

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2020  
IN THE RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL.**

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

**Also present:** Parish Clerk.

**1939. To receive any apologies for absence.**

An apology was received from Cllr. A'Lee

**1940. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.**

Cllr. Abbott declared non-pecuniary interests in all matters relating to ECC, and the BDLHP.

**1941. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**

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

**1942. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

**1943. Matters for discussion.**

i. Three Ward Parish Council Meetings.

(a) Tree Planting proposals.

Although an official reply has not been received it would appear that the RPPFA isn't in agreement with the proposal for a small orchard at the rear of the Village Hall. The Clerk will write again to ask whether the RPPFA will agree in principle to the planting of non fruit bearing trees.

The Clerk will also contact local landowners to enquire if they would be agreeable for trees to be planted by the council on small areas of land that cannot be worked efficiently by modern equipment, such as field corners and headlands.

(b) Next meeting - 20<sup>th</sup> February at Crossing, details are awaited.

ii. Development on land south of Rickstones Road.

Bellway has abandoned the access off Rectory Lane and now use the agreed access off Rickstones Road, however, questions still remain regarding the broken water discharge pipe along Rectory Lane.

Bellway still continue with their application under a 'Discharge of Conditions' for the erection of a car park off Rectory Lane with vehicular access via Forest Road and the Golf Course. The Clerk will write to BDC indicating that as this land does not form part of the original planning application, a separate planning application should be submitted for the completion of a car park and to raise the question as to why such a large car park is required for a relatively small scale local development of 58 dwellings

iii. Format of the Annual Parish Assembly and Annual Parish Council Report.

Invitations have been issued for presentations at the APA - no replies to date.

Hopefully the Annual Report will be available in draft form for the April meeting so that distribution can be undertaken prior to the APA on 5<sup>th</sup> May.

iv. Highway & PRow matters.

(a) John Ray Walk & F/Path 1 - Flooding.

The Chairman continues to press for urgent work to be undertaken to alleviate this flooding. A site meeting with ECC has been requested.

- (b) F/Paths 59 & 60 - Rivenhall Park & Golf Course.  
Cllr. Cairns continues to lobby ECC regarding the diversion and condition of these footpaths.
- (c) The Chairman has again referred the broken 'Quiet Lane' sign at rectory Lane to the ECC for repair/replacement.

v. General Maintenance matters.

- (a) The maintenance contractor has undertaken some cutting back work to the bushes and trees along the footpath opposite the junction with Rectory Lane on Rickstones Road to allow for more light to reach the path from the streetlights. The Chairman will request ECC to trim back the growth from close around the streetlights situated on the roadside verge.

**1944. Planning Applications:**

*New Applications:*

**CC/BTE/101/19:** New 75 pupil SEND school - Rickstones Road.

Members **unanimously agreed** in principle to the school provision but raised the following matters relative to this application:

- (i) Given the known speed of vehicles driven along Rickstones Road there should be included some speed restriction measures along this road,
- (ii) A lighting plan should be produced to include for controlled systems and wildlife protection.
- (iii) The open space opposite the Rectory Lane entrance and at the end of the John Ray Walk section should not be used for any vehicle parking associated with the school site.
- (iv) Sufficient on site parking should be provided for off-loading children at the school without the need to park on Rickstones Road.
- (v) There is concern regarding the discharge of water onto the John Ray Walk where there is already an ongoing flooding issue.

**20/00128/OUT:** PFE Express Ltd. - Proposed new facility near Burghey Brook Farm, London Road.

Burghey Brook Farm now forms the boundary between Witham and Rivenhall End with the farm being within Witham.

Concern was expressed such that a new bund provision be included along the new eastern boundary between Witham and Rivenhall End.

*Planning Results:*

**19/02132/HH:** 2 storey rear extension - 451 Rickstones Road.

Application withdrawn.

*Planning Appeals:*

No appeals to report at this meeting.

**1945. Ongoing Planning Issues:**

i. A12 & A120 Projects.

Highways England offer of a meeting (Councillors only) re the A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening - junctions 19 to 23.

Members welcomed the suggested date of 27<sup>th</sup> February as the date for this meeting.

The Clerk will confirm the arrangements in due course.

ii. BDC Local Plan.

The Planning Inspector's report is awaited in due course.

iii. Bradwell Quarry.

- There was nothing to report.at this meeting.
- iv. IWMF - EA Environment Permit.  
Members **unanimously agreed** to raise the following objections to this permit application: The Environment Agency's remit is to protect the local environment but the importation of waste products by HGVs via the local road network will have a seriously detrimental effect upon all the local parishes. Also, in line with this remit, it is requested that the EA retain the 58 metre stack permit because this provides for the best technological solution and provides for improved emission dispersions. However, should the EA see fit to grant this current Permit then a condition for the provision of realistic independent emissions monitoring should be imposed.
- v. Colemans Quarry.  
There was nothing to report.at this meeting.
- vi. BDLHP.  
The next Panel meeting is scheduled for 26<sup>th</sup> March 2020 in Causeway House.  
The Church Road speed survey request has been submitted.
- 1946. Correspondence received since the date of this agenda.**  
There was no additional correspondence.
- 1947. Reports from PC Representatives (if any).**  
There were no reports for this meeting.
- 1948. Finance matters:**
- i. To agree accounts for payment.  
**Proposed by Cllr. Abbott, seconded by Cllr. Wright and unanimously agreed** that the following accounts be paid. Cheques were then drawn accordingly.
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| 1356 | £121.50 | Karen Bridge          | Litter picking Jan. '20  |
| 1357 | £336.70 | K. P. Taylor          | Salary/expenses Jan. '20 |
| 1358 | £126.00 | P. G. Groundcare Ltd. | Maintenance Jan. '20     |
- 1949. Information exchange and items for the March agenda.**  
Nothing was raised by Members.
- 1950. Ten minute public feedback.**  
No members of the public were present.
- 1951. Dates of future meetings.**  
Tuesdays 3<sup>rd</sup> March in The Henry Dixon Hall and 7<sup>th</sup> April in Rivenhall Village Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.  
Items for the March agenda to the Clerk by 21<sup>st</sup> February at the latest.
- 1952. Closure**  
The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.53 hours.

Signed:..... Date:.....

CHAIRMAN