

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7th JANUARY 2020
IN THE RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL.**

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

Also present: Parish Clerk and 1 member of the public.

1925. To receive any apologies for absence.

There were no apologies received.

1926. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.

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

1927. To approve and sign the minutes of the meetings held on 3rd and 11th December 2019.

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

1928. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

The following matters were brought to members' attention:

- * The 'Quiet Lane' sign at the Forest Road end of Rectory Lane has still not been repaired by ECC.

1929. Matters for discussion.

i. Rickstones Road development issues.

Bellway have been told by BDC to stop all work related to the unauthorised entrance to this site off Rectory Lane.

Under the latest 'Discharge of Conditions' application Bellway has now applied to finish constructing the 'temporary' access to the site off Rectory Lane and to also construct a 'temporary' car park opposite, further along Rectory Lane, on land that was originally excluded from the BDC agreed sites for planning, with access via Forest Road and the golf course and with pedestrian access/egress from Rectory Lane.

The Parish Council strongly objects to these applications and the Clerk will report this to BDC, ECC, the local MP and the CPRE, pointing out that Rectory Lane has been protected by the Parish Council for many years as a historic lane within the Parish Plan; it has BDC Protected Lane status in the local plan; it has ECC Quiet Lane protection And forms part of the John Ray Walk; and, as such should be fully protected from any incursion of major development, HGV construction traffic use, etc.

The Parish Council confirms their original comments relating to the initial planning application where sole access to the site was shown

and agreed with Bellway, BDC and ECC, from off Rickstones Road and with no vehicular access via Rectory Lane whatsoever.

Information letters will also be distributed to the local residents giving information as to whom objections can be made.

ii. BDC Corporate Priorities 2020-2024.

Members agreed that this ought to be a 'rolling' strategy with an update of action taken in regard to previous priorities; also, the main accent appeared to be centred upon urban centres with little or no reference to the local rural communities.

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

As previously, the APA will precede the APCM at 19.00 hours on 5th May 2020 in Rivenhall Village Hall.

The Annual Report is to be completed in draft for the April meeting with final copies

printed and distributed in the week leading up to the APA.

Invitations to attend and report at the APA will be given to BDC, with an emphasis upon planning; Greenfields; Highways England; ECC' Highways; Essex Police and the local MP.

iv. Highway & PRow matters.

(a) *The John Ray Walk flooding.*

This flooding has been caused by the discharge of surface water from the local landowner's fields, including via a pipe, and also possibly due to the damaged pipe at the unauthorised Bellway access off Rectory Lane. All three have been reported to the appropriate authorities by the Chairman for remedial action to be taken without further delay.

(b) All potholes and defunct streetlights have again been reported to ECC Highways for action.

(c) Drains are blocked at the Rickstones Road/Church Road junction causing flooding across the junction; this will again be reported to ECC for urgent action.

(d) Flooding still occurs at the underpass of the A12, along Henry Dixon Road, due to the HE pump malfunction. Enquiries will be made as to whether this pump is remotely or manually controlled.

(e) There are still potholes along the A12 which, despite being reported to HE, still require repair.

v. General Maintenance matters.

(a) Litter along the roadsides outside the village relate in the main to the fast food outlets off the A120 junction at Braintree.

(b) The local CCTV system is now operationally successful.

1930. Planning Applications:

New Applications:..

19/02291/HH: 14 Foxmead, Rivenhall End - 2 storey side extension.

Members **unanimously agreed** that there were no objections to this application but raised the question as to whether the residual parking provision is adequate.

Planning Results:

19/01967/HH: Erection of cart lodge etc - Colemans Farm, Little Braxted Lane.

Application granted.

19/01949/FUL: Retention of hard standing - Pulse and Cocktails, London Road, Rivenhall End.

Application granted.

Planning Appeals:

Nothing at date of agenda.

1931. Ongoing Planning Issues:

i. A12 & A120 Projects.

A12: Nothing further to report at this meeting.

A120: Nothing further to report at this meeting.

ii. BDC Local Plan.

Nothing further to report at this meeting.

iii. Bradwell Quarry.

Nothing to report at this meeting although it may be that additional planning applications will be forthcoming.

iv. IWMF

The Environment Agency is now proposing to accept the changes requested by the company's application to vary the Environment Permit. Public consultation prior to the final decision being made will run from 9th January to 6th February with a drop-in session being held in Rivenhall Village Hall on Friday 10th January.

Further consideration will be given at the February meeting.

v. Colemans Quarry

Nothing to report at this meeting although it may be that additional planning applications will be forthcoming.

vi. BDLHP.

The next meeting is scheduled for 23rd January 2020.

1932. Correspondence received since the date of this agenda.

There was no additional correspondence.

1933. Reports from PC Representatives.

There were no reports for this meeting.

1934. Finance matters:

i. To agree the Budget and Precept figures for 2020/21.

Proposed by Cllr. Abbott, seconded by Cllr. Wright and unanimously agreed that the Council's Budget for 2020/2021 be confirmed at £14,047.00 and the Precept for 2020/2021 be confirmed at £12,000.00, leaving a possible shortfall of £2,047.00 to be met from existing balances.

ii. To agree accounts for payment.

Proposed by Cllr. Abbott, seconded by Cllr. Prime and unanimously agreed that the following accounts be paid. Cheques were then drawn accordingly.

1350	£350.00	Riv. & S. End PCC	Magazine grant 2019/20
1351	£346.25	Henry Dixon Hall Charity	Hall Hire various dates
1352	£40.00	RPFA	Hall Hire Jan & Feb '20
1353	£132.75	Karen Bridge	Litter Picking Dec. '19
1354	£339.93	K. P. Taylor	Salary/expenses Dec. '19
1355	£107.96	Stephanie Bills	Website hosting 2019/20

1935. Information exchange and items for the February agenda.

- * Three Ward Parishes proposed tree purchase - Next Agenda.
- * One of the local resident salt spreading volunteers will not be available this winter.
- * There has been a request for a speed check along Church Road which the Chairman will pass on to ECC Highways.

1936. Ten minute public feedback.

Further information was requested regarding the Bellway application for the temporary car park off Rectory Lane.

1937. Dates of future meetings.

Tuesdays 4th February in Rivenhall Village Hall and 3rd March in The Henry Dixon Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the February agenda to the Clerk by 31st January at the latest.

1938. Closure

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.05 hours.

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

CHAIRMAN