

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>st</sup> AUGUST 2023 IN  
RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL.**

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

**Also present:** Parish Clerk and 5 members of the public.

**2433. To receive any apologies for absence.**

An apology was received from Cllr. Abbott who is attending BDC Planning Committee and from ECC Cllr. Playle.

**2434. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.**

Cllr. Wright declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 2440(i) and 2441 as a member of the BDC Planning Committee.

Cllrs. Hammond declared a pecuniary interest in item 2440(i) as one or two of the proposed pylons are to be sited close to his residential property.

**2435. To agree the minutes of the Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023.**

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

**2436. Chairman's report.**

The Chairman reminded all councillors that they were elected to serve the residents of Rivenhall Parish and so must be careful what matters they discuss over social media. He also commented upon the last meeting of the BALC particularly in regard to the BDC proposal to charge for the use of the green garden waste bins; the S106 monies not yet allocated by BDC and the lack of Planning personnel at BDC.

The Clerk will contact BDC to obtain a ruling upon local parish councillors, who are also BDC Planning Committee members, commenting upon planning applications at Parish Council meetings.

**2437. BDC Councillor report.**

Cllr. Wright commented upon the BDC decision to charge for the use and collection of green bin garden waste at a cost of £50 per annum; apparently S106 monies cannot be used to offset the cost to BDC of this scheme.

**2438. ECC Councillor report.**

There was no report - see item 2433 above.

**2439. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

The following matter was raised and briefly discussed:

National Grid pylons along and across Park Road and Church Road - see item 2440(i) below.

**2440. Matters for Discussion.**

i. National Grid Norwich-Tilbury consultation.

It **was agreed** to reiterate opposition to the current proposals for overland pylons in support of an off-shore option which, although marginally more expensive, is far less disturbing and distressing for local residents, not just within Rivenhall Parish but along the entire route as proposed.

- ii. Pedestrian barriers Oak Road & Rickstones Road - possible BDLHP project.  
Initially the maintenance contractor to be requested to cut back a longer stretch of the verges, particularly at Rickstones Road.  
It **was agreed** to request ECC Cllr. Playle to submit a bid to the BDLHP for two road marked crossings on Rickstones Road - where pedestrians have to cross the road in order to walk along the footway.
- iii. RPC Clerk vacancy.  
To date there has been two applications received.  
It **was agreed** that the Clerk supply Cllrs Abbott, Prime and Turner (previously agreed interview panel) with copies of each application so that interview proceedings can be initiated before the end of August if possible.
- iv. Village Green.  
The Chairman raised the question as to whether RPC should seek ownership of the large village green from BDC.  
**By a vote of 5 to 1 it was agreed** to ask BDC of consideration would be given for RPC to be given ownership of the large village green so as to improve the level of maintenance.
- v. PRoW - Footpath 48  
There are ongoing discussions between the landowners and ECC PRoW regarding the future location and maintenance of this footpath. Cllr. Cairns reported that matters are in hand, via ECC PRoW to clear the original path and make it more accessible.
- vi. Highway maintenance  
The maintenance contractor has been requested to trim back the overhanging tree branches along Henry Dixon Road from the railway bridge to the A12 underpass.  
The Clerk will chase ECC Highways re the repair to the wall and handrail at the steps leading from St. Mary's Road to Church Road which was reported many months ago.
- vii. General maintenance  
BDC is dealing with the repairs to some of the faulty play equipment on the Albert Moss Playing Field.

#### 2441. Planning Applications:

- i.. New Applications:  
**23/01555/FUL:** Enabling infrastructure, including junction and revised site access off Rickstones Road - Bellway Phase 4.  
It **was agreed** to raise objection to this application because of the dangerous junction at Rickstones Road. The traffic survey included within the applicant's documents was undertaken between 11.00 and 12.00 hrs, the quietest time of day for this area, not at any peak time for commuters and the school run for parents, when vehicles are not travelling at 30 mph approaching dangerous bends and the exit from Rectory Lane.  
Councillors and the Clerk will liaise with former parish councillor M. A'Lee upon further traffic management measures.  
**23/01/759/FUL:** Retention of mobile home, Colemans Cottage, Lt. Braxted Lane.  
'No comments' letter forwarded to BDC.  
**23/01483/HH:** Proposed outbuilding and carport - 16 Foxden.  
'No comments' letter forwarded to BDC. - Application subsequently withdrawn.

- ii. Results:  
Nothing to report.
- iii. Appeals:  
Nothing to report.
- iv. Enforcement:  
Nothing to report.

**2442. Ongoing Planning Issues:**

- i. A12 to A120 widening.  
Nothing to report.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.  
Nothing to report
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.  
Nothing to report.
- iv. IWMF.  
The next liaison meeting is scheduled for 14<sup>th</sup> September 2023.  
It was reported that ECC had now withdrawn their insistence upon compliance with Clause 66.
- v. Colemans Quarry.  
The next liaison meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 at 11/30 hrs.
- vi. BDLHP.  
Nothing to report.

**2443. Finance matters:**

To agree accounts for payment.

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

1588	£60.00	D.M. Payroll Services Ltd	Payroll admin. 1 <sup>st</sup> ½ year 2023/24
1589	£323.40	P.G. Groundcare Ltd	Maintenance July 2023
1590	£210.00	Paul Scott	Litter picking July '23
1591	£105.00	Kim Burton	Litter picking July '23
1592	£403.70	K.P. Taylor	Salary/expenses July '23

**2444. Information exchange and items for the September agenda.**

Cllr. Cairns agreed to check the PRow signs at Rivenhall Hall Farm

**2445. Ten minutes public feedback.**

This was not required.

**2446. Dates of future meetings.**

5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 in The Henry Dixon Hall, and 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 in Rivenhall Village Hall, both starting promptly at 19.30 hours.

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

**2447. Closure**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.10 hrs.

Signed:

Date 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

CHAIRMAN