

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 6 DECEMBER 2016.**

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

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Abbott

**Also present:** Parish Clerk and 4 members of the public.

**1362. To receive any apologies for absence.**

An apology was received from BDC Cllr. K. Bowers.

**1363. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests relating to matters on this Agenda.**

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

**1364. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 November 2016.**

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

**1365. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

The following matters were brought to the attention of Members:

- A120 & A12 widening consultation (see item 1368(i)) below.
- BDC "Green Bin" suspended collections and problems caused at the ECC recycling centres.
- The mass of fallen tree leaves at the junction of Rickstones and Oak Roads.

**1366. Matters for Discussion.**

- i. Grant request on behalf of Rivenhall & Silver End PCC towards the cost of a new ride-on mower.

**It was unanimously agreed** to provide a grant of £250.00 towards this purchase.

- ii. To consider the future allocation of Parish Council grants to other organisations.

**It was unanimously agreed** to continue to budget for the following grants during 2017/2018, but to keep these items under review.

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| P.C.C.         | £350.00 | Printing parish magazine |
| R.B.L.         | £45.00  | Remembrance wreath       |
| Air Ambulance  | £25.00  | General support          |
| C.P.R.E.       | £36.00  | General support          |
| C.A.B.         | £25.00  | General support          |
| Christmas Tree | £215.00 | Purchase plus power      |

- iii. To consider the use/sale of the council's unused mower.

**It was unanimously agreed** that the Clerk should initiate enquiries re the sale of the self-propelled Hayter lawnmower.

- iv. Possible boundary review.

BDC are to commence a boundary review, given the large developments proposed in the district. The timetable is for this to be completed before the 2019 elections; one of the sites indicated for a review is the Forest Road growth location. There is no official BDC timetable formulated as yet.

- v. ECC Highways maintenance.

Repainting the highway surface signs along Oak Road towards the A12 hoping to reduce the number of HGVs turning into Foxmead remains outstanding.

Chairman in consultation with ECC regarding safety improvements at the junction of Rectory Lane and Rickstones Road.

ECC are to replace the broken sign and a request has been made to them for an advisory speed of 20mph to be shown.

Public Footpath 60 - the temporary closure has been extended for an additional 6 months.

In future any dysfunctional streetlight heads are to be replaced with LEDs

It has been ascertained that the entrance to The Drive off Henry Dixon Road is the responsibility of ECC Highways.

vi. General maintenance.

(a) To consider any applications for a self-employed litter-picker.

The Clerk has received two applications for this post.

**Proposed by Cllr. Bills, seconded by Cllr. Abbott and unanimously agreed** that the contract for litter picking in Rivenhall Village be awarded to June Bala and that for Rivenhall End to Karen Bridge with effect from 1 January 2017 for a one year initial period.

Also that any Public Liability Insurance premiums incurred shall be considered for reimbursement by the council.

The Clerk will liaise with the two ladies and Mr. Walsh regarding the changeover.

**1367. Planning Matters:**

**New Applications:**

**16/01769/FUL:** Erection of car port and wooden summer house/hobby room - 321 Rickstones Road.

Members raised no objection relative to this application.

**16/01832/ADV:** Regularisation of 2 no. non-illuminated "V" board signs etc - Land at North East Witham, Forest Road, Rivenhall.

Members raised no objection in principle to this application, but would comment as follows:

The applicant does not own the land shown on the application.

The whole field is shown as the proposed site not just the small area where the signs have been erected.

**Planning Results:**

**16/01623/FUL:** Change of use of Spa Area to Function Room - Rivenhall Hotel. Application granted.

**Planning Appeals:**

None to hand.

**1368. Ongoing Planning Issues:**

i. A12 widening

A local meeting re the A12 widening was held on 8 November 2016 at Rivenhall End. The only main item to report is that H. E. plan to hold public consultations during the first quarter of 2017 together with a local public meeting to be held, hopefully, in The Henry Dixon Hall.

ii. BDC Local Plan.

The sites along the Witham/Rivenhall boundary are still to be considered.

