

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3RD MAY 2022 IN THE
RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL.**

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

Also present: Parish Clerk, and 1 member of the public.

2227. Election of Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. A'Lee that Cllr. Abbott be re-elected as Chairman. **This was agreed with one abstention.**

Cllr. Abbott accepted and signed the Chairman's Declaration of Acceptance of Office and then took the Chair.

2228. To receive any apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

2229. Election of Vice-Chairman.

Proposed by Cllr. Abbott, seconded by Cllr. Cairns that Cllr. Wright be elected as Vice-Chairman. **This was agreed with one abstention.**

2230. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.

Cllr. Abbott declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 2235 as a member of the BDC Planning Committee.

2231. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 5th April 2022.

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

2232. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

* One of the swings on the Playing Field has been repaired by BDC.

* The reported fly-tip along Rectory Lane was immediately cleared by BDC.

2233. To appoint Council representatives to outside bodies.

It was unanimously agreed to make the following appointments:

RPFA Cllr. Wright

BALC Cllr. A'Lee

EALC Cllr. A'Lee

BDLHP Cllr. Abbott

HDH Charity In abeyance as Cllr. Turner is a Trustee

Passenger Transport Liaison Cllr. Prime

Primary School Cllr. Wright

PRoW Liaison Cllr. Cairns

Emergency Contact Cllr. Wright

2234. Matters for Discussion:

i. To reaffirm the Council's General Power of Competence.

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council resolves from 3rd May 2022, until the next relevant Annual Meeting of the Council, that having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and SI 965 The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence)(Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, to adopt the General Power of Competence.

- ii. Replacement bus shelter
The replacement bus shelter is still awaited and the Clerk will remind ECC that this bus shelter must be replaced at least like for like.
- iii. Tree Planting on Albert Moss Playing Field.
A much reduced quotation is being negotiated via BDC for the fencing of the planting in the southeast corner of the playing field. **It was agreed, with one vote against**, to accept a quote of up to £2,070 plus VAT.
A watering schedule has been put in place for this area and the two specimen trees on the northern boundary.
- iv. PRoW - F/Path 48
A report from End to End nature Care will be sought pursuant to their walk/inspection on 27th April and brought to the June council meeting.
The Clerk is to request that Bellway reinstate the footpath signs from Holly Walk through to footpaths 58 and 59 near to the pond.
- v. East Anglia Green Energy Enablement.
Consultation on the need to erect new high voltage network between Norwich and Tilbury, with new tall pylons being proposed between Rivenhall and Silver End. Councillors were given the published details of the proposals and a public information event is to held in the Witham Public Hall, from 12.00 - 18.30 hours tomorrow, 4th May 2022.
There are many questions that require answers being given at the local events planned during this consultation period and further discussion was deferred until the June meeting when a response will be finalised.
- vi. Highway Maintenance.
Matters referred to ECC for attention that still remain outstanding include: Pot-holes along Church Road; non functioning streetlights; flooding issues at the Rickstones Road and Rectory Lane junction with the John Ray Walk and the damaged bollard at the junction of Henry Dixon Road with Oak Road.
- vii. General Maintenance.
 - (a) Litter Picking.
The Clerk is arranging for a second litter picker to commence working within the next week or two.
 - (b) The maintenance contractor has been requested to trim back the bushes along the Beech Road garages approach road and will be requested to reinstate the damaged post(s) on the Village Green.
 - (c) Two fallen trees across the John Ray Walk are to be removed within the next day or two.
 - (d) BDC are to be requested to install lids to the litter bins within the parish to prevent access by birds and wild animals.

2235. Planning Applications:

- i.. New Applications:
22/01063/AGR: Application for prior notification of agricultural development: General purpose agricultural building to store machinery at Appleford Farm, Braxted Road.
Although this notification is for information only, it was agreed that the Clerk notify BDC that the existing barns are not all currently being used for agricultural purposes.

- ii. Results:
21/03388/HH: 70 Church Road - extension. Application withdrawn.

Bluebells development: Many of the recommendations submitted by the Parish Council to BDC regarding the Bluebells development application for change to the path have been agreed by BDC.

- iii. Appeals:
There were no appeals to be reported.
- iv. Enforcement:
There was nothing to report.

2236. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. A12 to A120 widening.
The Chairman is due to participate in an on-line local parish councils Catch-Up on Monday 16th May 2022.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.
There appears to be a delay in the receipt by BDC of the Inspector's long awaited report.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.
Nothing to report.
- iv. IWMF
(a) ESS/34/15/BTE/67/01: (Protected Species Licences)
The Chairman is to produce a draft response for circulation to members for consideration before referral to ECC.
(b) ESS/01/22/BTE; Temporary use of Woodhouse Lane by non HGVs has been granted by ECC with very specific conditions.
(c) Indaver continues to work on their DCO application to the Government which is expected too fundamentally change the planning consent from the 'Integrated' facility towards a plant that is essentially a stand-alone waste incinerator with some associated operations on site.
- v. Colemans Quarry.
Nothing to report.
- vi. BDLHP.
The next meeting is scheduled for June 2022, date to be notified.

2237. Finance matters:

- i. To consider the Internal Auditor's Report for 2021/22.
The Internal Audit has been completed with no comments raised by the auditor.
- ii. The Chairman to sign off the 2021/22 Final Accounts.
The Chairman signed the AGAR Section 2 to close the 2021/22 accounts
- iii. To agree accounts for payment.
It **was agreed** that the following accounts be paid; cheques were then drawn accordingly.

1482	£132.00	KempCo Ltd	Printing Annual Reports
1483	£60.00	Ann Clarke	Internal audit fee 21/22
1484	£861.67	Zurich Municipal	Insurance Premium 22/23
1485	£162.00	P.C. Little	Notice board repairs
1486	£40.00	B.A.L.C.	Subscription 22/23
1487	£20.00	Henry Dixon Hall	Hall Hire
1488	£104.96	J. Abbott	Tree planting supplies

1489	£242.97	Paul Scott	Litter picking April '22
1490	£376.90	K.P. Taylor	Salary/expenses April'22
1491	£420.00	P.G. Groundcare Ltd	Maintenance April '22

2238. Information exchange and items for the June agenda.

The following items are required for the June agenda:

Three Parishes meeting.

BDC re-wilding scheme.

Bus shelter reinstatement.

2239. Ten minutes public feedback (as required).

Nothing was raised.

2240. Dates of future meetings.

7th June 2022 in The Henry Dixon Hall and 6th July in Rivenhall Village Hall, both starting promptly at 19.30 hours.

Further items for the June agenda to the Clerk by 27th May 2022 at the latest.

2241. Closure

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.47 hours.

Signed:

Date 7th June 2022.

CHAIRMAN