

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7TH DECEMBER 2021**

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

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

Chairman's Report:

The Chairman reported as follows: He and others have been subjected to abuse via social media and unsubstantiated adverse comments have been made on social media and other forms relating to the work of the Parish Council. The Chairman hoped that it would be recognised that all parish councillors are working for the good of the Parish and that the Parish Council carries on its functions in the correct way. Given recent events it was important for meetings to be places where due consideration and respect is upheld for the benefit of all participating.

2156. To receive any apologies for absence.

There were no apologies received.

2157. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.

Cllr. Abbott declared an interest in item 2161 as a member of the BDC Planning Committee, Cllr. Wright took the Chair for those items.

2158. To agree the minutes of the meetings held on 2nd November 2021.

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

2159. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

Cllr. Playle commented on the following: ECC has agreed to a provisional survey re the proposed new public footpath along Church Road; the revised arrangements for local speed monitoring measures; the A12 widening consultation which is ongoing and that his personal details were not published on the RPC website.

2160. Matters for Discussion:

i. Letter for residents of The Bluebells estate.

The welcoming letter compiled by Cllr. Prime and the Clerk, with minor amendments, will be printed for distribution to each dwelling during January/February 2022. Cllrs. Address details will not be included in the letter, just telephone numbers. Their address details will also be removed from the RPC website.

ii. 3 Parishes Meeting.

The next meeting will be during March 2022 at Cressing. Notes from the November meeting had been circulated to all Cllrs. For information.

iii. Tree & Bulb planting.

BDC is due to contact all parish councils during December regarding the wilding of all public open spaces owned by BDC. The BDC letter will set out what may be possible and to seek support/feedback from PCs so that BDC can put a structured package together, endorsed by BDC Governance/Legal team that can roll out in Spring 2022.

BDC has agreed the siting of trees on the Albert Moss Playing Field; two specimen trees planted along the northern boundary and whips planted in the southeast corner protected by a fence and gate.

A budget estimate of £250 **was agreed** for this planting.

With one amendment to be notified to BDC, the terms of the Tree Planting Licence **was agreed**.

It **was agreed** that quotations be obtained from the RPC's maintenance contractor for the supply and erection of rabbit fencing and a gate for the southeast corner planting.

It was reported by Cllr. Wright that some future watering arrangement might be offered by the Witham Tree Group.

iv. BDC Open Spaces Action Plan.

The existing OSAP requires amendment regarding the planting of trees as per the previous item. An additional item to include for the provision of play equipment, for the use of children with physical and mental disabilities, sited at both the Albert Moss Playing Field and the St. Mary's Road play area.

v. New pole for CCTV cameras at the recycling site on Oak Road.

It was agreed that a quotation for the supply and erection of a pole, the same as that erected at the Tarecroft Wood car park, be sought from the RPC maintenance contractor.

vi. Highway Maintenance.

- (a) The Chairman met with the ECC Cabinet Member for Highways at which all the flooding issues within Rivenhall were discussed: flooding under the A12 and Railway Bridge: piping under Rickstones Road: action against the illegal discharge of water onto the John Ray Walk.
- (b) Other outstanding ECC Highways matters include: The damaged bollard at the junction of Henry Dixon Road and Oak Road; the malfunctioning streetlights and the drain repairs along Oak Road. Details of these outstanding matters to be also referred to ECC Cllr. Playle.

vii. General Maintenance.

- (a) The maintenance contractor be requested to clear the steps and slopes from Henry Dixon Road up to the A12.

2161. Planning Applications:

i. New Applications:

21/03409/REM: Reserved matters re the erection of 3 dwellings on land adj. to Glebe Farm. A 'No Comments' letter was forwarded to BDC.

21/03388/HH: Single storey rear extension - 70 Church Road.

Members raised the following comments regarding this application:

This new extension will block light to the rear kitchen of the neighbouring property. A question has been raised as to whether the previous extension ever received planning permission.

21/03473/FUL: Retention of temporary construction site offices etc. - Land south east of Rickstones Farm, Rickstones Road.

Members raised the following comments regarding this application:

That this application, if approved, is solely to serve the already consulted development and that the site offices etc. be removed within two weeks of this development completion.

21/03390/HH: Rear extension - 15 Foxden, Rivenhall End.

Members raised no comments relative to this application.

- ii. Results:
21/00020/LBC: Replacement windows at Holly Cottage, 221 Oak Road.
21/02165/HH: Dropped kerb etc. - 307 Rickstones Road.
 Both applications were granted.
- iii. Appeals:
 There was nothing further to discuss at this meeting.
- iv. Enforcement:
 There was nothing further to discuss at this meeting.

2162. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. A12 to A120 widening.
 The latest consultation process is ongoing. There no new developments relating to Rivenhall parish.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.
 At the BDC on Thursday 25 November, it was agreed to start a public consultation period from 6th December lasting for 7 weeks, which will be an opportunity for all those interested in the local plan process to have their say on whether they support the main modifications proposed for the plan by the Inspectors and the supporting documents. Once that had been completed the Inspectors would consider the responses to those modifications and the revised SA and HRA. If the Inspectors consider that they have all the information that they require they would then submit their final report. If found sound the BDC would then be able to adopt the Plan and it would replace all remaining parts of the Local Plan Review 2005 and the Core Strategy 2011.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.
 There was nothing further to discuss at this meeting.
- iv. IWMF
 It was reported that additional clearance work had been undertaken on site. The Chairman is discussing with ECC their lack of enforcement action together with the non-disclosure of their legal advice.
 The next Liaison Meeting is scheduled for 15th December 2021.
- v. Colemans Quarry.
ESS/36//21/BTE: proposed western extension - revised documentation.
 It was agreed simply to reiterate all previous comments regarding applications relative to this quarry extension.
- vi. BDLHP.
 There was nothing further to add at this meeting.

2163. Finance matters:

To agree accounts for payment.

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

1460	£200.00	Mrs. J. Turner	Parish Christmas Tree
1461	£60.00	D. M. Payroll Services Ltd.	2 nd ½ year Payroll admin. 2021/22
1462	£108.00	Andrew Wilson	Litter picking Nov. '21
1463	£396.70	K. P. Taylor	Salary/expenses Nov. '21
1464	£312.00	P G. Groundcare Ltd.	Maintenance Nov. '21

The Clerk confirmed receipt of the insurance claim repayment of £483.03 for the bus shelter damage and £200.00 BDC Grant for the supply/erection of a new lidded litter bin at the recycling centre on Oak Road.

2164. Information exchange and items for the January 2022 agenda.

- * BDC has been requested to supply and install a new lidded litter bin at the recycling centre on Oak Road. Also to request that the old concrete bin be reinstated to the entrance of the John Ray Walk at the junction with Rickstones Road.
- * A new RPC representative for the RPFA is required as Cllr. Cairns is now a member of the RPFA committee.
- * A planning S106 'wish list' to be compiled and submitted to BDC for action.
- * TMC heavy goods vehicles have been observed and reported for contravening the Oak Road weight restriction.
- * Vehicles continue to park on the Village Greens; when reporting this to the appropriate authority, vehicle registrations are essential.

2165. Ten minutes public feedback.

There were no matters brought to Members' attention.

2166. Dates of future meetings.

4th January and 1st February 2022 both in Rivenhall Village Hall, starting promptly at 19.30 hours.

Further items for the January agenda to the Clerk by 23rd December at the latest. The Precept/Budget Meeting will be held on **Friday 17th December** starting at 19.30 hours in the Rivenhall Village Hall.

2167. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.55 hours.

Signed:

Date: 4th January 2022

CHAIRMAN