

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5TH OCTOBER 2021**

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

Also present: Parish Clerk, ECC Cllr. R. Playle and one member of the public.

2144. To receive any apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

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

Cllr. Abbott declared an interest in item 2149 as a member of the BDC Planning Committee.

Cllrs. Wright and Abbott declared interests in item 2148(iii) as BDC Members.

2146. To agree the minutes of the meetings held on 7th September 2021.

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

2147. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

ECC Cllr. Playle briefly referred to the requested new public footpath along Church Road, which has been rejected by ECC Braintree District Highways Panel; any future requests should be submitted before the beginning of November 2021.

2148. Matters for Discussion:

i. Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022

There are currently 113 children on roll, the current cost to provide celebration mugs is approximately £565.00.

There is a possible alternative option, which is to plant a specimen tree on the Village Green.

This is still open for discussion at the Three Parishes Meeting on 26th October.

ii. Tree and Bulb Planting.

It would appear that BDC is amenable for tree planting along the northern boundary of the Playing Field, subject to scope and tree species.

BDC are offering free tree whips to parish councils and Spring bulbs, maximum 4 x 100 mixed bulbs plus 2 x 50 mixed tree whips. Closing date for applications is 29th October 2021.

It **was agreed** to apply within this scheme for the maximum number of tree whips and bulbs.

iii. Recycling site litter bin.

It is possible to fund the supply/installation of this bin (estimated BDC costing £200.00) via BDC Councillor' Community Grants.

Cllrs. Wright and Abbott left the meeting at this point, Cllr. Cairns took the chair for this item.

It **was agreed** that Cllrs. Wright and Abbott apply for grant funding in the sum of £200.00 and, upon his return to the meeting, Cllr. Abbott received the claim forms from the Clerk for signature and submission.

iv. Three Parishes Meeting.

The next meeting date has been arranged for 26th October at 19.30 hrs. in the Rivenhall Village Hall.

v. Meeting with Witham Town Council.

This meeting was attended by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Cllr. Prime and the Clerk. It was made abundantly clear to WTC that RPC would not countenance any move of the Rivenhall parish boundaries although RPC would, if requested by WTC, comment upon their consultation proposals.

vi. Highway Maintenance.

- (a) The Chairman has again communicated with ECC regarding the advertised road closures that didn't materialise and the flooding issues that remain at the Rickstones Road/Rectory Lane junction.
- (b) The non-functioning streetlights and the broken drain cover along Oak Road have been reported to ECC Highways.
- (c) Dangerous potholes along Rickstones Road will be reported to ECC Highways.
- (d) The problems arising from vehicles being parked on the pavements along Church Road, Oak Road and Rickstones Road will be reported to Essex Police with a request for enforcement action.

A request will be made for the trimming back of an overgrown Laurel bush which is blocking the pavement along Oak Road.

vii. General Maintenance.

The maintenance contractor will be requested to trim back the overgrown verge hedge next to 318 Rickstones Road so as to provide a sufficient sightline for oncoming vehicles. Also to grub out and remove the grass overgrowing the footway where it comes to an end opposite Stoverns Hall.

2149. Planning Applications:

i. New Applications:

Pre application exhibition re proposed Solar Farm, Church Road.

A public exhibition re the proposed solar farm off Church Road is to be held in Silver End Village Hall on Wednesday 6th October from 15.00 to 19.30 hours.

Another is to be held in The Henry Dixon Hall on 21st October from noon to 16.00 hours.

21/02933/FUL: 3x2bed bungalows, Rectory Lane.

Members made the following comments regarding this application:

Because the application is based upon the presumption of a turning area being provided and that Rectory Lane will be terminated at that point - RPC objected to this originally, having previously requested such a termination which was refused by ECC; and because Rectory Lane is far too narrow to safely allow for additional vehicle two-way use; Members opposed this application and recommended refusal on those grounds.

Results:

Nothing to report at this meeting.

iii. Appeals:

Nothing to report at this meeting.

iv. Enforcement:

Enforcement remains outstanding regarding the temporary offices/containers sited on the temporary Bellway car park off Rectory Lane and the scaffolding footbridge from that temporary car park onto Rectory Lane.

2150. Ongoing Planning Issues:

i. A12 to A120 widening.

There is a project update meeting, via Microsoft Teams Meeting, scheduled for 20th October 2021 from 17.00 to 18.00 hours.

- ii. BDC Local Plan.
 Following on from the completion of the Section 1 Local Plan examination, the Planning Inspectorate appointed Jameson Bridgewater and Anne Jordan to examine the Section 2 Braintree Local Plan. Following the oral hearings back in July this year, BDC is now awaiting feedback from the Inspectors.
 If the Inspectors' consider the plan can be made sound subject to main modifications they will propose a list of main modifications.
 The revised plan will also need to be subject to a revised Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA).
 The plan would then be subject to a public consultation period which will be an opportunity for all residents, businesses, town councils, and all those interested in the local plan process to have their say on whether they support the main modification proposed for the plan by the Inspectors.
 Once that had been completed the Inspectors would consider the responses to those modifications and the revised SA and HRA.
 If the Inspectors consider that they have all the information that they require they would then submit their final report. If found sound the BDC would then adopt the Plan and it would replace all remaining parts of the Local Plan Review 2005 and the Core Strategy 2011.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.
 Nothing to report at this meeting.
- iv. IWMF
 There is a Liaison Meeting scheduled for 6th October 2021.
- iv. Colemans Quarry.
 Nothing to report at this meeting.
- vi. BDLHP.
 It would appear that ECC is not recommending to progress with the Church Road new footpath scheme.
 It **was agreed** that ECC be informed of their apparent misunderstandings within the scheme which require further investigation before final refusal of the scheme.

2151. Finance matters:

To agree accounts for payment.

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

1449	£36.00	C.P.R.E.	Membership fee 2021/22
1450	£40.00	B.S.L.C.	Subscription 2021/22
1451	£245.20	HMRC	PAYE 2 nd $\frac{1}{4}$ 2021/22
1452	£25.00	Essex & Herts Air Ambulance	Donation 2021/22
1453	£510.00	P.G. Groundcare Ltd.	Maintenance Sept. '21
1454	£396.70	K.P. Taylor	Salary/expenses Sept. '21
1455	£50.00	Royal British Legion	Wreath/donation 2021

2152. Information exchange and items for the October agenda.

- * There is a BALC meeting scheduled for 7th October 2021 at 19.00 hours at The Lecture Hall, Steeple Bumpstead.
- * There are unrelated and irrelevant emails being received by Members via the RPC website and the Clerk will refer this to the webmaster for attention.
- * An appropriate appreciative card will be sent to the departing Vicar.
- * The following matters will be placed on the Agenda for the November meeting:

A letter to be sent to all the new residents of The Bluebells development; the falling membership of the RPFAs and fly tipping at the recycling site.

2153. Ten minutes public feedback (as required).

There was no feedback.

2154. Dates of future meetings.

2nd November in Rivenhall Village Hall and 7th December in The Henry Dixon Hall, both meetings starting promptly at 19.30 hours.

Further items for the November agenda to the Clerk by 23rd October at the latest.

2155. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.12 hours.

Signed:

Date: 2nd November 2021

CHAIRMAN