

RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1ST SEPTEMBER 2020
HELD ELECTRONICALLY DUE TO THE COVID-19 HEALTH RESTRICTIONS.

All councillors took part via email.

2008. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.

Cllr. Abbott declared non-pecuniary interests in all matters relating to ECC, and the BDLHP.

2009. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 4th August 2020.

The minutes were approved.

2010. Matters for Discussion

i. Planning for the Future.

Concern was expressed regarding a potential move of powers away from the local community level.

ii. Playing Field trees.

Two site meetings have now been held and the proposed area for planting has been marked out. A draft plan and details for the trees and fencing have been supplied to RPPFA and BDC for their comment before the final proposal is developed further.

iii. Estimate for October bulb/shrub/small tree planting.

Members all agreed the sum of £150 in total for bulb planting in Rickstones Road and bulb planting and two shrubs for the St. Mary's Road junction to replace the flower tubs. A provisional date for a community planting day was put forward for Saturday 24th October 2020. The Chairman will arrange for the purchase of bulbs/shrubs and undertakes to water the new shrubs in 2021.

iv. Highway Maintenance.

(a) The condition of the Beech Road pavement slabs remains poor. The Chairman confirmed that these defects had been reported previously to ECC Highways on several occasions, but they had declined to do any work. The defects will be reported again.

(b) The installation of the two new activated HGV height warning signs remains scheduled to commence on 7th September 2020. Work will be overnight with Church Road closed first, then separately Rickstones Road.

(c) The St. Mary's Road footway repair has been rescheduled for 11th September 2020.

(d) The badly damaged directional sign at the junction of Oak Road and Henry Dixon Road has been reported to ECC for repair.

(e) Footways along Henry Dixon Road are in a poor state in places with weeds growing through. This will be reported to ECC Highways.

v. General Maintenance.

(a) The maintenance contractor has been requested to trim back the hedge alongside the Academy fence facing the Rickstones Road footpath.

2011. Planning Applications:

- i. *New Applications:*
No new applications at time of Agenda.
- ii. *Results:*
 - 20/00539/FUL:** Temporary Car Park off Rectory Lane.
granted for a 2 year period; no lighting during use and land to be fully reinstated to its previous condition.
 - 20/00596/HH:** Erection of garden room extension - Colemans Farm, Lt. Braxted Lane.
Application granted.
 - 20/00947/HH:** Dropped kerb and tarmac drive - 457 Rickstones Road.
Application granted.
- iii. *Appeals:*
No new appeals at time of Agenda.

2012. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. A12 & A120 Projects.

The A12 Forum met on 25th August via video conferencing. The Chairman had previously circulated a report, the main points of which were:

 - The A12 re-routing/widening remains scheduled for starting at the end of 2023 but there is no information yet on the phasing of sections.
 - The proposed new Witham North junction (mostly in Rivenhall parish) has been reconfigured to take account of the quarry but Highways England continues to state that access arrangements for the quarry are subject to further private discussion and will not at this stage be made public.
 - The local community and the parish council will be consulted on further details of the A12 rerouting/widening this autumn and if possible under Covid-19 rules Highways England would like to hold a physical meeting. Consultation documents will be available at Oak Stores and other shops in the area but not libraries owing to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions.
 - There is still nothing firm on other issues of local concern including the status and access via the old A12 (London Road) through Rivenhall End once it is de-trunked and how that affects connections via Oak Road and Braxted Road, public rights of way reconnection, bus services and stops and the cycleway.
 - The A12 Preferred Route (PR) status for the section between Chelmsford and Kelvedon remains as before with the southern bypass for Rivenhall End confirmed. The further PR announcement for the new A12 section between Feering and Marks Tey is that HE will revert to one of its previous 2017 route consultation options now that the West Tey New Town has been cancelled and that the 2019 consultation routes that went further south between Feering and Marks Tey to accommodate West Tey have all been scrapped. This announcement from HE means that there is now a single Preferred Route for the whole A12 between Chelmsford and Marks Tey.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.
North Essex Local Plan, Section 1 Proposed Main Modifications. A draft response would be drawn up for discussion at the October Parish Council meeting.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.
Nothing further to report at this time.
- iv. IWMF
Nothing further to report at this time.

- v. Colemans Quarry.
Nothing further to report at this time.
- vi. BDLHP.
The next meeting is scheduled for 17th September 2020 via video conferencing.

2013. Finance matters:

To agree accounts for payment.

With **full agreement** the following cheques were drawn:

1387	£230.20	HM Revenue & Customs	2 nd $\frac{1}{4}$ PAYE year 2020/21.
1388	£51.00	Ladywell Accountancy	PAYE operation year 2020/21.
1389	£114.75	Karen Bridge	Litter picking August '20.
1390	£402.00	P G Groundcare Ltd.	Maintenance August '20.
1391	£30.00	Essex & Herts Air Ambulance	Donation year 2020/21.
1392	£407.71	K P Taylor	Salary/expenses August '20.

2014. Information exchange and items for the October agenda.

- * To consider some replanting for the flower tubs along Church Road.

2015. Dates of future meetings.

RPFA has announced that the Village Hall will be re-opening in September; Members **all agreed** that given that the hall is re-opening and subject to compliance with Covid-19 rules that may be in operation at the time, Parish Council meetings will resume in the Village Hall starting with the October meeting.

6th October and 3rd November 2020, both meetings in Rivenhall Village Hall commencing at the new time of 19.30 hours.

Further items for the October agenda to the Clerk by 25th September at the latest.

Signed:

Date: 6th October 2020

CHAIRMAN

The Chairman could not sign the minutes at the October meeting due to the COVID-19 restrictions.