

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023 IN THE  
RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL.**

**Present:** Cllrs. Abbott, Wright, A'Lee, Cairns, Elliott and Prime.

**Also present:** Parish Clerk.

**2354. Chairman's Report.**

The Chairman did not have a report for this meeting, all matters are covered by the agenda.

**2355. To receive any apologies for absence.**

An apology was received from ECC Cllr. R. Playle.

**2356. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.**

Cllr. Abbott declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 2360 as a member of the BDC Planning Committee.

**2357. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023.**

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

**2358. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

No members of the public were present.

**2359. Matters for Discussion:**

i. Annual Parish Council Meeting, APA and Annual Report.

The Annual Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Assembly have been re-scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> May at 19.30hrs in Henry Dixon Hall and 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 18.45hrs in the Village Hall respectively. Compilation of the Annual Report for 2022/23 must be completed prior to the Local Elections on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 for delivery/posting prior to the APA.

ii. Detrunking of the existing A12.

Councillors met informally on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January, 19.30hrs in the Village Hall, to agree the council's position regarding the detrunking proposals for the A12. The following proposals were agreed:

\* Oak Road to be closed off from the detrunked A12, no access or exit onto the detrunked A12.

\* To retain 4 lanes on the detrunked A12 including the footway/cycleway, and to include suitable sensitive planting to the central reservation.

\* To provide a suitable play area to the rear of Henry Dixon Hall, including a pedestrian crossing on Henry Dixon Road.

\* To introduce a 40mph speed limit along the detrunked A12 from Witham through Rivenhall End.

These four proposals were **unanimously agreed** to be included within the DCO process.

iii. Coronation memorabilia for primary school children.

There are currently 121 pupils on the register; as the mugs are sold in boxes of 36, 4 boxes would be required at a cost of £1,162.80; this would leave an additional 23 mugs unallocated.

It was **unanimously agreed** to purchase 4 boxes and for these to be given to the school for distribution.

- iv. Speed sign, Church Road.  
An initial quotation from Solagen Ltd is in the region of £3k to £4k for a solar powered Speed Indicator Device (SID), assuming that the existing post can be used to support the sign; this will have to be verified by Solagen.  
It was **unanimously agreed** to apply for local grant funding to replace the signs at both Church Road and Henry Dixon Road
- v. Highway Maintenance.
  - (a) ECC has agreed that the Church Road signs will be replaced/repared but they do not give a timescale.
  - (b) ECC have to re-assess the flooding issues on Rickstones Road, opposite Rectory Lane, due the presence of a gas main.
  - (c) A large pothole has been dangerously cordoned off at the northern end of Church Road.
  - (d) Complaints have been received, and forwarded to ECC Highways, regarding the replacement white streetlights shining into local dwellings.
  - (e) The Chairman reported that Eastlight is to ascertain the ownership of the light at the entrance to the Beech Road garage area, and to reinstate the locking bollard on the smaller village green to dissuade local vehicle parking.
- vi. General Maintenance.
  - (a) A reply from ECC indicated that the existing bus shelters located on the A12 are the responsibility of RPC.  
It was **unanimously agreed** that the south carriageway shelter be removed, in the first instance the Clerk will ask the maintenance contractor if he is able to provide a quotation for this task.

#### 2360. Planning Applications:

- i.. New Applications:  
Retrospective application **23/00075/HH** - detached double garage at 321 Rickstones Road.  
BDC indicate that this application is invalid due to lack of detailed information; it will be re-submitted in due course.
- ii. Results:  
No results to be reported.
- iii. Appeals:  
Nothing to be reported.
- iv. Enforcement:  
Nothing to report.

#### 2361. Ongoing Planning Issues.

- i. A12 to A120 widening.  
The DCO process continues and the Chairman will submit the RPC requests to the Inspector at the appropriate time.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.  
Nothing to report.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.  
Nothing to report.
- v. IWMF  
The Public Inquiry in relation to the decision of the submission under Condition 66 of ESS/34/15/BTE has been postponed from January to May 2023 due to the Inspector being unavailable.

- v. Colemans Quarry.  
The next Liaison Meeting is scheduled for 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023.
- vi. BDLHP.  
Nothing to report.

**2362 Finance matters:.**

To agree accounts for payment.

It was **agreed** that the following accounts be paid; cheques were then drawn accordingly.

1548	£100.00	Kim Burton	Litter picking January '23
1549	£200.00	Paul Scott	Litter picking January '23
1550	£383.70	K. P. Taylor	Salary/expenses January '23

The Chairman reported that BDC, for the year 2023/24, will not reduce the amount of the Street Cleaning Grant awarded to parish councils.

**2363. Information exchange and items for the March agenda.**

- \* Replacement batteries for the defibrillator for the March meeting.
- \* Compilation of the Annual Report for the March meeting.
- \* The Chairman has inspected Tarecroft Wood and reported upon its poor condition with continued tree felling and the felling litter covering the woodland floor preventing the emergence of spring wild flowers.

**2364. Ten minute public feedback.**

This was not required.

**2365. Dates of future meetings.**

7<sup>th</sup> March in The Henry Dixon Hall and 4<sup>th</sup> April in Rivenhall Village Hall, both starting promptly at 19.30 hours.

Items for the March agenda to the Clerk by 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at the latest.

**2366. Closure**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.20hrs.

Signed:

Date 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

CHAIRMAN