

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 JANUARY 2015**

Present: Cllrs. Bills, Wright, Brailey, Prime, Clark and Turner.

In the Chair: Cllr. Bills.

Also present: Parish Clerk and 1 member of the public.

1026. To receive apologies for absence.

An apology was received from Cllr. Abbott who was attending the BDC Planning Committee.

1027. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests relating to matters on this Agenda.

There were no disclosures made at this meeting.

1028. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meetings held on 2 and 17 December 2014.

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

1029. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

There were no matters brought to the attention of members.

1030. Matters for Discussion:

i. Arrangements for the Annual Report & Annual Parish Assembly.

The Annual Parish Assembly is to be held on Tuesday 12 May 2015 in the Village Hall - the actual agenda will be initially discussed at the February meeting.

Items for inclusion within the Annual Report will include the Chairman's report upon all major local issues; a maintenance report by Cllr. Clark; reports regarding the Salt Bag Scheme, local policing and Village Agents will be presented by Cllr. Bills.

ii. County Highway Maintenance.

All dysfunctional streetlights have been reported to ECC.

ECC have been reminded regarding the blocked gully/ditch along Oak Road.

iii. General Maintenance.

The Maintenance Contractor reports an increase in the amount of litter found in the parish. He will continue to replace rotten posts surrounding the Village Green.

The new Holm Oak tree will be planted on the Village Green as soon as conditions allow.

1030. Planning Matters:

New Applications:

14/00030/COU: Change of use of an agricultural building to form 3no. three bedroom dwellings.

Burghey Brook Farm, London Road, Rivenhall End.

Members agreed to recommend refusal of this application for the following reason:

The site is considered inappropriate for such a change of use due to the totally inadequate and unacceptable access/egress direct to and from the A12.

14/01617/FUL: Proposed holiday cabins and mega pods.

Land opposite Colemans Cottages, Little Braxted Lane, Rivenhall End.

This application will be fully considered at the February meeting - Members were encouraged to check out the details on the BDC website.

Planning Results:

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

Planning Appeals:

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

1040. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. BDC Local Plan.
Information regarding the sites submitted for inclusion within the Local Plan. BDC will be considering the consultation process at their meeting on 12 January 2015.
In the meantime it **was agreed** that the Clerk contact BDC requesting that a change be made to the description of Witham site 428 where the Northeast headland lies within the boundary of Rivenhall Parish and should be so identified. A copy to be forwarded to Witham Town Council for information.
- ii. Rivenhall Airfield.
ESS/55/14/BTE: Removal of conditions 28 & 30 restricting the geographical source of waste material.
It **was agreed** that the Chairman draft and circulate a suitable reply to ECC. An Airfield Liaison meeting is scheduled for mid January 2015, the Chairman will attend.
- iii. ECC Waste Development Plan.
There was nothing further to report at this meeting.
- iv. ECC Minerals Plan... Colemans Farm Quarry Application.
There was nothing further to report at this meeting.
- v. Braintree District Local Highways Panel:
 - a. Rickstones Road drains and kerbing - **AGREED, FUNDED AND DESIGN COMPLETE.** Following site meeting with ECC Highways Cabinet Member, £75,000 central funds allocated so net cost to BLHP is reduced. Estimated total cost £130,772. **Delivery date 01/02/2015.**
 - b. Railway Bridge, Oak Road - widen footway and introduce priority working. Final plans now signed off and agreed with the farmers (re width for agricultural machinery). **New delivery date 20/03/2015, but should be sooner based on information to hand.** ECC say that the works are expected to commence Monday 9 February 2015.
 - c. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road - Previously **AGREED** subject to surveys. Panel agreed at January meeting to put an additional £7,500 into detailed design. Main hold up is cost of signs on A12 and slowness of Highways Agency in responding. Good agreement of Panel members that the scheme needs to be delivered along with improvements to A12 junctions (Highways Agency future scheme). The Chairman has requested a firm date for the implementation of this weight restriction from ECC. **Date for delivery has now been put back to 27/02/2015.**
 - d. Church Road layby at church - Panel previously **AGREED, FUNDED AND DESIGN COMPLETE.** Total cost £21,500. **Delivery due by end of March 2015.**
 - e. 40mph buffer northwards along Church Road - Speed survey conducted which showed average speeds above 30mph at War Memorial. ECC officers reluctant to agree scheme but after long discussion, Panel **AGREED** to recommend to Cabinet Member as an exception to policy. No delivery date yet known.
 - f. Extended railings outside the School entrance - **AGREED AND FUNDED.** 22m of new Railing will be installed at a cost of £3,000. **Delivery date 10/12/2014.** Some new railings have been installed but the length has yet to be checked and agreed.
 - g. Possible 20mph restriction outside the School entrance - A letter supporting the petition submitted to ECC was sent to ECC Cllr. Bass (Cabinet Member for Highways & Transportation). Cllr. Bass has since written to the Chairman

(in his role as County Councillor) to announce that he has turned down the proposal.

- h. Church Road/Oak Road highway signage - **AGREED AND FUNDED. Delivery date 02/04/2015.**
- i. Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - **AGREED AND FUNDED.** £1,500
- j. A12 in Braintree District - Survey all PRowS truncated by the A12 and draw up a plan of action. New scheme submitted 31 December 2014 has yet to be accepted by the Panel.

1041. Correspondence received since the date of this agenda.

- * The next Essex Police 'Village Meet' will be on 13 January 2015 in the Village Hall car park or Oak Stores from 10.00 'til 11.00am. Future dates will be displayed on the notice boards when a schedule is available.

1042. Reports from PC Representatives.

There were no reports to be received.

1043. Finance matters:

- i. To agree accounts for payment.
Proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr. Wright and unanimously agreed that the following accounts be paid. Cheques were then drawn accordingly.

1005	RPFA	£30.00	Hall hire Jan/Feb 2015
1006	The Henry Dixon Hall Charity	£18.75	Hall hire (Dep.) Mar/Jun 2015 (Bal.) Dec 2014
1007	K. P. Taylor	£360.89	Salary/expenses Dec 2015
1008	A. Walsh	£103.50	Maintenance Dec 2015
- ii. To formally agree the Budget and Precept figures for 2015/2016.
Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Brailey and agreed with 1 abstention that the Council's Precept for 2015/2016 be confirmed at £9,450.00.

1044. Information exchange and items for the next agenda.

- Footpath No.43 - Direction post is to be re-erected.
- RPFA - AGM is scheduled for 27 January 2015.
- The Christmas Tree lights were displayed for a total of 25 days for 11 hours each day (160 bulbs @ 2.4w plus 1000 LEDs@0.1w).
- The problem of m/cycles in the field north of Rickstones Road has been resolved by Essex Police.

1045. Dates of future meetings:

Tuesdays 3 February and 3 March in Rivenhall Village Hall and The Henry Dixon Hall respectively, commencing promptly at 20.00hours.
 Items for the February meeting to the Clerk by 23 January at the latest.

1046. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.05 hours.

Signed: Date:

CHAIRMAN