

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5 AUGUST 2014**

Present: Cllrs. Abbott, Prime, Wright, Clark and Turner.

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott.

Also present: Parish Clerk and 3 members of the public.

949. Remembrance.

All present stood and observed one minute's silence in remembrance of former Councillor and Chairman Sid Gurton.

950. To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Bills and Brailey.

951. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests relating to matters on this Agenda.

There were no disclosures at this meeting.

952. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 July 2014.

The minutes were **unanimously approved** and then signed by the Chairman.

953. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

The following matter was brought to the attention of Members:

- Proposed conversion of outbuildings including a residential annex at The Old Rectory, Rectory Lane.
- Sand and gravel extraction at Colemans Farm - see item 955 below.

954. Matters for Discussion:

i. 10 year warranty for VAS on Church Road.

Proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr Wright and unanimously agreed that, due to the high cost a 10 year warranty would not be entered into with Solagen.

ii. County Highway Maintenance.

- (a) The surface signage on Oak Road approaching the A12 close to Foxmead entrance/exit requires remarking in order to warn drivers of HGVs not to turn into Foxmead.
- (b) Works are currently being arranged to repair and reinstate the damaged post and signs in Rickstones Road, but this may take a few weeks due to consultations with local utility companies.

iii. General Maintenance.

- (a) **Members agreed** the purchase of flower bulbs - estimated cost £80.00.
- (b) Rivenhall received a Merit Award in the RCCE Best Kept Village Competition 2014.
- (c) Replacement dog bin required in Rickstones Road - **Next Agenda.**

955. Planning Matters:

New Applications:

14/00014/SCR: Screening Opinion Request - Land at North East Witham, off Forest Road, Rivenhall.

After detailed discussion, **Members agreed** the observations circulated by the Chairman with some additional points. The Clerk will forward these to BDC immediately after this meeting in order to comply with the time limitation given for comments. (Details on the PC website)

ESS/39/14/BTE: New sand & gravel quarry (with ancillary facilities) - Colemans Farm, Little Braxted Lane.

Members agreed that this was such a significantly important application that a special pre-meeting open session was required for its proper consideration. This special open session will be held prior to the Parish Council meeting on 2 September 2014 in The Henry Dixon Hall, commencing at 6.30pm. Representatives from Little Braxted PC will be invited to attend together with local residents who will receive individual notice of the pre-meeting open session.

Planning Results:

There were no planning results to report.

Planning Appeals:

There were no planning appeals to report.

956. Ongoing Planning Issues:i. Local Development Framework.

Nothing further to report.

ii. Rivenhall Airfield.

An Integrated Waste Management Facility Site Liaison Committee is being set up with local representatives. Cllr. Abbott is a member as an ECC Councillor and **members agreed** that Cllr. Wright should represent Rivenhall Parish.

iii. ECC Waste Development.

Nothing further to report.

iv. ECC Minerals Plan.

Adopted by ECC on 8 July 2014. See also item 955 above - ESS/39/14/BTE.

v. Braintree District Local Highways Panel:

The very latest information remains as follows:

Oak Road Railway Bridge widen footway and introduce priority working -

Previously fully **AGREED** and **FUNDED**. Was due for delivery by end of March 2014. **New date for delivery November 2014**. Cost £45,000. Late due to ongoing investigations as to where cables run and dialogue with farmers about width for agricultural machinery. Still being wrongly described in the LHP lists as signal controlled [ECC were advised post the April meeting that it is not and have been again]. New plans produced and circulated at meeting - may need final tweaks as safety audit to take place.

Oak Road one-way weight restriction towards the A12 junction -

Previously **AGREED** subject to surveys. Panel agreed at January meeting to put an additional £7,500 into detailed design. Main hold up is cost of signs on A12 and slowness of Highways Agency in responding. Good agreement of Panel members that the scheme needs to be delivered along with improvements to A12 junctions (Highways Agency future scheme).

New date for design delivery is now December 2014.

Rickstones Road widening, new drainage and kerbing - AGREED, FUNDED AND

DESIGN COMPLETE. Following site meeting with ECC Highways Cabinet Member, £75,000 central funds allocated so net cost to BLHP is reduced. Estimated total cost £130,772. **New delivery date February 2015.**

Church Road layby at church - Panel previously **AGREED** to commission design at cost of £1.5k. Estimated scheme cost £20k. **New date for design delivery is December 2014.**

Extend safety railing at Rivenhall School, Church Road - AGREED AND

FUNDED. 22m of new railing will be installed at a cost of £3,000. Delivery date not known as this was a verbal only item - it will be minuted though. Thanked officers for moving this scheme through so quickly.

Extend 30mph (or introduce 40mph buffer) northwards along Church Road

Rivenhall - Speed survey now completed (loops set at the War Memorial) and shows that the majority of drivers are exceeding the 30mph limit. ECC officers still think this isn't strong enough for them to recommend a 40mph buffer but are willing for the PC Chairman to attempt to get it through as an exception to policy - Chair of the LHP has agreed this action.

Possible 20mph restriction outside the School entrance. A letter in support of the petition submitted to ECC was sent to ECC Cllr. Bass (Cabinet Member for Highways &

Transportation). Cllr. Bass has since written to the Chairman (in his role as County Councillor) to announce that he has turned down the proposal.

New, clearer signage Church Road and Oak Road warning of low railway bridge and weight restriction ahead. AGREED AND FUNDED. Final drawings for new signs to be produced. Cost £4,500.

New scheme submitted and awaiting validation - 2 small areas of grasscrete in Oak Road near railway bridge to allow parking and protect verge from further damage.

957. Correspondence received since the date of this agenda.

- The final recommendations on the new electoral arrangements for BDC propose 49 councillors representing 6 single-member wards, 17 two-member wards and 3 three-member wards. Rivenhall Parish is still included with Silver End and Cressing but without being named. The Clerk has written to the LGBC to reiterate the request for Rivenhall to be named. This has received a negative response. The Clerk will contact both the local MP and the local representative in the House of Lords requesting that the inclusion of Rivenhall in the Ward name be debated prior to the confirmation of the order.
- BDC is undertaking a Polling District and Polling Place Review but there are no changes being considered for Rivenhall Parish.

958. Reports from PC Representatives.

There were no reports from PC representatives due at this meeting.

959. Finance matters:

To agree accounts for payment.

Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Prime and unanimously agreed that the following accounts be paid. Cheques were then drawn accordingly.

979	K. P. Taylor	£272.33	Salary/expenses July 2014.
980	A. Walsh	£279.00	Maintenance July 2014.

960. Information exchange and items for the next agenda.

- The Chairman has reported the accident at the A12/Oak Road junction on Sunday 27 July 2014 to the Highways Agency with a further request that the HA take action to make this junction safer.
- The NEPP indicate that the request for parking restrictions within the recycling site at Oak Road may be rejected. The Chairman has challenged this proposal.
- A check should be made to ensure that there is no mis-use of Tarecroft Wood during the school holiday period.

961. Dates of future meetings:

Tuesdays 2 September in The Henry Dixon Hall and 7 October in Rivenhall Village Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00hours.

Items for the September meeting to the Clerk by 22 August at the latest.

962. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.24 hours.

Signed: Date:

CHAIRMAN