

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4TH JANUARY 2022**

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

Also present: Parish Clerk and ECC Cllr. Playle.

2175. Chairman's Report.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 1st parish council meeting of 2022. He wished everyone a Happy New Year and in the hope that things would be better after the difficult circumstances of 2021. He thanked everyone for their contributions to village life over the Christmas period, including the festive contributions and the litter cleaning stalwarts who help to keep the seemingly never ending litter problem at bay.

2176. To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Wright, A'Lee and Elliott.

2177. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.

Cllr. Abbott declared an interest in item 2181 as a member of the BDC Planning Committee.

2178. To agree the minutes of the meetings held on 7th and 17th December 2021.

Both sets of minutes **were approved** and signed by the Chairman, those for the 17th December were approved by three votes with one abstention.

2179. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

- * Cllr. Playle reported that the matters raised with him subsequent to the last meeting were all on-going; he also briefly referred to the on-going planning applications regarding the IWMF and Colemans Farm Quarry and the ECC Library consultation period which remains open for comments.
- * Cllr. Turner reported that the Christmas tree was donated and he returned the Council's cheque which was then cancelled. He also indicated that a Council grant would not be required next year and subsequent years.

2180. Matters for Discussion:

- i. Letter for residents of The Bluebells estate.
It **was agreed** that 60 copies of the letter be printed for distribution, which Cllr. Wright had volunteered to oversee.
- ii. To appoint a Council representative for the RPFA.
This matter was deferred until the February meeting, subsequent to the RPFA AGM later this month.
- iii. Tree & Bulb planting.
The BDC draft Tree Planting Licence has still to be amended and agreed by the RPFA.
All BDC provided trees and flower bulbs are being stored by the Chairman, awaiting agreement regarding planting.
- iv. Planning S106 'Wish List'.
It **was agreed** that the following be considered for future referral to BDC, although not all suggestions were necessarily for S106:
Playing Field Pavilion
John Ray Walk improvements

A new streetlight on Church Road just beyond the Church lay-by Railing fence along Beech Road/Village Green to prevent parking. All these to be processed via the Chairman to BDC as appropriate. The Clerk will approach Bellway Developments regarding the installation of a notice board and litter bins on the Bluebells estate.

- v. New pole for CCTV cameras at the recycling site on Oak Road.
A quotation is still awaited from the maintenance contractor for this installation.
- vi. Replacement pads for the defibrillator.
It **was agreed** to purchase both adult pads at £48 and infant pads at £66, both including VAT.
- vii. Highway Maintenance.
 - The streetlight at The Oak junction has now been repaired and all potholes have been reported to ECC Highways.
 - The following still require attention: Litter along the A12, the missing directional sign for Rivenhall at the Henry Dixon Road/Oak Road junction, continual vehicle parking on the footway along Rickstones Road.
- viii. General Maintenance.
The Chairman will inspect the footpath along the Academy boundary on Rickstones Road.

2181. Planning Applications:

- i. New Applications:
There were no new applications considered.
- ii. Results:
There were no results to be reported.
- iii. Appeals:
There was nothing to report under this heading.
- iv. Enforcement:
There was nothing to report under this heading.

2182. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. A12 to A120 widening.
There was nothing to report under this heading.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.
A letter from Essex Wildlife Trust, dated 29th June 2017, confirms their request to BDC for the deselection of Local Wildlife Site Bra175 - The Old Rectory Meadows, Rectory Lane.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.
There was nothing to report at this meeting.
- iv. IW MF
Just to reiterate that the Chairman attended the latest Rivenhall Airfield Waste Site Liaison meeting on behalf of the Parish Council and circulated details of the main points arising:- It was confirmed that a lot of site clearance has been carried out and that protected species were moved in the process. The Chairman will be following up on this. The developers, Indaver, confirmed they will NOT be building most of the "Integrated" plant that was consented, and re-consented, between 2010 and 2016. They will not build any facility for recycling or AD (composting) and in particular, neither they nor Gent Fairhead will build the paper recycling plant, which was the "anchor" when the Government Inspector in 2010 allowed consent, because it provided a CHP status for the site - the paper unit

would use electricity, heat and steam from the incinerator. Instead Indaver say they now want to build a plant that will process the incinerator ash and that they are exploring piping steam to heat buildings in Chelmsford and Colchester. This latter point appears ridiculous as it would require massively expensive pipes running for miles either over other people's land or by digging up roads. But they appear serious about it. To make the changes they want they are now starting on a process of bypassing Essex County Council (the current relevant planning authority) and going straight to the Government as a national Infrastructure project. Indaver were asked if having dropped all the other elements aside from waste burning, are they going to use the "headroom" capacity to increase the size of the incinerator. They said they would not

ESS/34/15/BTE/12/01.

It **was agreed** to very strongly object to the excessive destruction of local flora which will result in disturbance and disruption of habitat for protected wildlife species, most notably Great Crested Newts and various Bat species.

v. Colemans Quarry.

ESS/98/21/BTE.

It **was agreed** to send a strongly worded request to ECC that this application be refused, copies of the letter also to be forwarded to both Braxted Parish Councils and Witham Town Council.

ESS/95/21/BTE.

Members raised no comments regarding this application.

vi. BDLHP.

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

2183. Finance matters:

i. To agree the Budget/Precept figures for 2022/23.

The Budget and Precept figures of £16,599 and £14,000 respectively **were agreed.**

ii. To agree accounts for payment.

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

1465	£350.00	Rivenhall & S. End PCC	Magazine Grant 2021/22
1466	£245.00	H. M. R. C.	PAYE 2 nd $\frac{1}{4}$ 2021/22
1467	£356.90	K. P. Taylor	Salary/expenses Dec. '21

2184. Information exchange and items for the February agenda.

- * The Chairman reported that all the details regarding the Open Spaces Action Plan had been forwarded to BDC.
- * Coppicing work was currently being undertaken in Tarecroft Wood.
- * Cllr. Cairns reported that the public footpath crossing Rivenhall Oaks Golf Course was in a very bad state of repair.
- * Cllr. Turner reported that it would appear that all domestic recycling was collected via a normal refuse collection vehicle which rendered recycling of various materials difficult if not impossible. The Chairman will investigate this matter further.

2185. Ten minutes public feedback (as required).

There was no public feedback.

2186. Dates of future meetings.

1st February 2022 in Rivenhall Village Hall, and 1st March 2022 in The Henry Dixon Hall, both starting promptly at 19.30 hours.

Further items for the February agenda to the Clerk by 21st January at the latest.

2187. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.42 hours.

Signed:

Date 1st February 2022.

CHAIRMAN