

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4TH APRIL 2023 IN THE
RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL.**

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

Also present: Parish Clerk and ECC Cllr. R. Playle.

2380. Chairman's Report.

There was no report due to the election purdah period.

2381. To receive any apologies for absence.

An apology was received from Cllr. Cairns.

2382. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.

Cllr. Abbott declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 2386 as a member of the BDC Planning Committee.

2383. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 7th March 2023.

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

2384. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

ECC Cllr. Playle, having arrived subsequent to item 2385(iv), mentioned items relating to local Highways problems and the A12 widening and detrunking proposals, and he was advised of the concerns expressed at item 2385(iii).

2385. Matters for Discussion:

i. Annual Report.

The content of the Annual Report was agreed for publication - 400 copies - with distribution prior to the meeting on 12th May 2023.

ii. Grant request re defibrillator at Rivenhall End.

Grant request yet to be received.

iii. Flooding of local roads.

The Chairman has again reported (twice) to ECC the urgency of highway repairs to prevent the flooding of local roads.

It was agreed that a formal letter be sent to the ECC Chief Executive listing the various sites that continue to flood within the parish and requesting that proper action be taken to rectify the faults causing the flooding and inconvenience to local residents and motorists.

iv. Highway Maintenance.

The BDC given dates for street gulley cleaning are 19th April '23; 24th July '23; 24th October '23 and 26th January '24.

BDC has been requested to clear the footways of silt occasioned by the recent flooding.

The Clerk and Chairman will liaise to write to National Highways regarding the continual number of accidents, including damage to local property, due to the high speed of vehicles exiting the A12 into Oak Road. Additional advance warning signs are required informing drivers of the short and acute exit from the A12 into Oak Road.

v. General Maintenance.

The vandalised A12 bus shelter has not yet been removed by the maintenance contractor - the Clerk will remind him of this requirement for which he gave an accepted quotation.

2386. Planning Applications:

i.. New Applications:

23/00479/FUL: Retention of mobile home and siting of 6 No. shepherd's huts - Colemans Cottage, Little Braxted Road. "No comments" letter sent to BDC on 18th March 2023.

ii. Results:

No results to report.

iii. Appeals:

Nothing to report.

iv. Enforcement:

Nothing to report.

2387. Ongoing Planning Issues:

i. A12 to A120 widening.

The council's formal view on the DCO has been communicated to ECC but they continue to press ahead with a completely different plan.

ii. BDC Local Plan.

There was nothing to report.

iii. Bradwell Quarry.

An agreed reply has been forwarded to ECC re the Pre-Application Request for the construction of a replacement bridge over the River Blackwater.

vi. IWMF.

The Condition 66 Appeal has been postponed until October 2023.

v. Colemans Quarry.

An agreed response was sent following the Community Consultation Information Event held on 10th March 2023.

vi. BDLHP.

The 23rd March meeting has been postponed until 19th April 2023 starting at 17.00hrs in Causeway House.

2388 Finance matters:

i. To agree the 2022/23 Final Accounts.

As both the council's annual gross income and expenditure during 2022/23 did not exceed £25,000, the External Auditor's Certificate of Exemption and the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

The accounts for that year will be internally audited ready to be finally signed of at the May meeting.

ii. To agree accounts for payment.

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

1557 £245.20 HMRC PAYE 4th ¼ 2022/23

1558 Cancelled as cheque incorrectly written

1559 £30.00 Henry Dixon Hall Hall hire

1560 £90.00 Kim Burton Litter picking March '23

1561 £396.08 K.P. Taylor Salary & expenses March '23

1562 £444.38 EALC Affiliation fees 2023/24

1563 £160.00 Paul Scott Litter picking March '23

2389. Information exchange and items for the May agenda.

* The Licence/Consent form for the 5 verges rewilding areas has been agreed by ECC and will be signed by the Chairman and Clerk subject to satisfactory settlement of minor queries by the Chairman.

2390. Ten minutes public feedback.

Not required.

2391. Dates of future meetings.

12th May and 6th June in The Henry Dixon Hall, both starting promptly at 19.30 hours.
Items for the May agenda to the Clerk by 3rd May 2023 at the latest.

2392. Closure

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.06hrs.

Signed:

Date 12th May 2023.

CHAIRMAN