

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1ST JUNE 2021**

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

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

2097. To receive any apologies for absence.

No apology was received, all members present.

2098. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.

Cllr. Abbott declared an interest in item 2102(i) as a member of the BDC Planning Committee and he had/did not participated in any discussion regarding applications.

2099. To agree the minutes of the meetings held on 4th May 2021.

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

2100. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

There were no matters raised.

2101. Matters for Discussion:

i. To ratify the system operating re planning applications.

Given the efficient operation relative to the commenting upon new planning applications **it was agreed** that individual householder applications continue to be dealt with electronically, with all other major applications being brought to the first available council meeting for final discussion. The Clerk will previously circulate the application information so that members can refer to the documents on the BDC Planning website.

This system **was approved**.

ii. Three Parishes Meeting.

July 2021 was agreed as a possible date for the next meeting, subject to the agreement of both Silver End and Cressing Parish Councils.

iii. Binding of council minutes.

It was agreed that the Clerk have the outstanding set of council minutes bound at an estimated cost of £68.00.

iv. Clerk's continued membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks.

It was agreed that, at the Clerk's suggestion this membership be discontinued.

v. Highway Maintenance.

(a) *Flooding at The John Ray Walk/Rickstones Road/Rectory Lane area.*

The Clerk has written to ECC requesting urgent action, including enforcement action where necessary, to alleviate the flooding problems in the area of Rickstones Road, Rectory Lane and Forest Road.

(b) ECC has completed the repairs to the reported pot holes.

(c) For the coming season BDC verge cutting will be limited to one cut except for identified sightlines.

(d) **It was agreed** to oppose the currently proposed Rectory Lane Traffic Regulation Order as it was considered premature based upon a presumption that the outstanding planning application by Bellway will be granted.

(e) Request improvement to the verge sightlines at the pedestrian crossover on Rickstones Road at the bottom of Stoverns Hill.

- (f) Concern was raised regarding the erosion of the verge along Rickstones Road outside the Bellway development site.
 - (g) The Chairman will report all defunct streetlight to ECC Highways.
 - (h) ECC has dismissed concerns regarding the Beech Road footway and this continues to be a danger to local pedestrians.
- vi. General Maintenance.
- (a) There has been an increase in the number of fly tips within the parish but the RPC cameras have been effective in prosecution cases.
 - (b) The hedges along Oak Road require trimming. The maintenance contractor to trim the area just prior to Hoo Hall Cottage and Mr. Siggers to trim the hedge leading to the railway bridge.
 - (c) The steps leading to the bungalows on Rickstones Road require tidying by the maintenance contractor.
 - (d) Concern was expressed concerning the delay in emptying the BDC litter bins within the parish.

2102. Planning Applications:

- i. New Applications:
 - 21/01203/HH: First-floor side extension - 16 Foxden.
'No comments' reply to BDC on 4th May 2021.
 - 21/01264/HH: Single-storey extension - 10 Foxmead.
'No comments' reply to BDC on 25th May 2021.
- ii. Results:
 - 20/01739/FUL: Park Gate Farm redevelopment. Granted permission.
 - 21/00889/HH: 461 Rickstones Road. Extensions granted permission
- iii. Appeals:
 - There was nothing to report at this meeting.
- iv. Enforcement:
 - There was nothing new to report at this meeting.

2103. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. A12 to A120 widening.
 - There is to be an online West Community Forum session scheduled for 14th June, from 18.30 to 19.30. The Chairman will attend and invited others to do so if possible.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.
 - BDC now has a 5 year housing supply and the Local Plan Section 2 will be examined by the Government Inspector during July 2021.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.
 - There was nothing further to report at this meeting.
- iv. IWMF
 - It was agreed** that Cllr. Abbott continue as the RPC representative on the IWMF Liaison Committee.
- v. Colemans Quarry.
 - (a) It was agreed that Cllr. Wright continue as the RPC representative on the Colemans Quarry Liaison Committee.
 - (b) Planning applications: ESS/36/21.BTE & ESS/51/21/BTE.
After deliberation it **was agreed** to object formally to these two applications and to emphasise the fact that there is no proven need for further additional gravel extraction.

vi. BDLHP.

The date of the next meeting is yet to be determined.

2104. Finance matters:

To agree accounts for payment.

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

1430	£180.00	Andrew Wilson	Litter picking May '21
1431	£420.00	P. G. Groundcare Ltd.	Maintenance May '21
1432	£356.70	K. P. Taylor	Salary/expenses May '21

2105. Information exchange and items for the July agenda.

* To discuss the apparent encroachment of ECC Highway land at the July meeting.

* BDC is currently consulting on new Climate Change and Cycling Strategies for the District which are due to be finalised in September.

2106. Ten minutes public feedback (as required).

Nothing was raised under this heading.

2107. Dates of future meetings.

6th July and 3rd August in the Rivenhall Village Hall, both meetings starting promptly at 19.30 hours.

Further items for the July agenda to the Clerk by 25th June at the latest.

2108. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.45 hours.

Signed:

Date: 6th July 2021

CHAIRMAN