

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2015**

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

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott

Also present: Parish Clerk and 5 members of the public.

1143. To receive apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

1144. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests relating to matters on this Agenda.

Cllr. Abbott declared Non-Pecuniary Interests in all matters relating to ECC and the BDLHP plus a Pecuniary Interest relating to item 1148 (15/01050/FUL) below.

1145. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 August 2015.

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

1146. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

The following matters were raised by members of the public:

- Bus services 131/132 - See at item 1150 below.
- Rivenhall Place planning application - see at item 1148 below.

1147. Matters for Discussion:

i. Highways England:

(a) The Fox junction on the A12.

These works have been delayed because Highways England (HE) have been unable to resolve a number of issues with their suppliers relating to the costs of the works and HE are unable to give a date when the works will be rescheduled, however, they will notify all local residents before the work commences.

(b) Stakeholder meetings re A12 widening.

The Chairman has written to HE asking if Parish Council representatives can attend these meetings. Parish Councils will be included in further consultations during 2015/2016

ii. Problem motor cycles along the John Ray Walk from Rickstones Road.

This problem has again been referred to Essex Police but they have not resolved the issue even though walkers have been threatened. Motor cycles have also been seen along the footpaths surrounding Rivenhall Thicks, Park Road and Tarecroft Wood.

iii. Local policing.

It has been reported that the PCSOs now have a much larger area to cover and that any incident reports should be made via the Police 101 service. It has also been reported that the Police have been told not to take action in the future regarding anti-social behaviour.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to the Chief Constable to particularly clarify this situation, asking what incident reporting mechanism is currently available for members of the public and Parish Councils.

iv. ECC Highway Maintenance:

(a) Church Road resurfacing has now been completed apart from some outstanding lining works.

- (b) Flooding has again been reported under the A12 at Henry Dixon Road.
- (c) The traffic island at the junction with the A12, near the hotel, is overgrown with vegetation, which has been reported to HE by the Chairman.
- v. General Maintenance:
- (a) Maintenance Contractor.
A quotation of £220.00 per month (March to October) for grasscutting and £15.50 per hour for general maintenance work has been received from Mr. P. Goodchild - trading as PG Groundcare Ltd. **Proposed by Cllr. Abbott seconded by Cllr. Wright and agreed by a vote of 5 with 2 abstentions** that the Council accept the quotation from Mr. P Goodchild for the grasscutting and general maintenance within the Parish with a condition of 2 month's notice to be given by either side.
Mr. Walsh has agreed to continue with his contract for litter picking.
- The Chairman thanked Mr. Walsh for all his work over the years and presented him with a gift in recognition of his services to the Parish.
- (b) Other maintenance issues.
- The First Prize cheque for £150.00 from the RCCE has been banked.
 - The distribution of winter salt and local spreading will be locally monitored.
 - Footpath 47 is blocked by overgrowth and will be reported to ECC.
- vi. BDVSA - Invitation to the Annual Assembly on 16 September 2015.
No-one was available to attend this Annual Assembly.
- vii. Half-yearly report.
It was agreed to once again publish this report for distribution during October 2015. The Chairman will report on all current matters and actions of the Council and the Clerk will include an up to date financial summary of expenditure.

1148. Planning Matters:

New Applications:

15/01050/FUL: Change of use of Rivenhall Place for civil weddings and erection of a pavilion in the grounds.

Rivenhall Place, Park Road.

Cllr. Abbott left the meeting at this point and Cllr. Wright assumed the Chair.

Proposed by Cllr. Bills, seconded by Cllr. Turner and unanimously agreed that the Council recommend refusal of this planning application for the following reasons:

- The proposed entrance to the site is extremely dangerous given the number and type of vehicles that would leave the site directly onto a T junction with blind corners both left and right. The access is also a Public Right of Way There have been 10 recorded road traffic accidents in this area within the last 2 years.
- The site comparison with other local venue contained within the planning application is not relevant as these are within the countryside and well away from local dwellings whereas this location is less than 100 metres from residents living along Park Road.

- Because of the location of the Pavilion there will be considerable noise pollution during the evenings within what is currently a very quiet rural location once daytime traffic has died down.
- Given the location and number of lighting units (144 in total) and the semi-transparent pavilion next to the lake, there will be considerable light pollution in a dark rural area.

Planning Results:

15/00762/FUL: Erection of dwelling - Land adjacent Glebe Farm, Rectory Lane. Application refused.

15/00634/FUL: Erection of two-storey side extension - 318 Rickstones Road. Application granted.

14/01617/FUL: Proposed holiday cabins and mega pods - Land opposite Colemans Cottages, Little Braxted Lane, Rivenhall End. Application granted.

Planning Appeals:

There was nothing further to report.

1149. Ongoing Planning Issues:

i. BDC Local Plan.

The BDC Local Plan meeting is to be held on 7 September 2015.

