

# ABBESS, BEAUCHAMP & BERNERS RODING PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

Parish Council Meeting held at the Room in the Rodings  
on Wednesday 13th July 2016 at 8.00 pm.

Present

Councillors: Mr B Stratton (Chairman)  
Mr A Parmenter (Vice-Chairman)  
Mr R King  
Mr D Mapes  
Mr C Metson

Parish Clerk Karen Weare

No members of the public

### **67/16 Chairman's Welcome**

**68/16 Apologies for absence**  
Cllr I Milligan – holiday.

**69/16 Minutes of Last Meeting**  
Cllrs approved the minutes of meeting May 11th 2016 which duly were signed by Cllr Stratton.

**70/16 Declaration and Acceptance of Office**  
The Clerk has arranged for Cllr Milligan to sign.

**71/16 Declaration of interests**  
None.

**72/16 Public Representation**  
None.

**73/16 Clerk's Report**  
The clerk has updated the Risk Analysis.

#### **74/16 Planning and Enforcement**

1. New applications
  - a. EPF/1418/16 Spinney Cottage, Abbess – no comments
  - b. EPF/1584/16 Olives, Beauchamp – no comments
2. EFDC Decisions received
  - a. EPF/2601/15 Elms Farm, Berners - ongoing
  - b. EPF/0851/16 Victory Lodge, Berners - granted
  - c. EPF/0773/16 Bumble Bee Barn, Beauchamp – refused
  - d. EPF/0955/16 1 & 2 Rookwood Gate, Abbess – granted
  - e. EPF/1293/16 The Asses, Abbess – invalid
3. Cllrs to note but no comments required
  - a. EPF/1657/16 The Old Corn Barn, Beauchamp – landscaping plan
  - b. EPF/1699/16 Woodend Barn, Beauchamp – new windows/doors (listed building consent)
  - c. EPF/1682/16 Anderida, Abbess – discharge of conditions
  - d. EPF/1675/16 Appletree Barn, Abbess (listed building consent)
4. Planning Enforcement Notified – new complaint  
ENF/0320/16 caravan on land rear of Bond Cottages, Beauchamp

#### **75/16 Highways**

1. Previously reported – no update
  - a. 2457597 pothole near Berwick House
  - b. 2457822 drainage outside Post Office Cottages, Abbess Roding
  - c. 2457818 PROW obstruction at Little Laver House
2. Cllr Metson had prepared a written report on the “short term fix” of road repairs. He will send photos to the Clerk for referral to Highways.

#### **76/16 Broadband**

1. Les Worley had prepared a short report. The Superfast Essex Meeting was that evening.
2. Any complaints should be referred to Gigaclear Customer Services Team 01865 591139.
3. The Clerk had received complaints from a resident about verge damage and a contractor about damaged equipment.

#### **77/16 Horsecroft**

1. Cllr Parmenter confirmed there had been no further deterioration.
2. Cllrs considered the RoSPA report. The surface will be addressed. No other issues require immediate attention.
3. The Clerk reported that there had been no news from EFDC on the ownership of the land.
4. Clerk had received approval of Expression of Interest to CIF Response Fund. Application to be submitted.
5. Cllrs resolved to look into funding of up to £5,000 for a new item of play equipment.

#### **78/16 Defibrillators**

Cllr Stratton reported that there were no current funding schemes and each unit would cost around £1,000.

**79/16 Annual Photographic Competition**

Flyers prepared for distribution by Cllrs.

**80/16 Emergency Plan**

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**81/16 Finances**

1. The Clerk reports the Precept and LTSG £5,307 had been received.
2. Barclays have changed the forms the Clerk will prepare in advance of next meeting.
3. The Clerk was given authority to pay -

a. EFDC uncontested election costs	£134.50	cheque 547
b. J Kenney Services verge cutting	£765.60	cheque 548
c. Playsafety Limited RoSPA Inspection	£79.80	cheque 549
d. HMRC - PAYE tax M2-3	£40.00	cheque 550
e. K Weare - salary and expenses	£367.78	cheque 551
4. The Clerk has applied for a VAT refund for the quarter 1 April 2016 to 30 June 2016.
5. Cllrs were concerned at the frequency and aggressive tone of the EFDC reminders for payment of the election fee. Cllr Stratton will write to EFDC and Cllr McEwen.

**82/16 Grants**

Cllrs resolved not to make a grant to MAGPAS.

**83/16 General Discussion/Business for next meeting**

Cllrs asked the Clerk to write to Keith Daly of Essex Farms to thank him for arranging for the BT Kiosk to be repaired and painted.

**84/16 Date for next meeting**

12th October 2016.

Meeting closed 9.15

**Approved .....** Chairman  
12<sup>th</sup> October 2016