

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7TH SEPTEMBER 2021**

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

Also present: Parish Clerk and, for a short while, ECC Cllr. R. Playle.

2133. To receive any apologies for absence.

An apology was received from Cllr. Wright.

2134. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.

Cllr. Abbott declared an interest in item 2138 as a member of the BDC Planning Committee.

2135. To agree the minutes of the meetings held on 3rd August 2021.

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

2136. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

ECC Cllr. Playle spoke briefly regarding the consultation by the Police and Crime Commissioner, the ECC Library strategy, highway verge cutting, ECC bus shelter contract advertising and the Local Highways Panel scheme for the new footpath along Church Road, which the ECC do not favour at all.

2137. Matters for Discussion:

i. Tree Planting.

The Chairman is in discussion with BDC re the 3 parishes' tree planting on BDC land. A possible suggestion was, in principle, a new planting site along the north side of the Playing Field.

The Clerk will contact Messrs Siggers and Pearce asking if they have any suitable land suggestions for local tree planting, for example, alongside the Rivenhall Brook.

The Chairman reported that BDC will be contacting all Parishes regarding wildflower planting.

ii. Provision of new litter bin at the recycling site.

BDC state that RPC will have to bear the cost of a new litter bin at the recycling site, the installation cost being £200.00 plus VAT. The Chairman has asked BDC whether this cost can be funded from the BDC Cllr. grant.

iii. Queen's Platinum Jubilee 2022 - Provision of commemorative mugs for Primary School children.

This 3 Parishes Group has suggested that mugs be presented to the children attending the local primary schools, costs are in the region of £5.00 per mug.

The Clerk will contact Rivenhall School requesting their view upon this suggestion.

iv. Highway Maintenance.

(a) A reply from Highways England for additional warning signs on the A12 prior to the Oak Road slip says that, in their opinion, upon inspection, no additional signage is required regarding either the 30mph restriction on Oak Road, or the right angled exit from the A12.

No reply has yet been received from Essex Police re the request for speed and weight restriction monitoring along oak Road.

- (b) The highway grass verges will be cut during the period 4th to 8th October 2021.
 - (c) The ECC advertised Oak Road drain repairs were not actioned.
 - (d) The Chairman is monitoring all the streetlights within the parish and will report all those not functioning to ECC Highways.
- v. General Maintenance.
- (a) The Chairman reported that one of the planters on Church Road was damaged and had to be removed. The suggestion that spring bulbs could replace this planter **was agreed**.
 - (b) It was reported that on occasions the BDC Clean Team are not emptying the partially full litter bins, the Clerk will report this to BDC.
 - (c) The maintenance contractor will be requested to undertake the following;
 - (i) clear and clean the steps and ramps from the A12 down to Henry Dixon Road and to remove all debris from the site; (ii) trim back the brambles etc. overgrowing Footpath 1 along the SEND School boundary on Rickstones Road.

2138. Planning Applications:

- i. New Applications:
21/02165/HH: 307 Rickstones Road - extension of existing dropped kerb and enlargement of off road parking area.
 'No comments' reply forwarded to BDC.
Results:
 No results to report at this meeting.
- iii. Appeals:
 There was nothing to report at this meeting.
- iv. Enforcement:
 The Chairman is to press for action re the following:
 - (i) The temporary footbridge on Rectory Lane which is breach of planning approval (ii) the access from the A12 to the rear of a property in Foxden.

2139. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. A12 to A120 widening.
 Highways England are now considering all the responses to the consultation process.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.
 The question regarding the positioning of the Green Buffer Zone between Witham and Rivenhall remains outstanding.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.
 There was nothing to report at this meeting.
- iv. IWMF
 - (a) **ESS/34/15/BTE/10/1:** pursuant to Condition 10 (Archaeological recording) of ESS/34/15/BTE.
 - (b) **ESS/34/15/BTE/66/01:** pursuant to Condition 66 (Plan of action or alternative use or a scheme of rehabilitation) of ESS/34/15/BTE.
 As both these applications were received very late for this meeting the Chairman will formulate and circulate a suitable reply for councillors to agree and for the Clerk to forward to ECC.
- v. Colemans Quarry.
 There was nothing to report at this meeting.

vi. BDLHP.

See at item 2136 above re the proposed new Church Road footpath.

2140. Finance matters:

To agree accounts for payment.

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

1443	£699.64	Fishwell Ltd.	Bus shelter repair
1444	£205.28	Stephanie Bills	Website hosting etc.
1445	£60.00	D. M. Payroll Services Ltd.	Payroll Admin $\frac{1}{2}$ year 2021/22
1446	£556.80	P. G. Groundcare Ltd.	Maintenance August '21
1447	£144.00	A. Wilson	Litter picking August '21
1448	£356.90	K. P. Taylor	Salary/expenses August '21

2141. Information exchange and items for the October agenda.

- * Witham Town Council has embarked upon a Neighbourhood Plan process and have suggested a meeting with RPC councillors to initially discuss a boundary for the plan. Dates are to be given to WTC when, at least, the Chairman can attend to reiterate the case that **no change will be agreed to the existing boundary by RPC.**
- * The pole to support the camera housing at the Tarecroft Wood Car Park has been erected.
- * The Chairman reported that the RPC Facebook page is now up and running.
- * Cheques for the Christmas Tree and the RBL wreath will be required at the next meeting.

2142. Dates of future meetings.

5th October and 2nd November in Rivenhall Village Hall, both meetings commencing promptly at 19.30 hours.

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

2143. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.47 hours.

Signed:

Date: 5th October 2021

CHAIRMAN