

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3RD AUGUST 2021**

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

Also present: Parish Clerk, ECC Cllr. R. Playle and 1 member of the public.

2121. To receive any apologies for absence.

An apology was received from Cllr. M. A'Lee.

2122. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.

Cllr. Abbott declared an interest in item 2126 as a member of the BDC Planning Committee.

2123. To agree the minutes of the meetings held on 6th July 2021.

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

2124. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

- * ECC Cllr. Playle reported that there is to be a site meeting, himself and ECC officers to further discuss the proposed new footpath along Church Road.
- * He also touched upon other Rivenhall matters that were not directly related to RPC.
- * The Rectory lane 'Quiet Lane' sign is still missing.
- * Complaints have been received relating to excessive dust created by HGVs using Brice Aggregates Colemans Quarry.

2125. Matters for Discussion:

- i. To consider what, if any, speed restrictions could be implemented along Oak Road from the A12 slip.
It was **agreed** to request Essex Police to locate speed cameras along Oak Road from the A12 to the junction with Henry Dixon Road and to enforce the weight restriction from Rivenhall End to Rivenhall main village.
It was also agreed to request Highways England to erect additional signs on the A12 giving advance warning of the 90 degree exit onto Oak Road.
- ii. Damage to glass bus shelter, Rickstones Road.
The Clerk has registered a claim with the council's insurers and received a quote for the repair in the sum of £583.03 + VAT.
- iii. Highway Maintenance.
 - (a) The maintenance contractor will be requested to cut back the sight line from the exit onto Oak Road of footpath 59 opposite the drive to Hoo Hall.
 - (b) The dilapidated sign at the top of Park Road has been reported to ECC for repair.
 - (c) At a date still to be decided Oak Road from the A12 to Henry Dixon Road is due to have overnight road closures to facilitate repairs/improvements.
 - (d) Eastlight CH have been informed of commercial vehicle parking on the small Village Green.
 - (e) BDC are to be requested to invest in low railings to prevent vehicle parking on the main Village Green along Beech Road.
 - (f) A request has again been made to ECC for them to rectify the drainage issues at the Rickstones Road/Rectory Lane junction.

- iv. General Maintenance.
 - (a) The maintenance contractor will be reminded to clear the overhanging foliage along Oak Road below Smith's Corner. Also see item 2125(iii)(a) above.
 - (b) BDC will be requested to install a larger litterbin, with a lid, at the Oak Road recycling site to prevent birds and other animals scattering the rubbish.

2126. Planning Applications:

- i. New Applications:
There were no new applications to be considered.
- ii. Results:
The following applications have been granted by BDC:
21/01264/HH: Single storey extension, 10 Foxmead, Rivenhall End.
21/01998/SCR: Screening Request for solar farm, land off Park Road.
- iii. Appeals:
There was nothing to report at this meeting.
- iv. Enforcement:
 - (a) Matters relating to the surface water discharge from the SEND school onto Rickstones Road and into the ditch alongside the John Ray walk are ongoing.
 - (b) The plastic fencing along Rickstones Road has been moved back but it still encroached onto and encloses part of the ECC highway verge.

2127. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. A12 to A120 widening.
The Highways England public consultation period runs until 16th August 2021 and RPC submitted its comments subsequent to a very well attended public presentation by H. E. at the Rivenhall Hotel.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.
With regard to the 'Green Wedge' between Rivenhall and Witham, the Planning Inspector has requested further explanatory documents from BDC in support of its current proposals. This may result in a further consultation
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.
Apparently there has been some soil movements between the Quarry and the IWMF.
- iv. IWMF
Further planning applications are to be submitted in due course.
- v. Colemans Quarry.
 - (a) BDC has strongly objected to the current planning application and it was agreed that the Chairman represent the views of RPC at the ECC Planning Committee meeting.
 - (b) Regarding the consultation document produced by Brice Aggregates it was agreed that RPC write in support of the comments submitted by Little Braxted Parish Council in opposition to the proposals.
- vi. BDLHP.
The next meeting is scheduled for 30th September 2021
Also see item 2124(a) above.

2128. Finance matters:

To agree accounts for payment.
It was agreed that the following accounts be paid; cheques were then drawn accordingly.

1440	£72.00	A. Wilson	Litter picking July '21
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1441	£355.20	P. G. Groundcare Ltd.	Maintenance July '21
1442	£396.70	K. P. Taylor	Salary/expenses July '21

2129. Information exchange and items for the September agenda.

- (a) The Clerk is to arrange for the next 3 Parishes Meeting to be held in Rivenhall at the end of October 2021.
- (b) Tree Planting to be considered at the September meeting.
- (c) BDC has requested that the New Rickstones Academy provide ashtrays for the use of those teachers who continue to smoke and drop their cigarette butts onto Rickstones Road.
- (d) With the probable future increase in the number of local residents due to the new housing developments within the parish, the Clerk will investigate any possible increase in councillor numbers.

2130. Ten minutes public feedback (as required).

- * Further comments re the drainage of surface water from the SEND school on Rickstones Road.

2131. Dates of future meetings.

7th September in The Henry Dixon Hall and 5th October in Rivenhall Village Hall, both meetings starting promptly at 19.30 hours.

Further items for the September agenda to the Clerk by 27th August at the latest.

2132. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.13 hours.

Signed:

Date: 7th September 2021

CHAIRMAN