

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 5 APRIL 2016**

Present: Cllrs. Abbott, Wright, Anderson, Prime, Clark and Turner.

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott

Also present: Parish Clerk, BDC Cllr. Bowers and 2 members of the public.

1247. To receive apologies for absence.

An apology was received from Cllr. Bills

1248. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests relating to matters on this Agenda.

Cllr Abbott declared Non-Pecuniary Interests in all matters relating to ECC and the BCLHP.

1249. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meetings held on 1 March 2016.

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

1250. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

The following matters were brought to the attention of Members:

- Rivenhall Airfield Waste Incinerator - questions raised re the leaflet produced by Parishes Against Incinerator together with general disquiet concerning the possible use of the River Blackwater and possible HGV movements via Rivenhall.
- The production of a local Rivenhall/Rivenhall End village map.
- Best Kept Village judging.
- BDC Local Plan - see item 1253(i) below.
- The location of the litter bin near Hoo Hall driveway.

1251. Matters for Discussion:

i. Defibrillator - additional expenditure.

The cost of erecting the defibrillator and connecting it to the electricity supply exceeds the £120.00 order of costing agreed at the March meeting (minute 1237(i)).

Proposed by Cllr. Anderson, seconded by Cllr. Wright and unanimously agreed that the newly quoted cost of £265.00 be approved for this work.

ii. APA and Annual Report compilation.

Members perused the Annual Report and agreed that 325 copies be printed for distribution throughout the parish at the end of April, before the date of Annual Parish Assembly.

iii. ECC Highways Maintenance.

- A12 potholes have been reported.
- A12 cycleway/footway improvements continue.
- ECC be requested to replace the reflector posts at The Oak triangle.
- Faulty streetlights are gradually being repaired.
- The Oak Road, Rivenhall End road surface signage needs repainting.

- iv. General Maintenance.
 - (a) BDC has not yet cut The Albert Moss Playing Field grass.
 - (b) Greenfields have not yet cut the smaller grass area along Rickstones Road.

1252. Planning Matters:

New Applications:

16/00295/FUL: Erection of single storey side extension and replacement detached garage - 41 St. Mary's Road.

As the consultation period ended prior to this meeting the Chairman circulated details and it was agreed to make no comment regarding this application.

16/00325/FUL: New foot and cycle path, including hardstanding, staggered fence and associated works. - Land adjacent Rectory Lane.

As with the previous application, the Chairman circulated details and it was agreed to comment as follows: *"The path emerges onto Rectory Lane near the Witham and will require the removal of 7 fairly large Hawthorn and Blackthorn bushes, which form part of the long established character of Rectory Lane. Obviously a gap needs to be created where the path joins Rectory Lane, but the applicants are not proposing any mitigation for this loss. The Parish Council request that the same species (which are important for birds) be replanted as close as possible - potentially on a short length of "return" along the southern edge of the new footway as it joins Rectory Lane. It would also help the new path to link in more to the green lane character of Rectory Lane."*

Planning Results:

There were no results to report at this meeting.

Planning Appeals:

15/01357/FUL: single storey extension - 53 St. Mary's Road.

Application refused and now subject to an appeal.

1253. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. BDC Local Plan.
There is a meeting planned for 13 April 2016, 18.00 hours at causeway House. Members were encouraged to check via the BDC website and liaise via email over the next few days (until Friday 8 April) regarding a united plan of action.
- ii. Dept. for Comm. & L. Gov. : Rural Planning Review - Call for Evidence.
Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Anderson, and agreed by a vote of 4 with 2 abstentions that the council support the current thresholds outlined in paragraph 23 of the Rural Planning Review - Call for Evidence, published by the Department for Communities and Local Government.
- iii. Rivenhall Airfield - Bradwell Quarry.
Application number ESS/07/16/BTE: Continuation of development permitted by ESS/24/14/BTE without compliance with various conditions, to allow amended restoration levels, revised phasing and additional time to complete extraction and restoration until 2021.
It was unanimously agreed to comment that no access/egress should be permitted via Woodhouse Lane, as appears to be suggested in the application documents.

- v. Rivenhall Airfield - Waste Incinerator.
There was nothing further to report at this meeting.
- vi. ECC Replacement Waste Local Plan.
It was unanimously agreed that the Council comment upon this as follows:
 - 1. The Rivenhall Airfield site is being allocated for a vague "other waste" category. Why does the Plan not say that this is actually 200,000 tonnes per annum of ECC waste from Basildon ? In this regard the Plan is not Positively Prepared.
 - 2. What has happened in the allocation for Rivenhall Airfield for all the other types of waste for which planning permission already exists ? The Plan allocation is only for "other" and "bio" wastes. In this regard the Plan is not justified.
 - 3. There is already strong local concern regarding the development of the Rivenhall Airfield site in a rural area and the risk of large numbers of HGVs travelling via Rivenhall parish, having left the A12 at Witham to get to the Rivenhall Airfield site (and the reverse journeys). This risk will worsen if ECC allocates additional capacity at the site, particularly for "other" waste, which is actually waste from Basildon. In this respect the Plan is neither Positively Prepared nor Consistent with the NPPF as it does not deliver sustainable development and creates uncertainty for local communities.
- vii. Proposed Colemans Farm Quarry.
A local liaison panel will be set up in due course.
- viii. Braintree District Local Highways Panel.
 - a. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road - New advance signage installation has commenced.
 - b. Extended 30mph limit along Church Road. Public consultation underway. **The Police have objected.** ECC officers are asking the Cabinet Member if he will override the objection or not. Implementation by Autumn 2016 if he does..
 - c. Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - ECC confirm that grasscrete had been installed and the Chairman agreed to request that it be made good.
 - d. Rectory Lane - Quiet Lane status approved. ECC being asked what is the status of RPC request to stop up the Witham end of the lane to vehicles whilst keeping it open for pedestrians and cyclists.
 - e. Safety improvements along, Park Road - rejected.

1254. Correspondence received since the date of this Agenda.

There was no additional correspondence to bring to this meeting.

1255. Reports from PC Representatives.

There were no reports for this meeting.

1256. Finance Matters:

- i. To agree accounts for payment.

Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Prime and unanimously agreed that the following accounts be paid. Cheques were then drawn accordingly.

1082	Zoll Medical UK Ltd.	£66.00	Child defibrillator pads.
1083	E.on	£13.76	Xmas tree electricity.
1084	The Henry Dixon Hall Charity	£12.50	Hall hire.
1085	RPFA	£30.00	Hall hire.
1086	PG Groundcare Ltd.	£1685.40	Maintenance and work to The Oak triangle and posts surrounding the Village green.
1087	K. P. Taylor	£412.47	Salary/expenses March '16
1088	A. Walsh	£81.00	Litter picking March '16

ii. To agree the final accounts for 2015/16.

The Clerk/RFO produced the balanced and reconciled accounts. **Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Clark and unanimously agreed** that these accounts be accepted as a true record, the Chairman then signed the Annual Return.

1257. Information exchange and items for the next Agenda.

- * Another RTA was reported along Church Road, close to Ford Farm.
- * It was reported that some Tusser Close garages are being used for local business purposes.
- * There is a problem with litter not being cleared for the Oak Road recycling site.

1258. 10 Minute Public Feedback.

Fly tipping continues at the ditch behind Tusser Close and St. Mary's Road.

1259. Dates of future meetings.

Tuesdays 3 May 2016 in Rivenhall Village Hall and 7 June in the Henry Dixon Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the May meeting to the Clerk by 20 April at the latest.

1260. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.31 hours

Signed: Date:.....
(CHAIRMAN)