

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7TH MARCH 2023 IN THE
HENRY DIXON HALL, RIVENHALL END.**

Present: Cllrs. Abbott, Wright, Cairns, Elliott, and Prime.

Also present: Parish Clerk and ECC Cllr. R. Playle plus one member of the public.

2367 Chairman's Report.

Parish councillors met recently with the Wilder Communities Manager for the Essex Wildlife Trust to review on site the tree planting and rewilding projects already undertaken or being planned in the parish. This was a very helpful meeting at which the Wildlife Trust offered to assist with future public engagement the parish council may wish to undertake as well as giving practical advice on how best to encourage wildflower regeneration in the agreed areas.

Rivenhall parish is now engaged with three of the district-wide projects to improve biodiversity; which are tree planting, rewilding and roadside verges enhancement. At the site meeting with Essex Wildlife Trust, and at a recent meeting of the Braintree District Council Climate Group, it was discussed as to how best we can link up the parishes who are doing similar work and that is being looked into.

2368. To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Turner and A'Lee.

2369. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.

Cllr. Abbott declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 2373 as a member of the BDC Planning Committee.

2370. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2023.

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

2371. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

The possible installation of a defibrillator at The Henry Dixon Hall and a possible request for grant funding from RPC.

ECC Cllr., Playle spoke regarding the following: ECC Precept increase for 2023/24 is 3.5%; increased funding for the Highways pothole repair programme; street lighting upgrades; ECC councillor grant funding and the ECC trial of the recycling facility booking system.

2372. Matters for Discussion:

- i. Annual Parish Council Meeting, APA and Annual Report.
The draft Annual Report will be approved for final printing at the April meeting.
- ii. Replacement defibrillator batteries.
Cllr. Wright indicated that these would cost £38 plus VAT and a £10 delivery charge. It **was agreed** that Cllr. Wright obtain the necessary batteries on behalf of RPC.
- iii. Installation of defibrillator at Rivenhall End.
See under item 2371 above and a grant will be considered upon receipt of a request with costings from THDH trustees.
- iv. Highway Maintenance.

- (a) I has been reported that some staff at the Chatten School on Rickstones Road have been congregating to smoke on the public footpath/footway and dropping cigarette butts. The Chairman has contacted the school requesting that their staff not block the footpath and that they provide their own cigarette bin on their property.
- (b) The dangerous pothole, covered by a traffic cone, has been reported to ECC as have those on the slip road from Braxted Park Road to the A12.
- (c) The Chairman is still negotiating regarding the street light at the Beech Road garage site.
- v. General Maintenance.
 - (a) The maintenance contractor has been requested to quote for the demolition, and complete removal from site, of the bus shelter on the southern carriageway of the A12. This quotation was accepted in the sum of £200.00 plus VAT after consultation with the chairman. The maintenance contractor has also revised his rates for general maintenance work from £110 per contracted grass cut to £125 and for other work from £15 per hour to £16.50. These rates have been agreed after consultation with the chairman.
 - (b) The Clerk will ask the maintenance contractor if he has the equipment to cut and collect the grass along the rewilding strip on the north boundary of the playing field.

2373. Planning Applications:

- i.. New Applications:
23/00365/VAR: Variation of Condition 2 (22/02006/LBC) - Rivenhall Primary School. "No comment" letter returned to BDC on 21st February 2023, permission granted.
- ii. Results:
21/03025/FUL: Erection of 1X5-bedroom dwelling at Colemans Cottage Fishery, Little Braxted Lane. Permission granted.
- iii. Appeals:
 The Bellway virtual meeting, available too councillors, is to be arranged via Cllr. Wright..
- iv. Enforcement:
 Nothing to be reported.

2374. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. A12 to A120 widening.
 ECC has been notified of the RPC requests re the A12 detrunking. There has been no response to the Chairman's Designated Funds request.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.
 Nothing to report.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.
 Nothing to report.
- iv. IWMF.
 A Listed Building Consent (LBC) application was submitted to Braintree District Council for refurbishment of the Grade II listed Woodhouse Farmhouse, Brewhouse, Pump and well, Pigsties, and ancillary structures, yards and gardens. A LBC was sought because these buildings are Grade II listed. Along with the

LBC application, a Full Planning application was submitted for the same works. This was required due to the change of the use proposed by the works. Temporary non HGV vehicle access via Woodhouse Lane has been granted on 22nd and 23rd April 2023 for staff and visitors to the Information Hub. The next Liaison meeting is scheduled for 16th March 2023.

v. Colemans Quarry.

Brice Aggregates have given prior notice of a forthcoming planning application for the relocation of the mineral washing plant and associated infrastructure to land at Appleford Farm. Brice representatives will also be hosting an exhibition on Friday 10th March 2023, from 15.00 to 19.00hrs in The Henry Dixon Hall.

vi. BDLHP.

The next Panel Meeting is scheduled for 19th April 2023.

2375 Finance matters:.

To agree accounts for payment.

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

1551	£1,162.80	CommuniCorp	Coronation mugs
1552	£108.00	J.E. Abbott	Tree planting plaques
1553	£108.00	Nebulas Website Design	Website maintenance Apr-May '23
1554	£80.00	Kim Burton	Litter picking February '23
1555	£200.00	Paul Scott	Litter picking February '23
1556	£356.90	K.P. Taylor	Salary& expenses February '23

2376. Information exchange and items for the April agenda.

- * The Chairman reported that following his approach to Chatten School regarding their staff congregating on the footway to smoke, and dropping cigarette waste, he had received a positive response from the school that this matter would be dealt with.
- * Cllr. Prime reported apparent additional tree cutting in Tarecroft Wood.

2377. Ten minutes public feedback.

- * The apparent lack of A12 litter picking.

2378. Dates of future meetings.

4th April and 12th May in Rivenhall Village Hall, both starting promptly at 19.30 hours. Items for the April agenda to the Clerk by 24th March. 2023 at the latest.

2379. Closure

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.45hrs.

Signed:

Date 4th April 2023.

CHAIRMAN