

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH JULY 2021**

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

Also present: Parish Clerk and ECC Cllr. R. Playle.

2109. To receive any apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

2110. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.

Cllr. Abbott declared an interest in item 2114(i) as a member of the BDC Planning Committee and as a resident close to the site, and he did not participate in any discussion regarding applications having left the room.

2111. To agree the minutes of the meetings held on 1st June 2021.

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

2112. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

* ECC Cllr. Playle introduced himself to the meeting and gave a very brief resume of outstanding ECC matters relating to Rivenhall parish.

* Concern was expressed regarding the teachers at The Rickstones Academy smoking outside the entrance and discarding the butts at the roadside when a suitable receptacle should be provided.

2113. Matters for Discussion:

i. A12 to A120 Widening consultation.

There will be H.E. public consultation events on 8th July at the Rivenhall Hotel and 10th July at Spring Lodge in Witham.

Members engaged in an in-depth discussion on various matters to be raised with H.E. relative to the published consultation document. The Chairman will draw together the main points of support for the A12 proposals and also the points of concern as well as questions on matters of uncertainty, so that a full and formal response can be made.

ii. BDC roadside verge maintenance & wildflower areas.

The district-wide new verge policy is now in operation, with one cut per year to allow time for wildflowers to flower and seed. The Chairman reported that BDC will, in due course, invite all parish councils to suggest further enhancements, at which point the parish council could submit suggestions. The parish council had previously considered potential locations for enhancement along Oak Road, Rickstones Road, Church Road and Park Road. Further wildflower areas could be considered on the Village Green. Members agreed the most suitable area would be in between the trees near the junction of Rickstones Road and Church Road.

iii. Apparent improper enclosure of Highway land - Rickstones Road.

It **was agreed** that the Clerk write to the owner of 321 Rickstones Road requesting the removal of the green fencing that appears to enclose both the ECC Highway verge and the RPC notice board.

- iv. Highway Maintenance.
 - (a) The speeding of vehicles and the increased HGV movements along Oak Road are to be raised with H.E. and ECC.
 - (b) All outstanding issues have been referred to ECC for action.
- v. General Maintenance.
 - (a) Resulting from complaints received, ECC will be requested to enforce the cutting back of overgrowth in front of some dwellings along Oak Road.

2114. Planning Applications:

- i. New Applications:
21/01998/SCR: Land West of Park Road - Solar Farm.
 It was agreed to reply to BDC that this proposal should be subject to an Environmental Impact Assessment.
Results:
21/00794/HH: Single-storey extension, the Ivy, The Drive, Rivenhall End.
 Application granted.
21/01203/HH: First-floor side extension, 16 Foxden, Rivenhall End.
 Application granted.
- iii. Appeals:
 There was nothing to report at this meeting.
- iv. Enforcement:
 There was nothing to report at this meeting.

2115. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. A12 to A120 widening.
 See item 2113(i) above.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.
 Based upon the draft timetable, the RPC Green Buffer policy is due to be discussed on 14th July 2021. The Chairman has requested to speak on this and the programme officer has acknowledged that request.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.
 There was nothing to report at this meeting.
- iv. IWMF
 Report from waste site liaison meeting held 17th June 2021; main points:
 Work is underway in the Woodhouse Farm area to uncover buildings.
 PRoW Kelvedon 8 now protected by fencing through site. Indaver admit that they will apply to divert F8 - they say on temporary basis.
 Indaver say they may not now refurbish Woodhouse Farm for their offices and may use other buildings on site instead.
 More planning applications are to follow.
 Civil works on main waste site expected to start early 2022 after a temporary access road is constructed from the Bradwell quarry processing area (i.e. a total route to/from the A120) in late 2021.
 Applications to be made to ECC to change the dates for works on site.
 The Environmental Permit has been transferred from Gent Fairhead to Indaver by the EA.
 Key issue, confirmed again at meeting is that Indaver and Gent Fairhead are NOT going to build what they have planning permission for, but will not say what they will build, other than the incinerator part of the plant and the shell of the structure overall by 2025. Gent Fairhead repeated as per previous meeting that

the paper pulping mill will NOT be built as it has no commercial viability. Without the mill, the plant overall cannot be a Combined Heat and Power (CHP) plant and will not be as per planning permission.

Indaver and Gent Fairhead say they are looking for an alternative user of heat, steam and electricity from the incinerator "on or off site" but did not say what or where this might be.

ECC insisted that Indaver/Gent Fairhead must build what they have consent for, but did not reply when asked about the legal advice they said at the previous meeting they were seeking - as to whether Indaver could start building the plant when all involved have been told that they will not built to the consent.

v. Colemans Quarry.

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

vi. BDLHP.

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

2116. Finance matters:

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

1433	£700.00	J. E. Abbott	Chairman's allowance 2021/22
1434	£245.00	HMRC	PAYE 1 st ¼ 2021/22
1435	£72.60	RCCE	Membership fee 2021/22
1436	£600.00	P. G. Groundcare Ltd	Maintenance June '21
1437	£108.00	Andrew Wilson	Litter picking June '21
1438	£357.80	K. P. Taylor	Salary/expenses June '21
1439	£68.00	Hipwell Bookbinders Ltd	Binding council minutes

2117. Information exchange and items for the July agenda.

* Three Parishes Meeting to be held at Silver End has again been deferred.

2118. Ten minutes public feedback (as required).

There were no members of the public attending.

2119. Dates of future meetings.

3rd August in the Rivenhall Village Hall, and 7th September in The Henry Dixon Hall, both meetings starting promptly at 19.30 hours.

Further items for the August agenda to the Clerk by 23rd July at the latest.

2120. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.23 hours.

Signed:

Date: 3rd August 2021

CHAIRMAN