

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

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

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

**2144. To receive any apologies for absence.**

An apology was received from Cllr. Abbott who was attending a BDC Planning Committee meeting. Cllr. Wright (Vice-chairman) chaired the RPC meeting.

Also an apology was received from ECC Cllr. Playle. His written report had been emailed to each councillor in advance of the meeting.

**2145. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.**

There were no Interests disclosed at this meeting.

**2146. To agree the minutes of the meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021.**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**2147. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

The Clerk read a summary of Cllr. Playle's written report for the benefit of the member of the public present. This included items regarding the proposed PRow along Church Road; flooding, the deadline for BDLHP requests and the meeting with the ECC Cabinet Member for Highways on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November which the Chairman will be attending.

**2148. Matters for Discussion:**

i. Letter for residents of The Bluebells estate.

It was agreed that a suitable letter be compiled, based upon a draft supplied by Cllr. Prime, for approval by members at the December meeting prior to its issue to the residents of The Bluebells during January 2022.

ii. RPFA membership.

The Chairman, Vice-chairman and Cllr. Cairns attended the recent RPFA meeting and offered RPC support for the RPFA to continue, as the Village Hall is an important facility within the village. Some RPFA issues are being followed up via BDC.

iii. Fly tipping at the recycling site.

BDC is requesting that a pole(s) be installed at this site, similar to that installed at Tarecroft Wood Car Park, for the support of 2 mobile CCTV cameras to monitor the site.

It was agreed, in principle, to proceed with this request, if a BDC Councillor Grant can be obtained to cover the cost.

iv. Speed monitoring along Rickstones Road.

A resident from Bluebells has raised this issue of speeding vehicles along Rickstones Road. As there is still time to submit a LHP scheme request it was agreed that the Chairman complete the necessary request to the LHP for a speed loop survey to be undertaken in the area from Conrad Road through to the junction with Church Road.

v. Tree & Bulb planting.

Following from a site meeting RPFA agreed to planting at 2 locations on the Albert Moss Playing Field; up to 30 small native trees in the south eastern corner

and 2 specimen ornamental trees along the northern boundary. BDC has been informed and the Chairman is drawing up a plan to share with them, RPFA and RPC.

Cllr. Turner registered his objection to the planting of trees on the Albert Moss Playing Field.

vi. Highway Maintenance.

(a) The Chairman has corresponded with HE and ECC regarding the latest flooding under the A12. HE's pump is working and the problem once again lies with the silting up of the ECC highway gutters, the clearing of which, on a more regular basis, has been requested.

(b) The Chairman has reinstated the drain cover in Oak Road.

(c) The Chairman plans to attend the ECC Highways Surgery in Witham on Thursday, and will raise the issues of flooding within the parish.

vii. General Maintenance.

There are no outstanding matters requiring attention at this time.

**2149. Planning Applications:**

i. New Applications:

(a) **21/03025/FUL:** Erection of a 5 bedroom dwelling - Colemans Fishery, Little Braxted Land, Rivenhall End.

Members raised no comments regarding this application, by a vote of 5 to 1:

b) **21/03191/FUL:** Internal alterations & erection of new building - Southview Primary School.

Members raised no comments regarding this application.

ii. Results:

**20/02060/OUT:** 230 dwellings off Rectory Lane.

At the BDC Planning Committee Meeting Cllr. Abbott proposed refusal on 6 grounds but this was defeated by 5 to 3 and the matter was deferred to a future date.

It **was agreed** that the Clerk write to BDC regarding the following issues: During the official presentation Rivenhall Parish was only mentioned once whereas Witham was always highlighted even though the site is within Rivenhall. No photographs or other documents relative to the existing dwellings in the Rickstones Road area of Rivenhall and how the proposed bus gate would impact the area were displayed, only the photographs of the business units. Why did the report and presentations completely fail to quote the policy in the Village Design Statement (VDS) of avoiding coalescence with Witham and why was the policy on Rectory Lane misrepresented as the VDS clearly states that Rectory Lane should be protected as it is.

iii. Appeals:

There was nothing further to discuss at this meeting.

iv. Enforcement:

The Chairman submitted another enforcement report to BDC re the Bellway breaches. BDC replied that they would not enforce as the matters should be cleared up due to the planning consent running out early in 2022, which would mean that the cabins would be removed from the temporary car park and the scaffolding bridge be replaced with the consented low profile bridge.

**2150. Ongoing Planning Issues:**

- i. A12 to A120 widening.  
At the recent update meeting HE confirmed there would be a further period of public consultation, but no major changes to the plans consulted upon in the summer.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.  
There was nothing further to discuss at this meeting.  
The next BDC meeting is scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.  
There was nothing further to discuss at this meeting.
- iv. IWMF
  - (a) The Chairman wrote to ECC Planning asking why enforcement action has not been taken regarding the developers of the waste site starting construction on the basis they had made it clear to the Liaison Meetings that they would not build what the planning consent stipulates. ECC replied that they had not 'officially' been notified of that. The Chairman also asked for the legal advice ECC obtained in this matter, which request was refused.  
The next Liaison Meeting is scheduled for a date in December.
  - (b) **ESS/34/15/BTE/64/01**: Pursuant to condition 64 (Historical Building Record) of ESS/34/15/BTE.  
The Chairman has examined this application which is essentially the submission of a detailed report on recording and history of the Woodhouse Farm complex. It **was agreed** there was no need to comment upon this application.  
The developers are holding a Public consultation on 15<sup>th</sup> November in the Rivenhall Hotel from 15.00 to 19.00 hours and Members were encouraged to attend so that appropriate representations can be submitted at any future opportunity.
- iv. Colemans Quarry.  
There was nothing further to discuss at this meeting.
- vi. BDLHP.  
A detailed reply has been made to the ECC comments which culminated in the rejection of the proposed new public Footpath along Church Road. The Chairman, as District Councillor also followed this with a more detailed history of the proposal (initiated about 20 years ago), and suggesting that it would be compliant with policies to tackle climate change, modal shift and to support healthier lifestyles.

**2151. Finance matters:**

To agree accounts for payment.

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

1456	£200.00	Fred Smith	Parish Christmas Tree
1457	£252.00	A. Wilson	Litter picking Sept. & Oct. '21
1458	£368.60	K. P. Taylor	Salary/expenses October '21
1459	£546.00	P. G. Groundcare Ltd.	Maintenance October '21

**2152. Information exchange and items for the October agenda.**

- \* The Grant application for the supply and installation of the new litter bin at the recycling site has been approved by BDC; the agreement signed by the Clerk and returned to BDC.
- \* There is some doubt as to whether or not BDC will again cut the Foxmead grass area this year.
- \* 3 Parishes Meeting report for the December meeting.
- \* Cllr. Wright reported that the ECC approval of the TRO for Rectory Lane is dependant upon the approval of the Bellway planning application.

**2153. Ten minutes public feedback (as required).**

- \* The residents of Bluebells will be included in the distribution of any RPC Annual Report produced for 2021/22.

**2154. Dates of future meetings.**

7<sup>th</sup> December in The Henry Dixon Hall and 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 in Rivenhall Village Hall, both meetings starting promptly at 19.30 hours.

Further items for the December agenda to the Clerk by 26<sup>th</sup> November at the latest.

**\*\*** Members are reminded that the Precept/Budget Meeting will be held on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** starting at 19.30 hours in the Rivenhall Village Hall.

**2155. Closure.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.02 hours.

Signed:

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021

CHAIRMAN