

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3 JUNE 2014.**

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

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott.

Also present: Parish Clerk and 1 member of the public.

923.. To receive apologies for absence.

There were no apologies, all Members present.

924.. Disclosure of pecuniary Interests relating to matters on this Agenda.

There were no disclosures at this meeting.

925.. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 May 2014.

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

926.. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

The following matters were brought to the attention of Members:

- The danger of speeding motor vehicles along Oak Road towards the junction with Rickstones Road now that the 30mph signs have been removed from the entrance to Rivenhall village. The Clerk will request ECC to undertake a speed survey along this stretch of road.
- There is a large litter deposit along the John Ray Walk - see item 927(vi)(f).

927.. Matters for Discussion:

- i. Parking restrictions at the Recycling Site, Oak Road.
Following confirmation from the North Essex Parking Partnership that the recycling area is considered to be part of the maintainable highway, it was **proposed by Cllr. Turner, seconded by Cllr. Clark** that the NEPP be requested to introduce a loading/unloading parking restriction of 30minutes fronting the recycling bins and extending for 2 van lengths beyond towards the phone box, leaving the remaining area free for general parking. **This was approved unanimously.** There is no provision in the PC 2014/2015 budget for any contribution toward the scheme.
- ii. Removal of Bottle Banks from The Fox, Rivenhall End.
These bottle banks will be closed from 20 June 2014. BDC are seeking possible alternative sites within Rivenhall End.
The Clerk will reply to BDC suggesting they approach The Henry Dixon Hall Charity re a possible site in the car park at the rear of The Henry Dixon Hall.
- iii. Superfast Broadband - Rivenhall cabinet launch.
This launch is due to take place at 11.30 hours on Thursday 12 June 2014, close to the cabinet located on Rivenhall Village Green.
Notices have been placed on the notice boards and on the PC website re this event.
- iv. Highways Agency - A12.
 - a) Surfacing: The latest from the Highways Agency is as follows. *"In March we undertook surface repairs on the A12 from Witham north, though Rivenhall to Kelvedon. The scheme included crack repairs and resurfacing to areas of poor road surface condition. At Rivenhall we repaired a raised joint near to the entrance to Whitelands, which I am aware from discussions with the resident was causing him some concern. We also undertook resurfacing in lane 1 at the Oak Road junction. The carriageway near Whitelands remains in a safe and serviceable condition; although I accept that visibly the surface appears to be in a poor condition and that ride quality could be improved. We are planning to*

undertake resurfacing work at the Kelvedon Bypass this financial year and I have asked the regional road renewals engineer to investigate when the carriageway by Whitelands will be a priority for resurfacing and to consider if it can be included with the Kelvedon resurfacing scheme. We are committed to improving road safety at the Oak Road junction. As you will appreciate, there is a need to prioritise resources at locations where there is a higher incidence of personal injury collisions. Due to the relatively low number of injury collisions at the Oak Road junction, this does mean that improvements here are a lower priority compared to other locations on our network. I am pleased to confirm that we have allocated monies to enable design work to be progressed this year, with delivery in a future year; however, if by chance additional funding is identified later this year, by undertaking design work now this may allow us to bring delivery forward."

The Chairman has replied appropriately expressing continued concerns.

- b) Accident at Oak Road on 17 May 2014: It was reported that a car had gone through the fence at No. 2 Oak Road damaging the resident's car. Essex Police attended this accident.
- v. County Highway maintenance.
 - a) Defective streetlights have been reported to ECC for attention.
 - b) The new bus stop at Church Road, near Ford Farm has been demolished together with part of the hardstanding and this has also been reported to ECC who say they will undertake a repair.
 - c) ECC has contracted BDC to cut the roadside verges twice this season - the Clerk will request cutting information from BDC giving particular attention to that area where pedestrians cross over Rickstones Road below Stoverns Hall Farm as visibility is very poor.
- vi. General Maintenance.
 - a) Some grass verge reinstatement has been completed and the ditch/drain inspected. The blocked condition of the ditch/drain has subsequently been re-reported to ECC for remedial action to be taken so that water does not flood across Oak Road.
 - b) The Maintenance Contractor has been asked to cut back the overgrown borders of the footway along Oak Road, the area to the rear of the Village hall and the raised part of Footpath No.1 along Rickstones Road, and to maintain the steps and slopes up to the A12 from Henry Dixon Road.
 - c) The Chairman is to contact The Rickstones Academy regarding their participation in the litter pick scheduled for 14 June 2014.

928.. Planning Matters:

New Applications:

There were no new applications to consider.

Planning Results:

14/00334/FUL: Erection of two-storey extension - 4 Foxden, Rivenhall End.

Application granted.

Planning Appeals:

There were no new appeals to consider.

929.. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. Local Development Framework.
The Chairman reported that apparently, due to the increased housing requirement now proposed for the Braintree District and Essex generally, the Local Plan is to be abandoned in favour of a complete new beginning. Despite this, **it was agreed** that BDC be requested to resubmit Kelvedon Park as unallocated and that applications be taken individually on their merits, as previously agreed.
- ii. Rivenhall Airfield.
A planning application has been submitted to ECC (ESS/24/14/BTE) re sites A3 and A4 and **it was agreed** that the notes presented to the meeting by the Chairman form the basis of a submission to ECC
- iii. ECC Waste Development.
Nothing further to report.
- iv. ECC Minerals Plan.
The Chairman met with Little Braxted parish Council at their request to discuss the latest planning considerations regarding the proposed quarry at Colemans Farm.
- v. Braintree District Local Highways Panel:
The next Panel meeting is scheduled for 19 June 2014, brought forward to agree schemes so that they can be delivered in this financial year.
There have been no changes regarding the following since the last PC meeting.
 - a. Rickstones Road drains and kerbing
 - b. Railway Bridge, Oak Road.
 - c. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road.
 - d. Church Road layby at church.
 - e. Extended 30mph limit along Church Road.
 - f. Extended railings outside the School entrance.
 - g. Possible 20mph restriction outside the School entrance. Identified for the next meeting.
 - h. Church Road/Oak Road highway signage.

930.. Correspondence received since the date of this agenda.

An invitation to attend the June 2014 meeting of the Braintree Parish Passenger Transport meeting has been received and Cllr. Prime agreed to attend. Certain local bus contracts are due to end in August 2014 and are under consideration for renewal or withdrawal, among them is service 383 from Rickstones Academy to Witham during schooldays. Cllr. Prime will request further information at the above meeting and will also raise again local concerns about bus company First not stopping at the Rivenhall End A12 bus stops..

931.. Reports from PC Representatives.

There were no reports to be brought to this meeting.

932.. Finance matters:To agree accounts for payment.

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

967	J. E. Abbott	£126.98	Soil & seed for verges
968	SLCC	£87.00	Subscription 2014/15

969	H. M. Revenue & Customs	£176.20	PAYE Apr/June 2014/15
970	RPFA	£30.00	Hall Hire
971	K. P. Taylor	£293.50	Salary/expenses May
972	A. Walsh	£347.00	Maintenance May

933.. Information exchange and items for the next agenda.

- Tarecroft Wood. A meeting has been arranged with an officer from ECC and information should be available at the next meeting.
- Provision of a play area in Rivenhall End is subject to the BDC open spaces action plan - next meeting.
- Carillion have recommenced operations and the Chairman will circulate details regarding completion.

934.. Dates of future meetings:

Tuesdays 1 July and 5 August, both in Rivenhall Village Hall, commencing promptly at 20.00hours.

Items for the July meeting to the Clerk by 20 June at the latest.

935.. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.36 hours.

Signed: Date:

CHAIRMAN