**ABBESS, BEAUCHAMP & BERNERS RODING PARISH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES**

of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 18th October 2023

at 7.30pm at the Room in the Rodings.

Present

Councillors B Stratton (Chairman)

P Lawrance

D Mapes

C Markey

I Milligan

A Parmenter

Parish Clerk Karen Weare

Cllr R Balcombe EFDC (part meeting)

No members of the public

## 96/23 Chairman’s Welcome

Cllr Stratton welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**97/23 Apologies for absence**

Cllr Osborn (unwell).

**98/23** **Approval of Minutes**

Cllrs agreed minutes of the meeting July 12th 2023 and August 9th 2023 (Planning) as a correct record. The Chairman signed for the records.

**99/23 Declarations of interest in Agenda Items**

None.

**100/23Public Representation**

None.

**101/23 District Council Report**

Cllr Balcombe reported,

1. Ride London in Essex would continue for 3 years. Chris Davey was available to deal with any access issues for residents during the road closures.
2. Details of the planning applications for Woodyhyde and Meadow View (see applications).
3. Consultation of the Recycling Centre booking system. The Parish Clerk had completed this.
4. He would address issues raise at this meeting with Cllr McIvor but recommended that the Clerk phones him.
5. Cllr Lee Scott has been replaced as Cabinet Member for Highways by Cllr Tom Cunningham.

**102/23** **Police Report**

PC Warren Shepherd sent a written report.

1. Operation Brazil was fully funded by EFDC and is now in place. This is security marking for businesses such as farms with large numbers of machinery and equipment.
2. The crime statistics for the quarter are shown below with those of concern to the community were hare coursing 1 and burglary 1,

2/5/23 - 1/8/23 same quarter 2022

Calls to police 15 12

Of which crimes recorded 4 7

**103/23 Clerk’s Report**

* Beauchamp Roding defib replaced by the Village Hall Trust with funds from a benefactor
* Pothole reported bottom of Poplars Hill 2859747

**104/23 Highways**

1. School Lane, Abbess Roding

Cllr Milligan reported that he had not been able to hold a site visit with Cllr McIvor.

2. Junction Berwick Lane/B184 Nether Street

Cllr Markey reported that the sign had not been cleaned and there were no improvements. Cllr Balcombe advised that the local Highways Pane were considering the Scheme including a speed survey.

1. The pothole at Birds Green had been marked and the water leak outside Elms Farm (opposite Victory House) had been fixed. Cllr Milligan reported a water leak in Abbess Roding, below Clare House. This should be reported to Affinity Water.
2. Cllr Markey proposed that the Parish Council buys wheelie bin stickers to slow traffic. This would be a mixture of generic “Speed Kills – Slow Down” and specific 30mph for properties in Abbess Roding within the speed restriction. The cost would be £249 for 250 stickers. Cllrs resolved to go ahead with this.

**105/23 Road Signs Project**

Cllr Balcombe suggested the Clerk contact Cllr McIvor again mentioning the Stamford Rivers Scheme and funding. The Clerk had been unable to find details of that scheme in the minutes.

Only two signs are required initially with one being a replacement for the one before Hales Farm.

**106/23 Abbess Roding Defibrillator**

1. Cllr Stratton reported that the defib was in place outside Abbess Roding Church and working.
2. The Clerk will register on The Circuit.
3. Cllrs expressed their thanks to Cllr Stratton for leading the project and agreed that a small token of appreciation would be purchased for Mr Metson, Mr Lander and the Essex Farms’ digger driver who generously gave up their time.
4. The Clark will send a thank you letter to them and to Rodings School for funding the project.
5. The Clerk will work out the final cost and any balance will be ring-fenced for future defibrillator costs.
6. Cllrs to investigate possibility of hands-on defibrillator training for residents.
7. Cllr Stratton also reported also reported that a pane of glass was broken in the Berners Roding phone box which housed the defibrillator. Cllr Markey has the details of the size and supplier of the glass.

**107/23 Abbess Noticeboard Improvements to area**

A resident had spoken to Cllr Osborn about the Parish Council tidying and improving the area. The issue is that the Parish Council does not own the land. Carry forward to January meeting.

**108/23Planning**

1**.** New applications

EPF/1704/23 Woodyhyde, Anchor Lane (resubmission of EPF/0734/23 refused).

Conversion of existing stable building to 1 no residential building.

Cllr Balcombe reported that this application would be called in and a Parish Councillor would be asked to attend the Planning meeting. He was advised that the application had been discussed in detail at the August meeting and Cllrs felt they did not have the expertise to comment on the plans.

**EPF/1725/23 Elms Farm Equine Livery Yard**

Construction of new muck clamp on site of former muck heap.

2. Open

**EPF/2091/22 The Depot, Anchor Lane**

Two dwellings.

**EPF/1400/23 The Old School House**

Annexe.

3. EFDC Decisions

**EPF/0352/ 23 Meadow View, Abbess Roding and EPF/1756/23**

Both refused. Cllrs noted that the Clerk had lengthy discussion about this application with the applicant. Cllr Balcombe advised that the refusal was likely to go to appeal.

**EPF/0734/23 Woodyhyde, Anchor Lane**

Refuse.

**EPF/0814/23 Meadow at Waples Mill**

Refuse.

**EPF/1651/23 Clare House, Abbess Roding**

Withdrawn no permission required.

**EPF/1784/23 and EPF/1785/23 LBC Nether Street Farmhouse**

Refuse.

**EPF/1756/23 Meadow View, Abbess Roding (resubmission of EPF/352/23)**

Refuse.

**EPF/1909/23 Badgers Brook, Abbess Roding**

Object recommend TPO now protected under Order TPO/EPF/15/23.

**EPF/0633/23 and EPF/634/23 Fairlands**

Approved with conditions.

**109/23Finances**

1. Transactions period 5/7/23 to 12/10/23 total closing balance £17,863.00.

Treasurers Opening Balance 1,187.18

Offsite Digital Refund 48.00

VAT refund 278.84

Transfers from BB Savings 2,500.00 2,785.03

4,014.02 PAYE M3 29.60

Clerk salary July 221.03

Insurance 337.78

PAYE M4 29.80

Clerk salary August 193.43

PAYE M5 27.60

London Hearts 1,489.20

Defib installation 183.74

Clerk salary & Q2 exp 237.03 (2,749.21

**1,264.81 see statement**

**BB Savings** 19,038.46

Interest

July 12.59

August 14.09

September 17.42

October 15.63 59.73

Less transfers to Treasurers 2,500.00

Closing balance 16,598.19 agrees statement

**110/23 Correspondence**

* New Cllr Training Bursary 75% from November 6th 2023 for Smaller Councils (to a maximum of £240 per Cllr per annum).
* BASICS Essex has requested a donation. Consider at March meeting.
* Free Do Not Knock stickers available for bulk order. The Clerk will order some for distribution.

**111/23 Information exchange/next agenda items**

* Notification of sensitive interests to go to EFDC Monitoring Officer.
* Cllr Lawrance commented that there seemed to be planes flying over Beauchamp Roding which was not on the flight path. Reports should be made on line to London Stansted Airport.

**112/23 DATE OF NEXT MEETING(s)**

Wednesday January 24th 2024.

**113/23** **MEETING CLOSED 9.25**