in the speed limit. The Parish Council had been campaigning unsuccessfully for many years. The wheelie bin stickers and the Parish signs were something the Parish Council had been able to do. Ultimately Essex County Council Highways were responsible for speed limits and signage.

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- Potholes

The Parish Clerk reports road defects to ECC. More funds would be available from April. Residents could contact their ECC Cllr Jaymey McIvor or Cllr Tom Cunningham Highways Portfolio Holder.

- Womble

Mr Brill announce the litter pick so would be on March 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### 4. Parish Council Chairman's Report

Cllr Bruce Stratton.

### 5. Epping Forest District Council Report

Cllr Ray Balcombe (High Ongar, Willingale and The Rodings)

The Ward would be known Rural East and would be represented by 3 Cllrs.

He addressed issues raised by residents but many were the responsibility of ECC.

- 6. Parish Clerk's Financial Report**  
No questions arising on the figures to February 29<sup>th</sup> 2024.
- 7. Police**  
PCs Sam Smith and Joe from the Rural Engagement Team outlined their work and area covered. They assured the meeting that speed checks were carried out on the B184. PC Smith gave out her contact details. If a crime is in progress phone 999.
- 8. Ride London May 26<sup>th</sup>**  
Mr Christopher Davey spoke about improved stewarding and access. The road is expected to be closed between 5.00 and 13.30 with some access maintained and vehicle crossing points. Any access issues could be discussed with him after the meeting. There was an ongoing programme of survey and repair of potholes with better repairs this year. The litter picking after the event would also be improved
- 9. Church Report**  
Cllr Andrew Parmenter spoke about the churches in Abbess Roding and Beauchamp Roding. Vehicular access to Beauchamp Roding Church was under discussion with the landowner.
- 10. Village Hall Report**  
Mr Robert Osborn thanked Martin Ritchie for his continued support for local events held in the Room in the Rodings.
- 11. Meeting closed**

Minutes to be approved at the 2024 APM