A report says that BDC "should consider" allocating new industrial land that has been submitted in the Call for Sites at RIVE362 and RIVE363 adjacent to C26 (Eastways, Witham Industrial Estate). These sites if allocated and built would take the Witham industrial edge up to past (north of) the line between Burghey Brook Cottages and Farm. The report identifies that there is vacant land, land with derelict buildings or underutilised land and premises in Witham and in addition there are major new sites being proposed close to the main areas for housing growth at the southern end of the town - both at the Maltings Lane estate and opposite the Lodge estate.

There is also the matter of the future widening of the A12 to be taken into consideration. It was agreed to write to the BDC Local Plan Committee to raise these matters ahead of the meeting

ii. Rivenhall Airfield - Bradwell Quarry.

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

iii. Rivenhall Airfield - Waste Incinerator.

The following planning applications received from ECC had to be dealt with prior to this Council meeting:

ESS/55/14/BTE/10/1 - Condition 10 relating to written scheme and programme of archaeological investigation and recording.

ESS/55/14/BTE/11/1 - Condition 11 relating to level 3 historical survey of airfield buildings and structures.

ESS/55/14/BTE/64/1 - Condition 14 relating to Scheme and programme of historic building record for Woodhouse Farm and buildings.

ESS/55/14/BTE/52a/1 - Condition 52a relating to scheme of odour control during excavation and construction.

ESS/55/14/BTE/51a/1 - Condition 51a relating to scheme of dust suppression during excavation and construction.

ESS/55/14/BTE/46/1 - Condition 48 relating to scheme of soil handling.

ESS/55/14/BTE/25/1 - Condition 25 relating to contaminated land assessment.

There was no need for RPC to comment - they were straightforward, just setting out how they will deal with issues such as archaeology and recording of the listed buildings. Some of the info was published previously as far back as 2010.

ESS/34/15/BTE - Variation of Condition 2 (application drawings) of planning permission ESS/55/14/BTE to allow amended layout of the Integrated Waste Management Facility.

This is a large and major document and **it was agreed** that the Chairman's circulated comments form the basis of a response to ECC recommending refusal of this application.

iv. ECC Minerals Plan.

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

v. Proposed Colemans Farm Quarry.

The ECC Committee site meeting took place on 28 August 2015 and the matter is to be further considered at the next D & R Committee meeting on 25 September 2015.

vi. Tarecroft Wood.

ECC appear to be receptive to the idea of the Parish Council having a greater role in the management of this woodland; further discussions are taking place within the ECC Woodland Management Team.

vii. Braintree District Local Highways Panel.

The very latest information remains as follows:

- a. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road - Fully approved at £46k less the £5k from RPC. There will be a public consultation period
- b. Extended 30mph limit along Church Road - Scheme agreed for an additional 125 metres. There will be a public consultation period.
- c. Church Road/Oak Road highway signage - Fully approved £8.5k; some cutting back of Church Road hedge will be required to improve visibility.
- d. Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - Scheme agreed.
- e. Rectory Lane traffic restrictions - submitted for approval.
- f. Scheme request for safety improvements along Park Road - submitted for approval.
- g. Introduction of a speed monitoring loop on Rickstones Road, at the bottom of Stoverns Hill - submitted for approval.

1150. Correspondence received since the date of this Agenda.

- * Invitation to the EALC Annual General Meeting and Conference Event - 24 September 2015 from 12 noon at Foakes Hall, Great Dunmow.
Cllr. Prime agreed to attend.
- * Invitation to attend the CPRE Annual General Meeting - 3 October 2015 at Moulsham Mill, Parkway, Chelmsford. The Chairman indicated that, if possible, he would attend.
- * Subsequent to the notification that First Essex Buses are to terminate the 131/132 service from Witham to Braintree via Rivenhall on 1 November 2015, it was learned that Stephenson's were preparing to provide replacement services with effect from 2 November 2015. Further developments are awaited.

1151. Reports from PC Representatives.

There were no reports brought to this meeting.

1152. 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.

1043	Kempco Ltd	£80.00	Letter printing re A12
1044	Ladywell Accountancy Services	£37.00	PAYE servicing 2015/16
1045	H. M. Customs & Excise	£215.20	PAYE 2 nd $\frac{1}{4}$ 2015/16.
1046	K. P. Taylor	£316.90	Salary/expenses August
1047	A. Walsh	£280.00	Maintenance August

1154. Information exchange and items for the next Agenda.

- * Section 137 - 2 grants under Section 137 for the Essex Air Ambulance and the Citizens Advice Bureau and £45.00 for the Royal British Legion. Next Agenda.
- * The allocation of Section 106 monies. Next Agenda.
- * The Chairman reported yet another RTA along Park Road.
- * Apparently the Police are continuing to investigate the incident of deliberate property damage previously reported along Park Road.

1155. Dates of future meetings.

Tuesdays 6 October and 3 November 2015, both in Rivenhall Village Hall commencing promptly at 20.00 hours

Items for the October meeting to the Clerk by 26 September 2015 at the latest.

1156. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 22.00 hours.

Signed:

CHAIRMAN

Date: