

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5TH SEPTEMBER 2023 IN THE
HENRY DIXON HALL, RIVENHALL END.**

Present: Cllrs. Turner, Macrae, Abbott, Wright, Cairns, Prime and Hammond.

Also present: Parish Clerk, Clerk elect (Mr. Kevin B. Money), ECC Cllr. Playle and 2 members of the public.

2448. To receive any apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence received.

2449. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.

Cllr. Abbott declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 2456 as a member of the BDC Planning Committee.

2450. To agree the minutes of the Meeting held on 1st August 2023.

After some minor amendments the minutes **were approved** and then signed by the Chairman.

2451. Chairman's report.

The Chairman introduced Mr. Money who will become Clerk on 1st October 2023.

Due to the apparent lack of email deliveries the Chairman will forward all future emails to councillors.

The Solar Farm planning application was confirmed later during the meeting as having been refused by BDC but it will be the subject of an appeal.

The need for an up to date Neighbourhood Plan for Rivenhall Parish will be the subject for a future agenda.

The details circulated for the alterations to the A12 filling station by the new owners may present problems to be discussed at future meetings.

2452. BDC Councillor report.

Cllr. Abbott reported that the BDC "Paid" green bin collection has resulted in a provisionally small uptake.

BDC has agreed to more funding for rural areas in the future.

Consideration has been given to the upkeep/maintenance of the Oak Road recycling site and unauthorised roadside advertising has also been raised with BDC.

2453. ECC Councillor report.

Cllr. Playle reported that there was no impact locally regarding the failure of RAAC within local schools.

The majority of his reported potholes still remain outstanding.

There is a lack of funding for the BDLHP this financial year.

2454. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

The following matter was raised and briefly discussed:

Overhanging vegetation along the Henry Dixon Road footway.

Blocked and sunken drains outside 3 and 16 Oak Road plus the increased HGV traffic using oak Road to and from the A12. Both issues to be reported to ECC Cllr. Playle.

2455. Matters for Discussion.

- i. Parish Clerk appointment.
With effect from 1st October 2023 the new Clerk/RFO will be Mr. Kevin B. Money, who had been introduced to councillors at the start of the meeting.
- ii. Village Green, possible transfer.
Following confirmation from BDC that they would be willing to discuss transferring ownership of the village green, the Chairman proposed the Parish Council should investigate the possible cost, this proposal did not find favour and was voted down by four votes to three. This proposal will now be dropped.
- iii. PRoW: F/P48
Cllr Cairns and the ECC PRoW Inspector cleared this footpath from Hoo Hall driveway along towards the railway. The ECC Inspector indicated that it may require the installation of a boardwalk along some of the footpath if the path floods during adverse weather conditions.
- iv. Cutting and wildflower enhancement of the Playing Field area.
Any enhancement, cutting and additional wild flower planting will be in liaison with Cllr. Abbott.
- v. Highway maintenance.
Cllr. Prime is to arrange to meet ECC Cllr. Playle in order to check the possibility of arranging for two road marked crossings on Rickstones Road.
Various flooding issues are to be raised via ECC Cllr. Playle.
- vi. General maintenance
An order has been placed for the repair of the Rickstones Road notice board.
Cllr. Prime will endeavour to locate the key to the glass bus shelter notice board.

2456. Planning Applications:

- i. New Applications:
23/01555/FUL: Enabling infrastructure, Bellway Phase 4. Letter emailed to BDC opposing the application dated 2nd August. Report compiled by Mel A'Lee on behalf of RPC delivered to BDC in person by Cllr Wright on 19th August 2023. No further comments were to be forwarded to BDC.
23/01901/VAR: Variation condition 27 (relocation of 2 Pine trees), Bellway Phase 4. Letter emailed to BDC with comments.
- ii. Results:
Nothing to report at this meeting.
- iii. Appeals:
The Lodge, Rectory Lane - 3 No. 2 bed bungalows and garages with access off rectory Lane. The appeal has been granted.
- iv. Enforcement:
Nothing to report at this meeting.

2457. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. A12 to A120 widening.
Nothing to report at this meeting.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.
BDC has delayed the housing calculation due awaiting revised Government regulations.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.
Nothing to report at this meeting.
- iv. IWMF.

The next liaison meeting is scheduled for 5th October 2023.

v. Colemans Quarry.

Nothing to report at this meeting.

vi. BDLHP.

See under 2453 above, but nothing additional to report.

2458. Finance matters:.

To agree accounts for payment.

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

1593	£130.80	Nebulas Website Design Ltd.	Website hosting 08/23-08/24
1594	£497.40	P.G. Groundcare Ltd.	Maintenance August '23
1595	£15.00	Henry Dixon Hall Charity	Committee Room Hire
1596	£105.00	Kim Burton	Litter picking August '23
1597	£210.00	Paul Scott	Litter picking August '23
1598	£376.90	K.P. Taylor	Salary/expenses August '23

2459. Information exchange and items for the October agenda.

The October meeting will include items regarding the RPC Website and Internet Banking. The Chairman, on behalf of all councillors thanked the retiring Clerk for his service over the years and presented him with a retirement gift subscribed to by existing and past councillors. The Clerk expressed his thanks for this kind gesture.

2460. Ten minutes public feedback.

This was not required.

2461. Dates of future meetings.

3rd October and 7th November 2023 in Rivenhall Village Hall, both starting promptly at 19.30 hours.

Items for the October agenda to the Clerk by 25th September 2023 at the latest.

2462. Closure

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.05 hrs.

Signed:

R Turner

Date 3rd October 2023.

R. Turner
CHAIRMAN