

MINUTES

of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11th January 2023
at 8.00pm at the Room in the Rodings.

Present

Councillors B Stratton (Chairman)
 P Lawrence
 D Mapes
 C Markey
 I Milligan
 T Osborn
 A Parmenter

District Cllr R Balcombe

Parish Clerk Karen Weare

No members of the public

1/23 Chairman's Welcome

Cllr Stratton welcomed everyone to the first meeting of 2023.

2/23 Apologies for absence

None.

3/23 Approval of Minutes

Cllrs agreed minutes of the meeting October 12th 2022 as a correct record. The Chairman signed for the records.

4/23 Declarations of interest in Agenda Items

Cllr Markey pecuniary interest EPF/2227/22.

5/23 Public Representation

None.

6/23 District Council Report

Cllr Balcombe reported on the following items –

1. The Local Plan should be completed in February and would be in place for 10 years although it can be updated.
2. The London Mayor intends to extend the ULEZ (Ultra Low Emission Zone) to the M25 which would place Epping on the border.

3. The Boundary Changes were intended to make the system “fairer” but was not a money saving exercise. We would keep a Brentwood and Ongar MP. Epping Rural District would be represented by 3 Cllrs either as 3 separate wards or by an allocated Cllr.
4. Council Tax would increase by 5%.
5. Complaints about BIFFA (waste collection) could now be reported on the EFDC website using the chat box.
6. Ride London was confirmed as May 28th but road closures would be for a much shorter time. Clerk to invite Ride London representative to the APM.

7/23 County Council Report

None.

8/23 Clerk’s Report

- Thank you letter to calligrapher for work on Book of Condolence.
- Book of Condolence deposited at Essex Record Office. Letter of thanks received.
- VAT claim made.

9/23 Highways

1. Reported broken sign School Lane, Abbess Roding. Repaired very quickly.
2. Wooden posts installed Berners Roding. Cllr Stratton had spoken to the contractor who said that this was to indicate this was a special verge managed for wildlife. Cllrs concerns were that this was done without consultation; what effect would this have on the verge contractor and the posts made it difficult to cut the verge.

Clerk to look into this.

10/23 Heritage Finger Posts

Cllr Stratton will speak to contractor to get work finished and final invoice submitted.
Cllr Lawrance will prepare information sheet when work completed.

11/23 New Project

1. Signs on B184 at Hales Farm and Butt Hatch for Abbess Beauchamp & Berners Roding.
Clerk to get quote for signs – Abbess at Hales and Beachamp at Butt Hatch.
2. Signs for each village will be discussed at a later date.

12/23 Defibrillator

Funds received from Rodings Primary School. Location agreed with resident.
Clerk to draft contract and review quotes and purchase.

13/23 Cllrs Email Addresses

abbr-pc@gov.uk has been approved and allocated.
Clerk has address and will set up individual Cllr addresses.

14/23 Planning

Clerk comments that the EFDC email links are still erratic and updates are not always reflected on planning application. EALC local branch is addressing this

1. New applications
None.

2. Awaiting EFDC Decision

EPF/0744/22 Elms Farm Caravan 1, Berners Roding CM5 0TE

Variation to relocate 1 x mobile home following approval EPF/3022/20.

CLLrs commented that the time limit had expired and the caravan not moved to new position.

EPF/0168/20 Berwick Hall

Proposed demolition of outbuildings and construction of x 3 no. new detached dwellings with associated parking & an access road. To be called in and site visit requested as required by Cllr Balcombe.

EPF/2091/22 The Depot

Erection of 2 detached dwellings.

EPF/2227/22 Nether Street Farmhouse

Single storey front, rear and side extension.

3. EFDC Decisions

EPF/1098/20 Berwick Hall

Proposed demolition of outbuildings and construction of x 2 no. new detached dwellings with associated parking & an access road.

Withdrawn 23/11/22.

EPF/1130/22 Berwick Hall

Application for property to be listed.

Not to list 11/11/22. *Advised local listing under consideration.*

EPF/2138/22 The Barn House, School Lane, Birds Green

Detached oak framed cart lodge.

Refused 21/22/22

EPF/2079/22 The Depot, Anchor Lane

Renewal of application EPF/116/16 (granted with conditions)

Change of use B8 storage and distribution premises to a single dwelling house.

Approved with conditions 23/11/22.

EPF/2286/22 Longbarns Farmhouse

Roof mounted solar pv.

Refused 8/12/22.

4. Technical Decisions

EPF/0412/22 North Acre Barn

Approved 25/10/22

5. Appeals

EPF/0517/22 Springfields 9/12/22 APP/31535

15/23 Finances

1. The Clerk reports the Lloyds bank transactions from 1/10/22 to 31/12/22

Treasurers opening balance	514.73		
Income			
VAT	206.85		
RPS	1,897.18		
Transfer*	<u>2.69</u>	2,106.72	
Payments			
HMRC M7	22.60		
Clerk Oct salary	235.08		
J Kenney	1,178.10		
Cloud Next	191.98		
HMRC M8	26.60		
Clerk Nov salary	237.27		
HMRC M9	24.40		
Clerk Dec sal & Q3 exp	248.02	(2,164.05)	
Closing balance		457.40	
Online at 1/10/22	17,501.95		
Transfer	(2.69)		
Interest			
Oct .74			
Nov 1.82			
Dec 3.90		6.46	
Balance at 31/12/22	17,505.72	Total	£17,963.12

3. Clerk has written to Lloyds to give internet access to Cllrs Lawrance and Osborn.

16/23 Rural Affordable Housing

Cllrs discussed the Housing Needs Survey draft report and resolved not to continue with this. The response rate was low and the needs of the small number of residents who would qualify could be met from existing Social Housing Stock. This matter would not be re-visited for a minimum of 5 years.

Clerk to advise RCCE.

17/23 Annual Parish Meeting March 8th 2023 7.30pm

Speaker and refreshments (Miss Stratton) were discussed. Clerk to invite A/S Warren Shepherd and Ride London representative. Mr Osborne will report on the Room in the Rodings and Cllr Parmenter on the Churches.

Clerk to invite speakers and prepare flyers (reverse can be for Coronation Picnic).

18/23 King's Coronation Picnic May 7th 2023

Cllr Stratton to book live music. Cllr Osborn has booked bouncy castle on same terms as 2022. Cllr Parmenter confirmed churches will run BBQ. Invitations will be issued as before.

19/23 Budget and Precept

Cllrs reviewed the draft budget and resolved to demand a precept of £5,722

2. The Parish Council receives £1,734.83 form ECC for verge cutting. 2022 the payment to the contractor was still below this at £1,651.65 but the contract is due for renewal for 2023 and is likely to exceed the payment. Cllrs discussed whether to cancel the contact with ECC and hand back responsibility.

20/23 Information exchange/next agenda items

- Cllr Milligan raised the issue of the collapsed verge in School Lane, Abbess Roding. He will send photos for the Clerk to report to ECC.
- Cllr Lawance expressed concern at the continued flooding on B184 on bend below Room in the Rodings.
- Thankyou card received from office of King Charles for Parish Council's letter of condolence.
- Cllr Markey reported that there had been a number of oil and trailer thefts locally.
- Cllr Osborne had spoken to a resident who was concerned at the number of "sewage outfall events" from the Sewage Works in School Lane, Abbess.
Clerk will contact Thames Water for further information.

Note that all future meetings will start at 7.30 pm unless advised otherwise. Dates for 2023/2024 will be set at March meeting.

21/23 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

March 8th APM

March 22nd PC

22/23 CLOSED MEETING 10.00pm

..... Chairman March 2023