

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 5 SEPTEMBER 2017.**

**Present:** Cllrs. Abbott, Knubley, Anderson, Turner, Clark and Prime.

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Abbott

**Also present:** Parish Clerk, and 2 members of the public.

**1500. To receive any apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Wright and, retrospectively, from BDC Cllr. Bowers.

**1501. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.**

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

**1502. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 1 August 2017.**

The Minutes were **unanimously agreed** and then signed by the Chairman.

**1503. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

The following matters were brought to Members' attention:

- Possible problems associated with the proposed cycle path from the new Bellway development.
- Problems associated with parents and children using bicycles along local roads.

**1504. Matters for discussion.**

i. BDC Community Governance Review.

**Proposed by Cllr. Anderson, seconded by Cllr. Knubley, and unanimously agreed** that the council agree with BDC regarding the Eastways Industrial development site but object to the inclusion of the Rivenhall Park development within Witham.

ii. Bellway - future residential developments.

Following attendance at the Bellway public exhibition regarding the proposed future development of land south of Rickstones Road, **it was unanimously agreed** that this council object to this proposed development site along the south side of Rickstones Road on the grounds that the site has not been included in the BDC Local Plan; the open countryside should be maintained between Witham and Rivenhall and that the local infrastructure has not been taken into proper consideration for all the proposed development to the north of Witham.

iii. Parking in Foxden.

The majority response from the letters sent to local residents is against any parking restriction in Foxden, the problem seemingly being related to just a single property. **It was unanimously agreed** that a letter be sent to each residence indicating that this council will not be taking further action regarding any parking restrictions in Foxden; but further adding that if private householders consider there remains a problem that the matter should be taken up individually with BDC.

- iv. Solar powered streetlight at junction of Rectory Lane and Rickstones Road.  
Before further consideration is given for the provision of additional lighting, **it was agreed** that the Maintenance Contractor be requested to provide an estimate of cost for cutting back the trees and bushes so that the existing streetlights can illuminate the footway.
- v. Rectory Lane - 'Quiet Lane', further details.  
A meeting has been arranged with ECC officers on 9 October 2017 at 17.00 hours in the Village Hall to further discuss this issue, although ECC are adamant that the Lane cannot be terminated at the Forest Road end and must be retained as a through route for vehicles. However as this is a BDC Protected Lane and the prognosis is that it will feature as a convenient rat run for the residents of the new developments in the area, the Clerk will refer the matter to BDC Planners to request that they make representations to have this lane truncated for vehicles.
- vi. Highway & PRow matters.  
(a) The request for a 30 mph limit along the Colemans Bridge A12 slip road has yet to be formally submitted to the BDLHP.  
(b) PRow 48 & 59: Reported to ECC by Chairman and are currently under investigation by ECC PRow officers. The Chairman is to raise the overall maintenance of PRow at the full ECC Council Meeting.  
(c) ECC officers are to investigate the provision of a new PRow from Church Road along to the junction with Park Road.
- vii. General Maintenance  
(a) The purchase of spring flower bulbs.  
**Proposed by Cllr. Abbott, seconded by Cllr. Clark, and unanimously agreed** that the sum of £40 be provided for bulbs and £70 for the provision of 2 trees.  
(b) The Maintenance Contractor will be requested to remove the fallen tree from footpath 49, alongside the railway line and to provide estimates for the cutting back of the Rickstones Academy hedge; to cut back the hedge opposite the entrance to Rectory Lane and to trim back the overhanging brambles etc on the left side of Oak Road and along Henry Dixon Road to the end just beyond the entrance to The Drive.

#### 1505. Planning Applications:

##### New Applications:

**17/01407/FUL:** Erection of first floor rear addition etc - Bellingham Court, 25A Browns Row Cottages, Oak Road, Rivenhall End.

Dealt with between meetings and 'No Comment' reply sent to BDC.

##### Planning Results.

**17/00991/FUL:** Erection of first floor rear extension etc - Bellingham Court.  
Application withdrawn and replaced by the above.

**17/00738/FUL:** Demolition of rear conservatory, erection of two storey side extension and loft conversion - 3 Waterfall Cottages, Park Road.

Application granted.

