

ABBESS, BEAUCHAMP & BERNERS RODING PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Councillors Newsletter April 2020

1. Covid-19

1. I am receiving daily emails. Unless they contain new and relevant information I will not forward them to you.

2. The position with urgent decisions remains that they can be dealt with by email either by the Clerk with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman or with a majority.

3. The Parish Council has decided against setting up remote meetings. I suggest this is reviewed if the lockdown is not relaxed.

2. Accounts y/e 31/3/2020

The legislation has been amended.

1. I have completed all the paperwork and have sent it to the internal auditor.

2. The Parish Council is exempt from external audit. The exemption form has to be with PKF Littlejohn by 31 July 2020. This requires a "wet" signature.

3. Everything must be published between 30 September and 30 November.

4. The exercise of public rights must be set for 30 days on or before the first working day in September 2020.

5. The Parish Council will need to agree how they arrange a remote meeting, agenda and minutes to review the accounts before they go to the Chairman for signature. Again, I suggest we have a few weeks before this needs to be finalised.

3. Clerk's Report

I am continuing to work as normal.

Items dealt with

- Damaged drain cover Nethergate Street for Cllr Markey
- the insurance company have acknowledged receipt of the claim for the Berners kiosk.
- Sent the new Highways Devolution Project Pilot contract

4. Planning

New applications

EPF/061/20 North Acre Barn, Beauchamp Roding CM5 0NX

Grade II Listed Building Consent for a proposed conversion of an internal store area to a disabled facility bathroom. Technical application. Comments closed.

EPF/0812/20 Elms Farm, Berners Roding CM5 0TE

Change of Use from agricultural land to new grazing including sand based lunge pen measuring approximately 18 metres in width and 33 metres in length.

Comments by 18 May*.

*I have contacted EFDC Planning for advice on clarification of details pre comment. Advice is to contact case officer or include in comments. I suggest I alert her that we have concerns and these will be addressed in the comments.

EPF/0851/20 Oak Green Barn. Woodend Lane, CM5 ONU

Application to approval of details reserved by conditions etc. This is technical and comments are not usually made.

5. Grants and Donations

1. Cllrs have agreed and authorised a donation of £315 BACS to Abbess LCC.
2. The Clerk has emailed Simon Read for bank details to make the donation.
3. Cllrs to confirm whether they wish a donation to be made to Essex & Herts Air Ambulance.

5. Finances

1. The Clerk reports that the bank balances at 30 April 2020
 - b. Lloyds Treasurers £1,404.84
 - d. Lloyds Savings £13,500.00
2. Income received since the 1 April 2020 meeting –
Bank interest only
3. BACS payments authorised –
Abbess Roding LCC donation £315.00
EALC affiliation fee £161.14
4. Upcoming payments
K Weare April salary
HMRC PAYE
Internal Auditor

6. Clerk's Plans

Cllrs received unapproved minutes of the January 2020 meeting. I will email you to ask for your approval (or otherwise) so that these can be signed by the Chairman with the audit paperwork.

I will invoice ECC for the verge contract.

7. For Information

My old Epson printer, which I have been using for Parish work, is on the point of giving up. For the technically minded it works when it decides to recognise the ink. I think I will shortly be asking the Parish Council to fund (half) a new printer. My needs are simple but duplex would be great.

Karen Weare
Parish Clerk