

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7TH JUNE 2022
IN THE HENRY DIXON HALL, RIVENHALL END.**

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

Also present: Parish Clerk, ECC Cllr. Playle, who arrived late, and 3 members of the public.

2242 Chairman's Report.

Major planning proposals continue to affect our largely rural parish. National Grid is consulting until 16th June on proposals for new high voltage power lines carried on 50 metre high pylons across the parish. At this meeting the parish council will be drawing up its response to that consultation and is keen to know the views of residents.

The Parish Council also welcomes views on the re-wilding project being run by Braintree District Council on its land. So far 3 locations have been suggested for re-wilding, all involving allowing wildflowers to grow on a managed basis. The parish council, with the help of residents, planted the Rivenhall Jubilee Oak tree on the main village green on 3rd June, thereby completing the tree planting programme for this year. The more than 100 trees planted have been registered as part of the national Queen's Green canopy project.

Jubilee events in Rivenhall and the 2 nearby villages in the "3 parishes" cluster were very well attended and it was good to see the level of community spirit to mark the Platinum Jubilee.

2243. To receive any apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

2244. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.

Cllr. Abbott declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 2248 as a member of the BDC Planning Committee, and 2247(i) as a local resident close to the suggested route.

2245. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd May 2022.

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

2246. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

- * BDC grass cutting policy has resulted in very long grass at the Albert Moss Playing Field - Chairman will refer to BDC for comment.
- * BDC to be requested to replace the dilapidated basketball nets at the Albert Moss Playing Field.
- * Chairman agreed on the necessity for local consultations prior to, or immediately subsequent to National Highways submitting their planning application for the A12 widening through Rivenhall End. It appears that local property owners are not being closely consulted by National Highways.
- * Planning application 21/02933/FUL - The Lodge, Rectory Lane has been updated to provide for more energy efficient dwellings.
- * ECC Cllr. Playle referred to the membership of the Local Highways Panel and local councillors brought outstanding Highways matters to his attention. Cllr. Playle also spoke of the ECC Councillor grants that could be available for local projects with a closing date for applications of 19th August 2022.

2247. Matters for Discussion:

- i. East Anglia Green Energy Enablement.
After discussion it **was agreed** to recommend that the route for the transfer of electricity not be via pylons across the countryside but offshore direct from the turbine site to discharge at Tilbury.
- ii. Replacement bus shelter.
To date there has been no satisfactory reason given for why this bus shelter was removed without prior consultation with the Parish Council who maintained and insured the shelter. In effect it was simply stolen. Some councillors had investigated the condition of the suggested replacement shelter only to find it substandard when compared to the original. It **was agreed** to request the return of the original shelter if, after being reconditioned, the replacement remained substandard.
- iii. BDC re-wilding scheme.
It **was agreed by 5 to 1** that suitable sites within Rivenhall Parish are:
 - Along the northern boundary of the Albert Moss Playing Field from the newly planted trees to the spinney.
 - Within the newly tree planted and fenced area in the southeast corner of the Albert Moss Playing Field.
 - In the southeast corner of the main Village Green.
 - Potentially along the northern boundary of the Village Hall Car Park.
 These areas to be publicised for any further comments to be received and considered.
- iv. ECC Highways winter 2022/23 salt bag scheme.
It **was agreed** that this be held over to the July meeting and in the meantime for the number of available salt bins within the parish be ascertained.
- v. Three Parishes Meeting.
The next meeting is scheduled for 4th July 2022 at Silver End,
- vi. Highway Maintenance.
 - (a) All outstanding issues have been re-reported to ECC and ECC Cllr. Playle was made aware of members' concerns.
 - (b) Two areas of roadside verges have been submitted for cutting - Rickstones Road, opposite the first house below Stoverns Hall, and Oak Road at the exit from Footpath 59.
 - (c) Brambles are encroaching onto the A12 cycleway.
 - (d) Concern was raised regarding the number of occasions temporary highway repairs are made before any permanent solution is undertaken.
- vii. General Maintenance.
 - (a) Chairman has reminded ECC of the outstanding repair to the large pothole at the Tarecroft Wood car park.
 - (b) Another post has been damaged at the Village Green, the Clerk will request that the maintenance contractor undertake the repair also to enquire if he is prepared to repaint all the posts.
 - (c) The Clerk will arrange for the repair of the notice board outside the Village Hall

2248. Planning Applications:

- i. New Applications:
22/01119/HH: Two-storey rear extension - 2 Rivenhall Fields, Rickstones Road.
 A 'No Comments' letter was forwarded to BDC after email consultation between councillors.
- ii. Results:
21/03390/HH: Single-storey rear extension - 15 Foxden, Rivenhall End.
 Application granted.
22/01063/AGR: Prior approval for a general purpose agricultural building to store machinery - Appleford Farm.
 Prior approval given, 25th May 2022.
- iii. Appeals:
 There were no appeals to be reported.
- iv. Enforcement:
 There was nothing to report.

2249. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. A12 to A120 widening.
 As detailed via the report from those councillors attending the local parish update meeting (via Zoom) on 16th May, National Highways has now confirmed that it intends for the new Quarry access to remain close to the existing location, on what will become the realigned section of the top of Little Braxted Lane.
 Another Liaison meeting is possible prior to the submission of H. E's planning application.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.
 There was nothing positive to report.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.
 There was nothing to report.
- iv. IWMF.
ESS/01/22/BTE/03/01: pursuant to condition 3 (Road signage) of ESS/01/22/BTE - temporary use of Woodhouse Lane by non HGV vehicles.
 It was **agreed** that no comments needed to be forwarded to ECC.
- v. Colemans Quarry.
 There was nothing to report
- vi. BDLHP.
 The next meeting is scheduled for 30th June 2022.

2250. Finance matters:To agree accounts for payment.

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

1492	£117.00	P. Scott	Litter Picking May '22
1493	£84.00	K. Burton	Litter Picking May '22
1494	£510.00	P.G. Groundcare Ltd.	Maintenance May '22
1495	£309.00	J. Abbott	Jubilee Oak Tree Planting materials
1496	£393.52	K.P. Taylor	Salary/expenses May'22

2251. Information exchange and items for the July agenda.

- * BDC consultation on Planning Committee Members Forum - Next meeting.
- * The fencing at the Albert Moss Playing Field tree planting area has been completed as per specification, the invoice is awaited.
- * There has been no further response from Essex Police regarding their proposed presence within the parish.

2252. Ten minutes public feedback (as required).

There was no public feedback.

2253. Dates of future meetings.

5th July and 2nd August in Rivenhall Village Hall, both starting promptly at 19.30 hours.
Further items for the July agenda to the Clerk by 24th June 2022 at the latest.

2254. Closure

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.50 hours.

Signed:

Date 5th July 2022.

CHAIRMAN