

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2015**

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

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott.

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

1047. To receive apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

1048. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests relating to matters on this Agenda.

Cllr. Abbott declared non-pecuniary interests in all matters relating to ECC and the BDLHLP.

1049. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2015.

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

1050. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

The following matters were brought to the attention of Members:

- Horse droppings on the footpath along Rickstones Road.
- Potholes along Oak Road and the damaged bollards at the Oak Road junction with Henry Dixon Road - both reported to ECC Highways.
- Dilapidated road signs for Foxmead/Foxden - Chairman will report this to BDC.

1051. Matters for Discussion:

i. Councillor vacancy.

Following the resignation of Cllr. S. Brailey it was **unanimously agreed** that, upon the recommendation of the Clerk, the Council continue until the elections in May 2015 with the remaining 6 Councillors.

ii. Annual Report & Annual Parish Assembly agenda.

The Clerk's draft of the Annual Report was approved together with the proposed order of the agenda. It was **agreed** to invite representatives from the following to attend and give a brief presentation; Highways Agency, Essex Police, Braintree District Council and Rivenhall School.

iii. Parking issues at the recycling site, Oak Road.

The NEPP's assessment concluded that parking restrictions were not justified, however, a final decision was deferred to allow RPC to complete further monitoring over a 3 to 6 month period to substantiate a case.

It was **unanimously agreed** to look revisit this problem at the April meeting.

iv. County Highway Maintenance.

Rickstones Road is currently closed 24/7 while the work to continue to re-align the verge and drains.

Upon the completion of these works, Oak Road will then be closed for the re-alignment of the footway under the Railway Bridge.

The demolished/damaged bollards at the junction of Henry Dixon and Oak Roads have been again reported to ECC.

Rectifying the damage to the verges and street furniture at the junctions of Rickstones Road, Oak Road and Beech Road will have to be considered once the road closures for highway repairs have been lifted.

v. General Maintenance.

Overall general maintenance continues whenever possible. The Holm Oak has been planted on the Village Green and hedging has been planted along Oak Road. Litter is being deposited to the rear of the Village Hall and, as this may contain drug paraphernalia, the Clerk will report this to the local PCSO for investigation.

1052. Planning Matters:**New Applications:**

14/01617/FUL: Proposed holiday cabins and mega pods.

Land opposite Colemans Cottages, Little Braxted Lane, Rivenhall End.

Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Prime and by a vote of 3 for, 1 against and 1 abstention Members raised no objection relative to this application:

15/00066/FUL: Erection of two-storey side extension

318 Rickstones Road, Rivenhall.

Members raised no objections to this application.

Planning Results:

14/00590/FUL: Barn conversion - Ford Farm, Church Road, Rivenhall.

Application refused.

14/00030/COUPA: Change of use of agricultural building - Burghey Brook Farm, London Road, Rivenhall End.

Application withdrawn.

Planning Appeals:

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

1053. Ongoing Planning Issues:i. BDC Local Plan. BDC Scoping consultation.

It was **unanimously agreed** that this be placed on the agenda for the March meeting thereby giving Members an opportunity to scrutinise the BDC documentation.

ii. Rivenhall Airfield.

The Council's objections to Application ESS/55/14/BTE were forwarded to ECC on 19 January 2015.

The Chairman reported that it was most likely that further additional information would be forthcoming from the applicants.

iii. ECC Waste Development Plan.

There was nothing further to report at this meeting.

iv. ECC Minerals Plan. Colemans Farm Quarry Application.

Additional information has been received relative to the Colemans Farm Quarry application.

It was **agreed** that the Chairman draft and circulate a suitable reply to ECC.

v. Braintree District Local Highways Liaison Panel:

a. Rickstones Road drains and kerbing - **Work has commenced.**

b. Railway Bridge, Oak Road - ECC say that the works are **expected to commence Monday 2 March 2015.**

c. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road - Previously **AGREED** subject to surveys. The Chairman has requested a firm date for the implementation of this weight restriction from ECC. This will be considered again by the Panel at the March meeting.

d. Church Road layby at church - Panel previously **AGREED, FUNDED AND DESIGN COMPLETE.** Total cost £21,500. **Delivery due by end of March 2015.**

e. Extended 30mph zone northwards along Church Road - ECC Cllr. Bass (Cabinet Member for Highways & Transportation) has vetoed the 40mph buffer zone but Cllr. Abbott has lodged an appeal, which has been successful and resulted in acceptance of the extended 30mph by 100m, up to the farm entrance. It is also recommended by Cllr. Bass that a bid be submitted to the BDLHP for activated signs specific to schools.

The future use of the two existing VAS will be considered at the April PC meeting.

- f. Extended railings outside the School entrance - **Scheme now delivered.**
- g. Possible 20mph restriction outside the School entrance - Cllr. Bass has written to the Chairman (in his role as County Councillor) to announce that he has turned down the proposal. The Chairman will endeavour to have this revisited at a later date.
- h. Church Road/Oak Road highway signage - **AGREED AND FUNDED. Delivery date 02/04/2015.**
- i. Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - **AGREED AND FUNDED.**
- j. A12 in Braintree District - Survey the PRow truncated by the A12 and draw up a plan of action - New scheme submitted 31 December 2014.

1054. Correspondence received since the date of this agenda.

- i. BDC's proposed changes to the scheme of delegation for planning applications.
Members agreed that, under the recommendations, 6 weeks, not 21 days, should be given for a Councillor to make a request in writing to have the application made subject to consideration by the Planning Committee, so that this falls within the general cycle of Parish Council meetings.
Also that, allied with the above comment, that, subject to satisfactory planning reasons being given relative to genuine public interest and local environmental impact, Parish Councils should still be able to trigger an application going to the BDC Planning Committee as current.
- ii. Upkeep of War Memorial Garden
For consideration at the March meeting.
- iii. ECC Developer's Guide to Infrastructure Contributions (Section 106)
There is no action required by the PC at this time.

1055. Reports from PC Representatives.

Cllr. Prime reported that the next Passenger Transport meeting has been brought forward to the middle of March 2015.

Cllr. Bills reported that the RPPFA agreed to add a projector system to the sound system within the Village Hall, and that this will be made available for use by Hall users.

1056. Finance matters:

To agree accounts for payment.

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

1009	Mrs. Stephanie Bills	£108.86	Website hosting 2014/15
1010	K. P. Taylor	£316.90	Salary/expenses Jan. 2015.
1011	A. Walsh	£207.47	Maintenance Jan. 2015.

1057. Information exchange and items for the next agenda.

- There was a RTA at the junction with Rickstones Road and Oak Road.
- Motorcycles continue to be used in the fields north of Rickstones Road - the Police attended but the motorcyclists had by then disappeared.
- At some future date ECC Highways will be surface chipping Church Road, Oak Road and Park Road, all necessitating road closures in due course.

1058. Dates of future meetings:

Tuesdays 3 March and 7 April in The Henry Dixon Hall and Rivenhall Village Hall respectively, both commencing promptly at 20.00hours.

Items for the March meeting to the Clerk by 24 February at the latest.

1059. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30 hours.

Signed: Date:
CHAIRMAN