

ABBESS, BEAUCHAMP & BERNERS RODING PARISH COUNCIL

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Parish Councillors Newsletter March 2020

While the Parish Council is unable to hold face to face meetings, I intend to issue a monthly newsletter to summarise what has been going on. This will also mean that we are up to date when normal service is resumed.

1. Covid-19

1. I am receiving numerous emails daily. I will continue to forward those that actually give new and relevant information.

2. Any urgent items can be dealt with by email either by the Clerk with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman or with a majority. A change in legislation is required but the Parish Council will avoid legal action if reasonable steps are taken.

3. PKF Littlejohn has published the 2019-2020 audit requirements on its website but all dates have been suspended. I intend to complete the paperwork ready for the next stage whatever and whenever that might be. A change in legislation is required.

2. Clerk's Report

I am continuing to work as normal. I have visited the archive (garage) and had a very satisfying clear out of out of date items. I am working through emails - archiving and deleting.

I have reported several issues

- 2660773 Anchor Lane – unsuitable for HGV sign knocked over
- 2660109 & 2660112 School Lane, Abbess – abandoned road signs
- 2660115 School Lane/B184 junction Beauchamp – chevron sign flattened

Other potholes reported to me are already shown on the ECC website. Thank you to my roving Cllrs for checking them out.

I have,

- asked the developer to remove the Corn Barn Mews advertising sign at School Lane, Abbess/junction B184
- submitted the insurance claim for the Berners kiosk and this had been acknowledged
- sent the Highways Devolution Project Pilot report
- claimed the VAT refund for the period to 31st March 2020

3. Planning

EFDC has a statutory duty to continue to deal with planning applications.

EPF/2228/19 1 Rectory Cottage, Beauchamp Roding
Part single storey, part two storey side/rear extension.
Grant permission.

EPF/2433/19 Bumblebee Barn, Woodend Lane
Application for approval of details reserved by condition 3 for EPF/1659/14 & EPF/2426/14.
Details approved.

EPF/2550/19 Field 4898, The Asses, Woodend Lane
Application for approval of details reserved by condition 2 on EPF/1293/16.
Details approved.

EPF/2825/19 Wood View, Abbess Road
Application for approval of details reserved conditions 5 & 18 for EPF/2579/18.
Details approved.

4. **Grants and Donations**

The following donations can be made by BACS if the amount is approved by the Parish Council. Note last year amount was £300 each. Budget £1,000.

1. Abbess Roding LCC
2. Essex & Herts Air Ambulance

5. **Finances**

1. The Clerk reports that the bank balances at March 31st 2020

- a. Barclays Community closed
- b. Lloyds Treasurers £1,404.84
- d. Lloyds Savings £13,500.00

2. Income received since the January meeting –
Bank interest only

3. BACS payments authorised -

a. Hill Farm Carpentry	finger posts	£1,050.00
b. Cipher Crystal Ltd	photo trophy	£ 45.02
c. Boots (C Markey)	photo prints	£ 11.64
d. J Stratton	APM catering	£ 25.00
e. Cash (K Weare)	photo prizes	£ 105.00
f. B Stratton	judge's voucher	£ 20.00
g. K Weare	salary and expenses	£ 674.31

The Clerk would like to thank Cllrs who have authorised payments.

4. I intend to set up monthly payment for my salary and HMRC PAYE. Adjustments and expenses will be claimed periodically.

6. **Clerk's Plans**

Essex Association of Local Councils affiliation fee due 1 April 2020

7. **For Information**

TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14(1)

Temporary Traffic Regulation Order of Abbess Road, Abbess Beauchamp and Berners Roding

Please click on the following link <https://one.network/?tm=116668130> to find details of the intended closure of Abbess Road, due to commence on 16th April 2020 for 3 days. The closure is required for the safety of the public and workforce while Affinity Water undertakes COMMUNICATION PIPE - INSTALL.