

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6th APRIL 2021
HELD ELECTRONICALLY DUE TO THE COVID-19 HEALTH RESTRICTIONS.**

All councillors took part via email.

2078. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.

Cllr. Abbott declared non-pecuniary interests in all matters relating to ECC, and the BDLHP, and **did not participate** in any discussions re planning applications.

2079. To agree the minutes of the meetings held on 2nd March 2021.

The minutes were **approved**.

2080. Matters for Discussion:

i. APA & Annual Parish Council Meeting.

It was **agreed** to follow the Clerk's recommendations as follows:

APA - not to convene an Assembly again this year but to include the reason why in the Annual Report.

APCM - a remote meeting to be held with an Agenda item confirming the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and council representatives in post until May 2022.

Both actions as recommended via the NALC.

At present the June and subsequent meetings will resume face-to-face/

ii. Annual Report.

The content was **agreed** for publication.

iii. Highway Maintenance

Progress on the ECC "Top 50" pothole repairs is ongoing but slow and now has extended past the originally advised deadline of the end of March 2021. The potholes either side of the railway bridge in Oak Road have been repaired as has the dip in Rickstones Road near the notice board. Rectory Lane is due to be repaired in April as is Church Road, which would then complete the "Top 50" list. The Chairman has asked ECC to include in the work for April all defects in Church Road near the shop and at the Oak junction and these have been recently marked up. The loose drain cover in Oak Road outside Oak Barn has been repaired.

Cllr Prime asked if the potholes in Rickstones Road caused by water scouring and the footway defects between 471 and 475 had been reported. The Chairman confirmed they had, with photos.

v. General Maintenance.

The damaged dog litter bin has been replaced by BDC and the fly-tipping at the re-cycling site has also been removed.

The maintenance contractor has been requested to remove all sweepings from around the A12 underpass on Henry Dixon Road.

2081. Planning Applications:

i. New Applications:

All applications are currently dealt with electronically.

21/00794/HH: Single-storey extension etc. - The Ivy, The Drive, Rivenhall End. 'No Comments' reply sent to BDC.

ii. Results:

The following applications have been granted by BDC:

21/00349/COUPA: Appleford Farm, change of use of buildings.

20/02106/HH: 309 Rickstones Road, extensions.

20/00765/FUL: Barn at Ford Farm, Church Road, conversion to dwelling house.

- iii. Appeals:
Nothing to report at this meeting.
- iv. Enforcement:
Nothing to report at this meeting.

2082. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. A12 to A120 widening.
At the on-line meeting Thursday 18th March, attended by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Clerk, HE have shared their preliminary plans for the new A12 between Witham and Kelvedon. They are currently aiming to hold a public consultation in June and the main elements as things stand are as follows:
The A12 (as previously known) will be moved south on a new alignment through the quarry and will be widened to 6 lanes. A new junction will completely replace the existing Witham north junction at Colemans Bridge. The new A12 will go through the quarry and then just to the south of the hotel and then rejoin the existing line of the A12 near the Fire HQ. Rivenhall End will, therefore, be bypassed but a secondary road will also be built to take local traffic out of Rivenhall End and also relieve Oak Road. The new secondary road would be from the 'old' A12 near The Fox almost in a straight line down to Braxted Road. There would also be a small link road to Henry Dixon Road just south of the hotel. Oak Road would be stopped up near The Fox and become a cul-de-sac. Part of Braxted Road would also be stopped up - the new secondary road would join Braxted Road down near the lake. The new arrangement would permanently remove all HGVs from Rivenhall End village apart from the ones that might use Henry Dixon Road going to/from Silver End - but they would have to be under 7.5T and under the height limit for the railway bridge.
There will be a new pedestrian crossing of the detrunked 'old' part of the A12 and new bus stops near to where the existing bus stops are located and a bit further north there would be a new footbridge to connect up the PRow.
HE also said that they still believe they are on track to start in late 2023 and for the first time they have said that their intention is to work on the bypass sections first - which would be Rivenhall End and the section north of Feering.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.
Nothing to report at this meeting.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.
ESS/03/18/BTE/23/07: Noise monitoring re ESS/03/18/BTE. A 'No Comments' reply was forwarded to ECC.
- iv. IWMF
Nothing to report at this meeting.
- v. Colemans Quarry.
Further to the report from the site meeting held in January, it had subsequently emerged from the minutes of that meeting that the quarry operators intend to apply for the increase in HGV movements to 330 per day as part of their landfill proposals and not the lower figure as previously stated. Cllr. Elliot requested that when the application is submitted to ECC, RPC should consider requesting a Call-In to the Secretary of State.

vi. BDLHP.

The Panel met on 25th March and the following schemes were agreed and funded for Rivenhall Parish: New section of the PRoW along Church Road north from the Church; safety audit of the zebra crossing at the shop.

2083. Finance matters:i. 2020/21 Final Accounts.

As both the council's annual gross income and expenditure during 2020/21 did not exceed £25000 the External Auditor's Certificate of Exemption and the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 were **agreed** to be signed by the Chairman.

ii. To agree accounts for payment.

With full **agreement** the following cheques were drawn:

1419	£228.17	EALC	2021/22 affiliation fees.
1420	£474.00	P G Groundcare Ltd	Maintenance March '21.
1421	£199.50	Andrew Wilson	Litter picking March '21.
1422	£342.55	K P Taylor	Salary/expenses March '21.
1423	£640.00	Philip Little	Notice board repairs.

2084. Information exchange and items for the May agenda.

The Chairman reported that BDC acted very promptly on 3 matters raised with them over the Easter weekend - replacement of broken dog bin where the John Ray Walk emerges on to Rickstones Road; fly-tipping at the recycling site on Oak Road and collection of the large amount of dumped material that arose from a recent litter pick in Rectory Lane. The Chairman had thanked staff at BDC.

2085. Dates of future meetings.

4th May electronically and 1st June 2021 back to normal meeting commencing at 19.30 hours in The Henry Dixon Hall (subject to confirmation).

Further items for the May agenda to the Clerk by 24th April at the latest.

2086. Closure.

Signed:

Date: 4th May 2021

CHAIRMAN

The Chairman could not sign the minutes at the May meeting due to the COVID-19 restrictions.