

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 IN THE HENRY  
DIXON HALL, RIVENHALL END.**

**Present:** Cllrs. Abbott, Wright, Cairns, Elliott, Prime and Turner.

**Also present:** Parish Clerk.

**2281. Chairman's Report.**

The planning application for the A12 widening and rerouting around Rivenhall End has now been submitted to the Government by National Highways. Details are now awaited of when the formal public consultation period will take place.

However there is uncertainty regarding the A120, which was being promoted via ECC on Route D, which was to have joined the A12 between Kelvedon and Rivenhall End. There appears to be doubt about whether this route will be accepted by the Government and despite requests for clarification, confirmation either way is still awaited.

The Appeal for the Bellway Phase 4 site of up to 230 houses has now been fixed to start on December 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be several months of preparation for the Appeal with Proofs of Evidence required on each of the main topics.

The additional consultation period for the further information on the solar farm ends today. There is no date yet as to when BDC will decide the application.

The Parish Council will continue to update residents about these important planning issues affecting the parish.

**2282. To receive any apologies for absence.**

An apology was received from ECC Cllr. Ross Playle who had previously emailed a written report which had been circulated to each Councillor for information.; also an apology from Cllr. A'Lee.

**2283. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.**

Cllr. Abbott declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 2287 as a member of the BDC Planning Committee.

**2284. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022.**

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

**2285. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

\* Problems were reported regarding certain planning conditions relating to Bellway's Bluebells estate and the Clerk will request information from BDC re this compliance.

**2286. Matters for Discussion:**

i. Glass bus shelter, Oak Corner.

Despite reminders from the Clerk replies are still awaited regarding a satisfactory resolution to the seat problem by ECC.

ii. Replacement trees due to drought conditions.

Two trees have died due to the drought conditions at this site plus some of those newly planted on the Albert Moss Playing Field. Approximately 25 replacement whips are required when suitable replacements can be obtained.

- iii. Planting plaques.  
The Chairman will obtain a quotation for a suitable plaque for consideration at the October meeting.
- iv. Three Parishes Meeting.  
Awaiting a response from Silver End Parish Council re possible continuation in current format.
- v. Highway Maintenance.
  - (a) ECC has still not repaired the retaining wall at the St. Mary's Road/Church Road footway steps.  
Quotations will be obtained with the possible aim of RPC organising this repair independent of ECC.
  - (b) The Chairman is anticipating a meeting with NH re the condition of the footway/cycleway along the A12 and to discuss the general condition and future siting of the bus shelters on the A12 - detrunked when the widening is completed.
  - (c) The Chairman has reported a potentially lethal broken drain cover in HDR near Fair Rest.
  - (d) The ECC pothole reporting system is not dealing with long standing issues.
  - (e) The highway repair outside 3 Oak Road has now sunk and holds water which gets splashed across the property when vehicles pass.
  - (f) Many streetlights remain dysfunctional and will be reported again to ECC via the reporting website. They can also be reported to ECC Cllr. Playle.
  - (g) Footway parking still remains a Police enforcement matter.
- vi. General Maintenance.
  - (a) Village Green posts.  
The Clerk reported that BDC has offered to match fund 50% of the repair/repainting cost, estimated at £2,182.00.  
It was **unanimously agreed** to undertake this action with match funding from BDC.  
Monitoring of vehicles parked on the Village Green along Beech Road will continue this winter.
  - (b) PRoW from A12 to Hollow Road.  
Councillors recognised the regular use of these cross field footpaths by a local resident.
  - (c) The waste bin outside Oak Stores overflows on numerous occasions and appears to contain some commercial rubbish; BDC will be requested to provide an additional bin.
  - (d) While Braxted Road has been closed due to work on Appleford Bridge, BDC has been requested to clear the litter along this road.
  - (e) The maintenance contractor will be requested to trim back the overhanging growth along Henry Dixon Road from the lay by to the commencement of Braxted Road and the overhanging trees along Church Road.

## 2287. Planning Applications:

- i.. New Applications:
  - 22/02005/FUL: Erection of classroom extension etc. - Rivenhall School.  
A 'No Comments' letter forwarded to BDC.
  - 21/03735/FUL: Solar farm west of Park Road. A letter was sent to BDC reiterating RPC's previous comments recommending refusal of the application.

RPC will consider being officially represented at the BDC Planning Committee when the meeting date is known. The Chairman will not represent the parish council as due to the proximity of the site, will not participate in any discussion pertaining to this application.

No other new planning applications referred by BDC.

ii. Results:

No results to be reported.

iii. Appeals:

The Bellway Phase 4 Appeal Hearing will start on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022, but no venue yet announced.

iv. Enforcement:

Nothing to report.

**2288. Ongoing Planning Issues:**

i. A12 to A120 widening.

On 12<sup>th</sup> August 2022 NH submitted an application for an order, known as a Development Consent Order, which if approved will provide consent for delivery of the A12 Project. There are still outstanding issues to be finally settled.

ii. BDC Local Plan.

BDC adopted Section 2 of the above on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022.

iii. Bradwell Quarry.

There was nothing to report.

iv. IWMF

**ESS/34/15/BTE/NMA3:** The NMA was considered by the Development & Regulation Committee due to the high public interest and it was resolved to grant the NMA.

The next Liaison meeting is scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

v. Colemans Quarry.

There was nothing to report.

vi. BDLHP.

There was nothing to report.

**2289. Finance matters:**

To agree accounts for payment.

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

1511	£60.00	DM Payroll Services Ltd	Payroll admin 1 <sup>st</sup> ½ year '22/23
1512	£130.80	Nebulas Website Design Ltd	Website hosting '22/23
1513	£228.00	P. G. Groundcare Ltd	Maintenance August '22
1514	£120.00	Kim Burton	Litter picking August '22
1515	£200.00	Paul Scott	Litter picking August '22
1516	£356.90	K. P. Taylor	Salary/expenses August '22

**2290. Information exchange and items for the October agenda.**

- \* BDC has confirmed that the hedge watering system has not been working at Bellway Bluebells estate - which explains the scorching/drying damage to the hedge visible from the road. The hedge was required via planning conditions to be maintained. Both Bellway and the company who moved/are maintaining the hedge have been contacted and told to take remedial action, though it may be too late for some parts of the hedge.

- \* The Clerk reported that it will be necessary to recruit a replacement person to update the RPC website on a regular basis. Enquiries will be made and the matter discussed further at the October meeting.
- \* The BDC Dog Warden has checked/patrolled the Albert Moss Playing Field following reports of dog fouling.
- \* The felled timber from Tarecroft Wood has now been removed from within the wood.

**2291. Ten minutes public feedback (as required).**

Not required.

**2292. Dates of future meetings.**

4<sup>th</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> November 2022, both in Rivenhall Village Hall, starting promptly at 19.30 hours.

Further items for the October agenda to the Clerk by 27<sup>th</sup> September at the latest.

**2293. Closure**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.57 hours.

Signed:

Date 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

CHAIRMAN