

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023 IN THE HENRY  
DIXON HALL, RIVENHALL END.**

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

**Also present:** Parish Clerk and 7 members of the public.

**2405. To receive any apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Wright and ECC Cllr. Playle.

**2406. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.**

Cllr. Abbott declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 2412 as a member of the BDC Planning Committee.

**2407. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**

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

**2408. BDC Councillor report.**

Cllr. Abbott reported upon the following:

Cllr. Abbott confirmed that he remains a member of the BDC Planning Committee.

He commented upon the availability of Local BDC grants, discussion regarding the possible introduction of charging for green bins and the operation of bottle banks.

The hopeful improvement of BDC Planning Enforcement and that the funding for open spaces maintenance had been cut hence the reduction in the grass cutting programme.

**2409. ECC Councillor report.**

There was no ECC Councillor report.

**2410 Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

The following matters were raised and briefly discussed:

The problems posed by the use of E-scooters within the Rivenhall End area.

The problem caused by the blocked rainwater highway drains along St. Mary's Road and the general road flooding. ECC Cllr. Playle to be requested to supply an update regarding the hotspot reporting.

The poor condition of roadside and surface directional signs.

The condition of local footways and footpaths.

Cllr. Abbott reported that the local bus operator has confirmed, in writing, that buses will stop when requested outside the waterfall Cottages on Park Road.

Cllr. Abbott will request for additional verge trimming to be undertaken along Oak Road at the exit from the local footpath.

Cllr. Cairns will speak to Eastlight asking for the hedge at the end of the small village green opposite the thatched cottage on Rickstones to be trimmed back.

**2411. Matters for Discussion:**

i. Footways Church Road & Rickstones Road.

The seriously deteriorated surface of these footways to be reported again to ECC Highways.

- ii. Village greens grass cutting.  
Both the Eastlight and BDC cutting of the village greens is very untidy and presents a disgraceful aspect within the centre of the village. The Clerk will write a complaint to both Eastlight and BDC accordingly.
- iii. ECC/BDC highway verges re-wilding project.  
The maintenance contractor will be requested to liaise with Cllr. Abbott regarding the reduction in cutting of the areas designated for re-wilding.
- iv. APA notes on the Rivenhall Community Facebook page.  
Copies of the draft minutes to be included on this facebook page and to continue on the RPC facebook page also. Chairman to liaise with Cllr. Abbott.
- v. Commercial vehicle parking – Albert Moss Playing Field Car Park.  
The Chairman has been in liaison with BDC regarding this issue. BDC do not want commercial vehicles parking on the car park. Due to the lack of suitable other parking facilities within the village RPC' has no objection to the existing arrangement for the local commercial vehicle parking on the site.
- vi. Proposed upgrade to existing radio base station – Glebe Farm, Rectory Lane.  
The details of this having been circulated to all councillors it **was agreed** that no objection be raised to this proposed upgrade.
- vii. To nominate panel to scrutinise applications for the post of Clerk.  
It **was agreed** that Cllrs. Turner, Abbott and Prime plus the current Clerk scrutinise any applications and interview any approved applicants.
- viii. Highway Maintenance.  
It **was agreed** to request inclusion for a supply of salt within the ECC salt bag scheme for 2023.  
Cllr. Abbott confirmed that back shields for the LED streetlights have been requested where appropriate.
- ix. General Maintenance.  
The contractor has been requested to trim back the overgrowing vegetation at the bottom of the hedge along Oak Road, from the railway bridge towards Rivenhall main village.

#### **2412. Planning Applications:**

- i.. New Applications:  
**23/01100/HH:** Extension at 15 Foxden, Rivenhall End.  
Comments relating to the lack of car parking facilities forwarded to BDC.  
**23/00075/HH:** A response was forwarded to BDC indicating that the boundary outline shown in the application included the ditch and pond which are both connected to the ECC Highway drain and are in the ownership of ECC not the applicant, also requesting confirmation that the existing garage shown in the applications actually has planning permission.
- ii. Results:  
**23/00859/HH:** Single-storey four bay cart lodge, Ford Farmhouse, Church Road.  
Application granted.
- iii. Appeals:  
Nothing to report.
- iv. Enforcement:  
Nothing to report.

**2413. Ongoing Planning Issues:**

- i. A12 to A120 widening.  
Nothing to report.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.  
Cllr. Abbott reported that BDC remain short of the 5 year housing target but confirmation of this has been officially raised by BDC Councillors.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.  
Nothing to report.
- iv. IWMF.  
Pre-application advice request re erection of low carbon greenhouses.  
It **was agreed** that a response be reported as follows:  
The plan overall is too large and will have a detrimental impact upon the local countryside, particularly with regard to increased local traffic movements, and it will result in the large industrialisation of the rural area instead of a return to original agricultural land and natural countryside. The IWMF developers should be required to build what has already been approved.
- v. Colemans Quarry.  
**ESS/42/23/BTE**; Colemans Quarry Processing Plant Site Relocation.  
It **was agreed** to strongly object to this Environmental Impact Assessment as follows:  
The Processing Plant Site could be relocated within the boundary of the existing quarry site.  
The increase in HGV movements within the local area of Rivenhall End will be horrendous for the local inhabitants and that the highway verges and drainage systems will inevitably be eroded by the HGV movements.  
The conveyor bridge across Braxted Road will present a local eyesore and a hazard to other HGV users along Braxted Road.  
Adverse comments within the reports attached to this application must be given very serious consideration as they impact directly upon the local area of Rivenhall End.
- vi. BDLHP.  
The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023, 17.00 hrs in Causeway House.

**2414. Finance matters:.**

To agree accounts for payment.

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

1572	£10.00	Henry Dixon Hall	Hall Hire
1573	£48.00	BALC	Subscription 2023/24
1574	£500.00	Henry Dixon Hall	Defibrillator Grant
1575	£447.00	P. G. Groundcare Ltd	Maintenance May '23
1576	£376.70	K. P. Taylor	Salary/expenses May'23
1577	£105.00	Kim Burton	Litter picking May '23
1578	£108.00	Nebulas Website Design	Website hosting June-Aug. '23
1579	£210.00	Paul Scott	Litter picking May '23

**2415. Information exchange and items for the July agenda.**

See under 2417 below.

**2416. Ten minutes public feedback.**

This item was not required.

**2417. Dates of future meetings.**

4<sup>th</sup> July and 1<sup>st</sup> August 2023 in Rivenhall Village Hall, both starting promptly at 19.30 hours.

Items for the July agenda to the Clerk by 26<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at the latest.

**2418. Closure**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.25hrs.

Signed:

Date 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

CHAIRMAN