- iii. Rivenhall Airfield - Bradwell Quarry.  
Nothing further to report at this meeting.
- iv. Rivenhall Airfield - Waste Incinerator.  
The Environment Agency are continuing to consider the response to their July notice and should make a decision by the end of December 2016.
- v. Proposed Colemans Farm Quarry.  
It would appear that the gravel extraction work has commenced. As final planning permission has yet to be granted, the Chairman has raised this matter with ECC.
- vi. Braintree District Local Highways Panel.  
The very latest information remains as follows:
  - a. *7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road* - The Clerk has written to the BDLHP requesting information regarding the objector and the estimated time before the scheme can be implemented. A reply is still awaited
  - b. *Extended 30mph limit along Church Road* - Discussions continue regarding a possible reintroduction of the original proposal for a 40mph "buffer" zone.
  - c. *Rectory Lane* - a new scheme to block the southern exit of Rectory Lane has been submitted. ECC officers are currently investigating.
  - d. *Oak Road* - a new scheme submitted re HGVs ignoring weight and height warnings going down Oak Road to the railway bridge. Numerous residents have complained recently, police called, etc as HGVs try to reverse back causing chaos. The 2 suggestions to the BDLHP are to liaise with all satnav providers to detail the road as unsuitable for HGVs and to install some form of height warning system between the Rickstones Road junction and Hoo Hall Lodge to alert drivers to go no further if they are in over-height vehicles.

**1369. Correspondence received since the date of this Agenda**

- i. A letter has been received by the Chairman and Clerk from Cllr. Bills tendering his resignation as a Councillor with effect from Wednesday 7 December 2016 due to the fact that he is moving away from the district. Thanks were expressed by Members to Cllr. Bills for his work on behalf of the council over the past few years.  
The Clerk will notify BDC of the casual vacancy that has arisen so that the appropriate steps can be taken to advertise the vacancy and proceed as necessary in due course.
- ii. Letter received and subsequently forwarded to BDC re dogs being let loose to roam about in the children's play area in the Albert Moss Playing Field.

**1370. Reports from PC Representatives.**

There were no reports to be brought to this meeting.

**1371. Finance Matters;**

To agree accounts for payment.

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

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| 1131 | Rivenhall & Silver End P.C.C. | £350.00 | Grant re parish magazine.                       |
| 1132 | H.M.R. & C.                   | £215.00 | P.A.Y.E. 3 <sup>rd</sup> $\frac{1}{4}$ 2016/17. |
| 1133 | Kempco Ltd                    | £52.00  | printing $\frac{1}{2}$ year report.             |
| 1134 | F. Smith                      | £200.00 | Christmas Tree.                                 |
| 1135 | Ladywell Accounting services  | £40.00  | P.A.Y.E. servicing 2016/17.                     |
| 1136 | K. P. Taylor                  | £437.60 | Salary/expenses Nov.                            |
| 1137 | A. Walsh                      | £76.50  | Litter picking November                         |
| 1138 | P. G. Groundcare Ltd          | £206.40 | Maintenance November.                           |

**1372. Information exchange and items for the January Agenda.**

- \* Golf Club lighting in breach of planning conditions - Chairman to check with BDC.
- \* Poor Broadband coverage - February agenda for discussion.
- \* Carols in Rivenhall around the Christmas Tree on 20 December 2016.
- \* Two further RTAs along Church/Park Roads.

**1373. 10 Minutes Public Feedback - if necessary.**

- \* Poor lighting along the footway opposite Rickstones Farmhouse.
- \* HGVs breaking up the footway along Oak Road.
- \* Incinerator - Parishes Against Incinerator (PAIN) action meetings.

**1374. Dates of future meetings:**

Tuesdays 3 January and 7 February 2017 both in Rivenhall Village Hall, commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the January meeting to the Clerk by 23 December at the latest.

*The Precept meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 December 2016 in Rivenhall Village Hall, commencing at 20.00 hours.*

**1375. Closure.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.40 hours.

Signed..... Date:.....

CHAIRMAN