

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT ` MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4TH OCTOBER 2022 IN THE
RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL.**

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

Also present: Parish Clerk and ECC Cllr. Ross Playle.

2294. Chairman's Report.

The work to paint and repair the village greens posts is now complete. I would like to thank the contactor for doing such a good job and to Braintree District Council for assisting the parish council with the cost of the work.

This year the parish council has also completed the tree planting project and is looking forward to news from BDC about our applications for rewilding areas and wildflower verge enhancements.

The environment of the parish is very important to local residents and I would like to again acknowledge the work of our regular litter pickers and thank all those who volunteers who take the time to pick up litter, which also helps greatly to keep Rivenhall looking good.

2295. To receive any apologies for absence.

An apology was received from Cllr. Wright

2296. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.

Cllr. Abbott declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 2300 as a member of the BDC Planning Committee.

2297. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 6th September 2022.

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

2298. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

ECC Cllr. Playle briefly reported upon the following: A120 closure for repairs; A12 widening project; roadside verge cutting in Rivenhall is due between the 14th and 21st October; ECC financial support in cases of winter hardship and the ECC pothole repair programme.

He was questioned regarding the following BDLHP projects: New Church Road public footpath and the Church Road zebra crossing.

Members expressed their sadness and condolences at the passing of the late Queen Elizabeth II and their good wishes for the reign of King Charles III.

2299. Matters for Discussion:

i. Glass bus shelter

A new wooden seat, smaller than the original one, has been installed to replace the inadequate plastic one.

ii. RPC website updating

Nebulas, the website hosts, quote £60.00 plus VAT per hour - updating each month should take approximately 30 minutes with longer times at certain periods of the year, e.g. Annual Reports and Audit Forms.

It **was agreed** that the Clerk negotiate with Nebulas on the above basis if no other avenue becomes available by the end of October.

- iii. Planting plaques.
To be considered at the November meeting.
- iv. Three Parishes Meeting.
The Clerk to contact Silver End Parish Council re any possible continuation.
- v. Highway Maintenance.
 - (a) The Chairman is still in discussion with National Highways re the A12 issues - bus stops, footway/cycleway and streetlights.
 - (b) BT Openreach has still to repair the damaged cover in Rickstones Road.
 - (c) Church Road is to be closed for three days for essential repairs.
 - (d) BDC has been requested to trim back the trees along Church Road so as to improve visibility for drivers approaching the highway warning signs.
 - (e) ECC Cllr. Playle was requested to enquire regarding the reinstatement of the 30mph warning sign along Church Road and the repair to the streetlight at the entrance to the Beech Road garage site.
- vi. General Maintenance.
 - (a) The painting/repair to the Village Green posts has been completed. The final invoice, including additional replacement posts, is in the sum of £2,666.00. It **was agreed** to pay this invoice and the Clerk will contact BDC re their 50% match funded grant offer.
 - (b) Mr. Little will be requested to provide a quotation to repair the brickwork at the steps leading from St. Mary's Road to Church Road.
 - (c) A photograph of the verge parking along Church Road is to be forwarded to Essex Police for action.

2300. Planning Applications:

- i.. New Applications:
There were no new applications to be considered.
- ii. Results:
There were no results to be reported.
- iii. Appeals: - Bellway Phase 4.
It was agreed to write to the Planning Inspector reiterating the council's original objections and supporting BDC's original refusal of this application. Also emphasising that BDC has formally adopted its Local Plan which excludes this site and requesting that RPC be given permission to officially speak at the Public Inquiry, but not to apply for Rule 6 status.
- iv. Enforcement:
Public concerns have been raised with BDC regarding matters pertaining to the Bluebells development.

2301. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. A12 to A120 widening.
A joint meeting - Councillors from Lt. Braxted, Gt. Braxted and Rivenhall - has been arranged for Wednesday 12th October between 1500 and 1600 hours. RPC Chairman agreed to attend.
The Chairman has asked if representatives for the Development Consent Order project could come to Rivenhall for an information meeting to include local residents.
It **was agreed** that RPC register to participate in the examination and make relevant representation on the DCO.

It **was agreed** that in the future the existing A12, being de-trunked, should remain as existing at 4 lanes.

- ii. BDC Local Plan.
It appears that BDC having formally adopted the Local Plan still remain below the required Housing Land Supply for the next five years.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.
Nothing to report at this meeting.
- iv. IWMF
An appeal has been lodged with the Secretary of State re application ESS/34/15/BTE/66/1 which was refused by ECC.
It **was agreed** to write to the Secretary of State in support of the original ECC decision to refuse this application.
The dates for the arrival of the next three abnormal loads are given as 24th October 2022, 1st and 21st November 2022.
- v. Colemans Quarry.
Nothing to report at this meeting.
- vi. BDLHP.
See under item 2298m above.

2302. Finance matters:

- (i) Grant request from the PCC re replacement mower.
It **was agreed** to make a grant of £250.00 towards the cost of the replacement mower.
- (ii) To agree accounts for payment.
It **was agreed** that the following accounts be paid; cheques were then drawn accordingly.

1517	£40.00	BALC	Replacement for 1486
1518	£228.00	P. G. Groundcare Ltd.	Replacement for 1513
1519	£456.00	P. G. Groundcare Ltd.	Maintenance Sept. '22
1520	£36.00	C. P. R. E.	Subscription 2022/23
1521	£245.20	H. M. R. & C.	PAYE 2 nd $\frac{1}{4}$ 2022/23
1522	£25.00	Essex & Herts Air Ambulance	Donation 2022/23
1523	£100.00	Kim Burton	Litter picking Sept. '22
1524	£398.62	K. P. Taylor	Salary & expenses Sept. '22
1525	£140.00	Paul Scott	Litter picking Sept. '22
1526	£50.00	Royal British Legion	Remembrance Day wreath
1527	Cheque cancelled		
1528	£2,666.00	Philip Little	Repair to village green posts

2303. Information exchange and items for the November agenda.

- * Appleford Bridge repaired with unmatched brickwork
- *` Public Rights of Way for the November agenda.

2304. Ten minute public feedback.

This was not required.

2305. Dates of future meetings.

1st November in Rivenhall Village Hall and 6th December in The Henry Dixon Hall, both starting promptly at 19.30 hours.

Further items for the November agenda to the Clerk by 21st October 2022 at the latest.

2306. Closure

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.54 hours.

Signed:

Date 1st November 2022.

CHAIRMAN