

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5TH JULY 2022 IN THE RIVENHALL
VILLAGE HALL.**

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

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

2255 Chairman's Report.

A series of announcements are expected soon on major planning matters affecting Rivenhall Parish.

Rivenhall Parish Council, along with many other local parish councils, as well as Braintree District Council and Essex County Council responded to the National Grid proposals with a common theme of requesting them to think again about employing pylons up to 50 metres high for a new power transmission line. The next steps on that matter will likely be some time ahead but more immediately there are 3 other significant planning issues where news is expected soon.

Firstly, the formal planning application, the Development Consent Order, for the A12 realignment is expected this summer. As discussed at the June Parish Council meeting, when that is a live application the parish council will liaise with National Highways to ensure there is a public meeting open to all local residents in the parish to view and discuss the plans.

Secondly, it is understood that an announcement on routing for the A120 (Braintree to A12) is due soon. The county council preferred Route D passes through parts of the parish and would emerge to join the A12 between Kelvedon and Rivenhall End. The Government is considering whether that route, or one of the other 4 routes originally consulted on, will be chosen.

Thirdly, it has been confirmed that there will now be a public planning appeal inquiry into the 'Bellway Phase 4' housing development application on land off Rectory Lane and Rickstones Road. That is expected to take place later this year and it has been put to Braintree District Council that a venue local to Rivenhall (as far as is possible) would be preferred to facilitate local residents being able to attend.

2256. To receive any apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

2257. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.

Cllr. Abbott declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 2261 as a member of the BDC Planning Committee.

2258. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2022.

The minutes were approved and then signed by the Chairman.

2259. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

* Braintree District Council has replaced many of the litter bins with covered designs to stop birds and other wildlife from pulling litter out when looking for food. However it was reported that one litter bin on Church Road has been incorrectly situated. BDC will be asked to relocate this bin to the correct position so as not to obstruct pedestrians or driver sightlines.

- ECC Cllr. Playle commented re the replacement bus shelter and was informed of RPC's

dissatisfaction in that the old shelter, RPC property, was removed without consent and in the process was damaged and that the replacement did not match up to the previous specification.

He also referred to the problems associated with the ongoing operation of the Local Highways Panel, and, as a separate issue, the forthcoming works maintenance of the Chipping Hill Bridge and local traffic management.

2260. Matters for Discussion:

- i. BDC consultation on Planning Committee Members Forum
It **was agreed** to accept the BDC proposals upon the assumption that RPC do not have to pre-nominate individual Councillors to attend the Members Forum as attendance would be determined by the location of any proposed planning application and availability of Members to attend.
- ii. ECC Highways winter 2022/23 salt bag scheme.
As RPC has a sufficient stock of salt it **was agreed** not to participate this year in this scheme. The issue of volunteers to distribute the salt will be further discussed at the October 2022 meeting.
- iii. BDC Rewilding Project.
Proposed by Cllr Abbott, seconded by Cllr. Cairns and agreed by 6 to 1 that the following sites be notified to BDC for possible rewilding:
Area 1: A strip on the north side of the Albert Moss Playing Field in line with the three trees below the play equipment and down to the spinney.
Area 2: Also on the Albert Moss Playing Field within the triangle of the new tree planting inside the fence.
Cllr. Turner indicated that he was not against rewilding per say but not on the Albert Moss Playing Field.
Further discussions are necessary with the RPFSA before further consideration is given to the northern verge of the Village hall car park being included.
- iv. BDC & ECC verges policy.
It was agreed, with just two abstentions, that the following be nominated as possible wildflower enhancement strips to local highway verges:
Park Road - all of western side; the owner of Rivenhall Place confirms this is highway land and he fully supports the policy.
Church Road - 1 strip on high straight section north of church on east side and 1 strip diagonally opposite the school on west side.
Oak Road - 1 strip in the area where parish council trees are planted, to the south of the recycling banks.
Henry Dixon Road - 1 strip south of the railway bridge on east side.
Rickstones Road - 1 strip on the raised bank north of Stoverns Hall
- v. Glass bus shelter
Bearing in mind that ECC has committed to replacing the plastic seat with a wooden one, the question as to whether ECC should compensate RPC for the damage done to the old shelter by its removal will be discussed at the August meeting.
- vi. Three Parishes Meeting.
The meeting scheduled for 4th July 2022 at Silver End was postponed; a new date has yet to be agreed.
- vii. Highway Maintenance.
The repair/improvement to the Park Gate signs continues.
The continued daylight operation of the A12 lighting has not been addressed; the

Chairman is to contact National Highways once again and also will request, again, that the cycleway be kept clear of overhanging brambles.

The BDC anti-litter signs have not all been erected at the agreed locations within the parish.

viii. General Maintenance.

- * The maintenance contractor has indicated that the posts on the Village Green will be repaired/replaced but there is a delay due to staffing shortages.
- * It **was agreed** that the hourly rate of pay for the litter pickers should increase to £10 with immediate effect.
- * There is a broken chain along the Village Green facing onto Church Road.
- * The Willow trees along Henry Dixon Road are overhanging the footway.
- * There is an overhanging hedge at the end of the properties on Oak Road just before the hedge leading along to the railway bridge.
- * There remains the increasing problem with vehicles, some of them industrial type, being parked on the footways along Church Road and Rickstones Road. ECC will be asked if it is possible for official 'No Parking' signs to be erected on the verges and footways.

2261. Planning Applications:

i. New Applications:

There were no new applications to be considered.

ii. Results:

22/01119/HH: Two-storey rear extension - 2 Rivenhall Fields, Rickstones Road. Application refused.

22/00664/VAR: To regularise provision of a 3-metre wide foot and cycle path near the locally equipped area for play - 7 Hawkins Close. Application granted.

iii. Appeals:

An appeal re Bellway Phase 4 has been lodged and will be heard later this year, details yet to be announced. It has been requested that the appeal be heard as locally as possible for the benefit of local residents who may wish to attend.

iv. Enforcement:

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

2262. Ongoing Planning Issues:

i. A12 to A120 widening.

See under item 2255 above - Chairman's report.

ii. BDC Local Plan.

The Inspector's report has been accepted and is recommended for approval at BDC Full Council later this month.

iii. Bradwell Quarry.

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

iv. IWMF

There was nothing new to report at this meeting.

v. Colemans Quarry.

The next liaison meeting is scheduled for 12th July 2022.

vi. BDLHP.

There was nothing further to report.

2263. Finance matters:

To agree accounts for payment.

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

1497	£125.00	P.C. Little	Notice Board repair
1498	£72.60	R.C.C.E.	Membership fee 2022/23
1499	£245.00	H.M.R. & C.	PAYE 1 st $\frac{1}{4}$ year 2022/23
1500	£392.88	K. P. Taylor	Salary/expenses June '22
1501	£153.00	P. Scott	Litter picking June '22
1502	£72.00	K. Burton	Litter picking June '22
1503	£20.00	Henry Dixon Hall Charity	Hall Hire
1504	£420.00	P. G. Groundcare Ltd.	Maintenance June '22

2264. Information exchange and items for the August agenda.

- * Cllr. Wright reported success for Rivenhall School at the Witham Area Sports Association Junior District Sports.

2265. Ten minutes public feedback (as required).

There was no feed back.

2266. Dates of future meetings.

2nd August in Rivenhall Village Hall and 6th September in The Henry Dixon Hall, both starting promptly at 19.30 hours.

Further items for the August agenda to the Clerk by 23rd July 2022 at the latest.

2267. Closure

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.52 hours.

Signed:

Date 2nd August 2022.

CHAIRMAN