

## **MINUTES**

of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023  
at 7.30pm at the Room in the Rodings.

Present

Councillors     B Stratton (Chairman)  
                      P Lawrance (part meeting)  
                      D Mapes  
                      C Markey  
                      T Osborn  
                      A Parmenter

District Cllr     R Balcombe

Parish Clerk     Karen Weare

Acting Sargeant Warren Shepherd

No members of the public

### **23/23 Chairman's Welcome**

**24/23 Apologies for absence**  
Cllr I Milligan (ill health).

**25/23 Approval of Minutes**  
Cllrs agreed minutes of the meeting January 11th 2023 as a correct record. The Chairman signed for the records.

**26/23 Declarations of interest in Agenda Items**  
Cllr Markey pecuniary interest EPF/2227/22.  
Cllr Parmenter non-pecuniary interest in 43/23 1&2

**27/23 Public Representation**  
None.

**28/23 Police Rural Burglary Reduction Scheme**  
Warren Shepherd outlined the new initiative and how the Parish Council could support it. It was aimed at residents who had large amounts of plant and machinery rather than ordinary householders. EFDC would buy the security marking kits with signage. A targeted leaflet drop would offer the kits at between £20 and £28 which would mark up to 50 items. Awareness of the marking would reduce theft and assist recovery if the item was stolen. The Parish Council resolved to support the initiative.

### **29/23 District Council Report**

Cllr Balcombe reported on the following items –

1. Tina Cooper has been appointed Police District Commander (based at Loughton).
2. The Boundary Review was almost finalised and would be in place from 2024.
3. The rubbish collections seemed to have improved. There will be changes to the recycling.

### **30/23 Clerk's Report**

1. Special Roadside Verges at Berners Roding. No response from Saffron Walden Museum or Essex County Council.
2. Reported collapsed verges in School Lane, Abbess Roding 270762 and 270764. Reply from ECC reports “assessed and monitored by routine safety inspections” but does not say what.
3. Thames Water incidents. Replied to resident re exceptional discharges in October 2022. Now seems to be occasional. Will keep under review.
4. Willingale Clerk has details of our fingerpost project. Cllr Stratton attended their meeting.

### **31/23 Highways**

1. Cllr Milligan would like to arrange a meeting with Cllr McIvor re verges in School Lane, Abbess.
2. Work at Three Bridges to remove silt and prevent flooding has had little effect.
3. Cllrs resolved to ask for improved signage at the junction of B184 and Berwick Lane at Nether Street through LHP Scheme.

### **32/23 Heritage Finger Posts**

Cllr Stratton reported that a replacement letter “V” for sign in the centre of Abbess. The contractor will submit the final invoice very soon.

### **33/23 Village Signs**

Cllrs approved the Arien Design signs for Abbess and Beauchamp and asked for the quote to include Berners as Cllr McIvor had agreed to fund.

### **34/23 Defibrillator**

Abbess Church keen to have the defibrillator outside the churchyard. The Arch Deacon's permission is needed and he requires a map showing the route from the outside of the Vestry (electricity supply) to the final position. Cllr Markey can draw this. The Clerk had prepared a list of items for the contract for consideration by Cllr Parmenter.

### **35/23 Cllrs Email Addresses**

Clerk is having issues with set up.

### **36/23 Planning**

1. New applications

#### **EPF/0227/23 Berners Hall Farm**

February 2023 Replacement grain storage building.

No comments.

#### **EPF/0352 Meadow View**

March 2023 Various extensions and outbuildings.

Comments-over development of the site.

**EPF/0368/23 Elms Farm, Equine Livery Yard** under EPF/0818/09  
February 2023 Certificate of Lawful Development lunge pen  
No statutory requirement to consult.

2. Awaiting EFDC Decision

**EPF/2091/22 The Depot** (was EPF/1477/170)  
September 2022. Erection of 2 detached dwellings.

3. EFDC Decisions

**EPF/0168/20 Berwick Hall**

Proposed demolition of outbuildings and construction of x 3 no. new detached dwellings with associated parking & an access road.  
Decision 17/2/23 refused.

**EPF/2227/22 Nether Street Farmhouse**

Withdrawn January 2023.

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

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

5. Appeals

**EPF/0517/22 Springfields**

9/12/22 APP/31535

### 37/23 Finances

1. The Clerk reports the Lloyds bank transactions from 01/01/23 to 28/02/23

Treasurers opening balance	457.40	
Income		
Transfer in	500.00	
Payments		
ICO	35.00	
PAYE M9	26.60	
January pay	210.63	
PAYE M10	20.20	
Offsite Digital	43.47	
February pay	<u>201.80</u>	<u>537.70</u>
Closing balance	419.70	
Online at 01/01/23	17,505.72	
Transfer out	(500.00)	
Interest		
Jan	7.48	
Feb	8.81	<u>16.29</u>
Closing balance	17,022.01	Total £17,441.71

2. Replacement bank card received for Cllr Milligan.

**38/23 Annual Parish Meeting**

Low attendance but successful meeting.

Cllr Lawrance asked that the Police request for all incidents to be reported to go in Parish News.

Cllrs gave authority to pay Miss J Stratton £25.00 for refreshments.

**39/23 Verge Contract 2023**

Expected payment from ECC £1,734.83. Cllrs resolved to award tender to existing contractor but to ask if he could reduce price by excluding Berners Roding cuts which were done by Essex Farms.

**40/23 King's Coronation Picnic May 7<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Cllr Osborn had booked musician who will perform 3 x 45 minute sets £200.

Cllrs resolved to give Cllr Osborn a budget to purchase bunting.

Invitations were approved and Clerk will arrange for them to be printed and given to Cllrs for delivery. Send invitations to Cllr Balcombe and Mr Martin Ritchie.

**41/23 Annual Grants and Donations**

Cllrs resolved to make the following

1. Beauchamp Roding PCC £325
2. Abbess Roding PCC £325
3. Essex & Herts Air Ambulance £325

**42/23 Information exchange/next agenda items**

Cllr Mapes reported 2 serious potholes at the Two Swans and at the bridge opposite the fishery.

**43/23 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

May APCM 24<sup>th</sup>

July 19<sup>th</sup>

October 18<sup>th</sup>

January 2024 24<sup>th</sup>

March APM 6<sup>th</sup> and PCM 20<sup>th</sup>

Clerk to book Room in the Rodings

**44/23 CLOSED MEETING 9.40pm**

..... Chairman May 2023