

ABBESS BEAUCHAMP & BERNERS RODING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of the Parish Council Meeting held by Zoom on Wednesday 7th October at 8.00 pm.

Present virtually

Councillors: Mr B Stratton (Chairman)
Mr A Parmenter (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs P Lawrance
Mr C Markey
Mr C Metson
Mr I Milligan

Parish Clerk Karen Weare

No members of the public

E45/20 Chairman's Welcome

Cllr Stratton welcomed everyone to our first Zoom meeting.

E46/20 Apologies for absence

Cllr D Mapes – no access to Zoom

Note that the “six month rule” for unauthorised absences is suspended.

E47/20 Approval of Minutes

Cllrs had received and read the unapproved minutes prior to the meeting. Cllrs resolved to agree minutes of the meeting June 24th 2020 as a correct record. The Chairman will print and sign a copy for the records.

E48/20 Declaration of interest in Agenda Items

Cllr Markey declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 13 - donation to Friends of Roding School.

E49/20 Public Representation

None.

E50/20 Reports

1. Cllr Mrs M McEwen EFDC & ECC sent her apologies but was unable to connect though Zoom. The LHP speed reduction request had been approved but this approval would be withdrawn as it was conditional on there being a community transport pick up for a disabled person which was not the case. Clerk to advise Cllr McEwen of a further accident – motorcycle at Longbarns.

2. The Clerk had nothing in particular to report. The duplicate leaflet drops in Abbess Roding would be sent out to the relevant Cllrs.

E51/20 Annual Parish Meeting

Carry forward.

E52/20 Highways

1. Cllr Metson noted that signs at the Matching Green end of Anchor Lane were lying in the ditch. Clerk to report.

E53/20 Heritage Finger Posts

1. Cllr Stratton had been quoted £1,500 for the wood which was £250 per sign. Once the written quote was received the order would be placed and the work could go ahead.

2. Willingale PC were also undertaking a similar project.

E54/20 Berners Roding Kiosk and Defibrillator

1. BT has confirmed it will pay electricity for 7 years.

2. Cllr Markey has fitted the new signs but requires power to fit the glass panel. Cllr Stratton to ask neighbour.

E55/20 Planning

1. No new applications received

2. No decisions received.

E56/20 Grants and Donations

1. Cllrs resolved to make a one-off donation of £500 to the Friends of Rodings School for development of a calm/sensory garden.

2. Cllrs resolved to make a one-off donation of (up to) £500 to Dr Walkers School in Fyfield as the Parish was in its catchment area. Clerk to contact school.

These donations are made due to the exceptional circumstances of the pandemic. The Clerk confirmed funds were available.

E57/20 Finances

1. The Clerk reports the bank balances at August 17th 2020 total £20,206.12

b. Lloyds Treasurers £1,704.17

d. Lloyds Savings £18,501.95

2. Income received and payments made since April 1st 2020 (see attached)

E58/20 Correspondence

1. Burrs renamed Abbess Lodge

2. Relaunch of Highways Rangers. Clerk will send link to Cllrs on what Rangers can do. All Ranger requests must go through Clerk.

E59/20 Information exchange/next agenda items

1. Cllr Milligan reported that a dead branch from the black poplar had fallen. Clerk will report again. Cllr Milligan will attend site visit with inspector if possible.
2. Cllr Markey reported a 4x4 parked at Slades Hill at weekends to photograph the motorcyclists. It was felt that this encouraged antisocial riding but thought there was nothing the police could do.

E60/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

January 20th 2021 (Zoom)

An earlier meeting may be called if the need arises. The Parish Council is required to hold 4 meetings per annum.

Meeting closed 20.45

Signed Chairman