

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022**

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

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

**2201. Chairman's Report.**

The recent decisions on 2 major planning applications have given some hope that these proposed developments are not forgone conclusion.

Firstly, Braintree District Council has refused planning permission for the "Bellway Phase 4" application for up to 230 houses on land off Rectory Lane, mainly because the site is contrary to both the current and proposed new Local Plans. An Appeal could follow.

Together with Phase 3, these developments would more than double the number of houses in the parish. It remains a source of frustration that BDC continues to ignore Rivenhall when major plans are being decided within the parish. In this case had the development been approved, which is located entirely in Rivenhall parish, not a penny would have been allocated to Rivenhall in developer community, health or open spaces contributions - all of the funding would have gone to Witham. Secondly, Essex County Council has refused consent to the Rivenhall Airfield waste site developers Indaver to have an "alternative" way of developing the site. ECC has confirmed that Indaver must build only what they have consent for which is an 'Integrated' facility including all the elements consented in 2010 and re-consented in 2016. It is unclear what will happen next in this long running planning saga as the developers have said they do not intend to build all the elements of the consent and may apply for changes.

**2202. To receive any apologies for absence.**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2203. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.**

Cllr. Abbott declared an interest in item 2207 as a member of the BDC Planning Committee.

**2204. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022.**

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

**2205. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

ECC Cllr. Playle reported that ECC remedial measures resulting from the most recent storms had been completed. He also commented upon the latest ECC bus survey, the Police and Crime Commissioner's local consultation and progress re the A12 and A120 improvements. As Cllr. Playle had a planned liaison meeting with the Cabinet Member for Highways he was asked to reiterate the outstanding problems within Rivenhall regarding flooding issue, including the blocked gullies and drains.

**2206. Matters for Discussion:**

i. Annual Parish Assembly

This is scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022, commencing at 18.45 hours in the Village Hall. No outside speakers are invited this year so that an opportunity can be given for local residents to request information from the Parish Council upon various local issues

- ii. PRoW - Nos.48 and 59  
The new ECC PRoW Officer has agreed to meet the Chairman and Cllr. Cairns to ascertain what can be done to improve both footpaths.
- iii. Tree & Bulb planting.  
The licence for tree planting on the Albert Moss Playing Field has now been finalised.  
The trees and all additional planting materials are to hand but the additional quotation for the fencing is still awaited.  
The flower bulbs will be planted at the same time as the trees despite the fact that due to unforeseen delays some of the bulbs have deteriorated.
- iv. ECC Call for. Sand and Gravel Extraction Sites  
It **was agreed** that the Chairman draft and circulate a response so that a representation can be made to BDC before the closing date of 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022.
- v. New pole at the recycling site on Oak Road.  
BDC require the pole to be sited within the area of the recycling site and for it to support two CCTV cameras.  
The Clerk will contact ECC requesting permission for this pole to be erected within the recycling site.
- vi. Platinum Jubilee.  
BDC's permission will be sought for the siting of a Jubilee Oak near the existing 60<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Oak on the Village Green. An estimated cost of £200 was **unanimously agreed** for this project.
- vii. Highway Maintenance.  
(a) Following the conclusion of the trial aimed at reducing the amount of litter thrown onto highway verges from passing vehicles, BDC ask if there are suitable sites within parishes where other signs might be sited. It **was agreed** to recommend at the bottom of Stoverns Hill on Rickstones Road; Near the Henry Dixon Road underpass and at the recycling centre on Oak Road.  
(b) The storm damaged trees and cables in the area opposite 335 Rickstones Road and the damaged light on Beech Road are to be reported to ECC.  
(c) Some remedial work has been actioned along the A12.  
(d) ECC are working to improve the junction with Park Road and Western Road.
- viii. General Maintenance.  
(a) Residential parking on thee estate verges and the Village Green to be considered at the April meeting.  
(b) The litter picker will be requested to give additional attention to the slope areas near the Henry Dixon underpass to the A12.

## 2207. Planning Applications:

- i.. New Applications:  
There were no new applications to be considered at this meeting.  
It was proposed by the Chairman and seconded by Cllr. A'Lee that a letter be sent to BDC's Chief Executive regarding the issue related to the allocation of Section 106 monies relative to the recent series of planning applications approved within the Parish of Rivenhall where all S.106 monies have been allocated to the provision of works within the Parish of Witham, despite the annual updating of the Open Spaces Action Plan for Rivenhall, which shows projects that would benefit from the allocation of funds, such as the improvement of the John Ray Walk, a nationally recognised recreational footpath.

- ii. Results:  
21/03191/FUL: Southview Primary School extension - application withdrawn.  
20/02060/OUT: Bellway Phase 4 - land off Rectory lane - application refused.
- iii. Appeals:  
Nothing to report at this meeting.
- iv. Enforcement:  
Nothing to report at this meeting.

**2208. Ongoing Planning Issues:**

- i. A12 to A120 widening.  
There was nothing new to report at this meeting.
- ii. BDC Local Plan  
There was nothing new to report at this meeting.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.  
There was nothing new to report at this meeting.
- iv. IWMF  
**ESS/01/22/BTE:** Temporary use of Woodhouse Lane by non HGV vehicles. The formal reply, recommending refusal, was emailed to ECC on 21st February 2022. Also see under item 2201 above.  
Future site liaison meetings are scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> June, 15<sup>th</sup> September and 15<sup>th</sup> December 2022.
- iv. Colemans Quarry.  
There was nothing new to report at this meeting.
- vi. BDLHP.  
The next meeting is scheduled for 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022.

**2209. Finance matters:**

To agree accounts for payment.

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

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| 1472 | £40.00  | The Henry Dixon Hall Charity | Hall Hire deposits for 2022  |
| 1473 | £376.90 | K. P. Taylor                 | Salary/expenses February '22 |

**2210. Information exchange and items for the February agenda.**

- \* The next Three Parishes Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at St. Barnabas, Cressing.
- \* The Clerk will enquire re the possibility of a financial contribution being made in support of Ukrainian refugees.

**2211. Ten minutes public feedback.**

There was no feedback.

**2212. Dates of future meetings.**

5<sup>th</sup> April and 3<sup>rd</sup> May in Rivenhall Village Hall, both starting promptly at 19.30 hours.  
Further items for the April agenda to the Clerk by 25<sup>th</sup> March at the latest.

**2213. Closure**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.43 hours.

Signed:

CHAIRMAN

Date 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022.