##### Planning Appeals.

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

**1506. Ongoing Planning Issues:**

- i. A12 & A120 Projects.  
The next A120 Feasibility Study - Braintree Members' Forum will be held on Tuesday 12 September 2017, at BDC offices.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.  
(a) Freedom of Information Request re development sites.  
A reply is still awaited from BDC.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.  
There was nothing to report at this meeting.
- iv. IWMF: ECC planning applications as follows:  
*ESS/36/17/BTE* - Full planning application to increase stack (chimney) height from 85m to 103. (35m above existing ground levels to 58m above).  
*ESS/37/17/BTE* - Continuation of IWMF permitted by *ESS/34/15/BTE* without compliance with conditions 2 (application details), 14 (stack design and cladding), 17 (combined heat & power plant management plan) and 56 (maximum stack height to amend details resulting from the increase in stack height).  
It has not been possible to access the files on the ECC website,, which ECC acknowledge has been a problem. It was **unanimously agreed** that if the documents can be accessed the Chairman will circulate notes prior to the dealing date of 11 September and if ECC confirm that the applications will not go to committee in September, an extension of time be requested.
- v. Coleman's Farm Quarry.  
*ECC (New Access Road) (Prohibition of left hand turn) Order 201\* Lt. Braxted Lane.*  
**Proposed by Cllr. Abbott, seconded by Cllr. Prime, and agreed with 1 abstention,** that the council write in support of the draft order
- vi. BDLHP  
The very latest information remains as follows:
  - a. *7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road* - The Chairman has met with the ECC Cabinet Member who indicated that there are now three statutory objections, plus the fact the ECC are not minded to take any further action until such time as the route of the A12 has been determined.
  - b. *Extended 30mph limit along Church Road* - Discussions continue regarding a possible reintroduction of the original proposal for a 40mph "buffer" zone.
  - c. *Rectory Lane* - the stopping up of this lane has been rejected although discussions continue. 'Quiet Lane' signs are expected to be erected at both entrances to Rectory Lane before the end of 2017/2018.
  - d. *Oak Road* - a new scheme submitted re HGVs ignoring weight and height warnings going down Oak Road to the railway bridge. Numerous residents have complained recently, police called, etc as HGVs try to reverse back causing chaos. The 2 suggestions to the BDLHP are to liaise with all satnav providers to detail the road as unsuitable for HGVs and to install some form of height warning system between the Rickstones Road junction and Hoo Hall Lodge to alert drivers to go no further if they are

in over-height vehicles. ECC has to date advised that they are not aware of a suitable height warning system that could be used in that location and that a signage review is being undertaken. The Chairman has suggested to ECC that at a minimum a prominent height warning sign should be erected between the recycling area and the Hoo Hall turn on the left hand side going down Oak Road towards the railway bridge in order to try to stop HGVs from going any further than that point.

e. Having received a request from a local resident, The Chairman has submitted a new scheme - erection of "Beware Horses" warning signs along Rickstones Road.

f. A new scheme for improvements to the junction of Rectory Lane and Rickstones Road has been submitted. (Suggested that the 2 current, out of date, bend warning signs be replaced with current standard 20mph advisory signs warning of bends plus concealed junction. Also that the road lining at the junction be looked at to make it as safe as possible with consideration given to make it safe for pedestrians crossing while using the John Ray Walk.

g. A new scheme is to be validated re the bend on Church Road close to the northern bound bus stop opposite where the wall has been damaged outside the residential property.

h. The request for a 30 mph limit along the Colemans Bridge A12 slip road has yet to be formally submitted to the BDLHP.

**1507. Correspondence received since the date of the agenda.**

- \* Network Rail confirm that the Public Enquiry re the proposed level crossing closures will commence at 10.00am on Wednesday 18 October 2017 at Chelmsford Civic Centre.

**1508. Reports from PC Representatives.**

There were no reports for this meeting.

**1509. Finance matters:**

- i. To agree accounts for payment.

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

1190	PKF Littlejohn LLP	£120.00	External Audit 2016/17
1191	HM Revenue & Customs	£215.20	2 <sup>nd</sup> ¼ 2017/18 PAYE
1192	Ladywell Accountancy	£42.00	Operating PAYE 2017/18
1193	Kempco Ltd	£320.40	Printing
1194	Essex & Herts. Air Ambulance	£25.00	Donation
1195	Karen Bridge	£204.75	Litter picking
1196	P.G. Groundcare Ltd	£411.00	Maintenance August '17
1197	K. P. Taylor	£316.90	Salary & Expenses Aug '17

- ii. The Clerk reported the successful conclusion of the 2016/17 external audit, with the Annual Return added to the council website.

**1510. Information exchange and items for the October agenda.**

- \* Provision of a wreath for the Remembrance Day service.

- \* Two HGVs attempted to enter Foxmead - the Chairman is to arrange for the rusted and broken "T" sign to be replaced.

**1511. Ten minute public feedback.**

- \* Potters Crossing temporary closure for maintenance purposes.

**1512. Dates of future meetings.**

Tuesdays 3<sup>rd</sup> October and 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017, both in Rivenhall Village Hall, commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the October agenda to the Clerk by 23 September at the latest.

**1513. Closure.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.35 hours.

Signed..... Date:.....  
CHAIRMAN