

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7 JULY 2015**

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

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Abbott

**Also present:** Parish Clerk, 7 members of the public and representatives from Bellway Homes.

**1116. To receive apologies for absence.**

An apology was received from Cllr. Wright.

**1117. Brief presentation by Bellway re development off Forest Road.**

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Spencer, on behalf of Bellway Homes, gave an outline of the proposed new development of the land off Forest Road, which lies wholly within Rivenhall Parish.

Various questions/comments were raised by Members and local residents and these were considered further during the discussion under item 1122 below.

**1118. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests relating to matters on this Agenda.**

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

**1119. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 June 2015.**

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

**1120. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

The following matters were brought to the attention of Members:

- \* 30mph repeater signs along Oak Road, Rickstones Road & Church Road.
- \* The need for a 30mph speed monitoring loop on Rickstones Road at the bottom of Stoverns Hill approaching the village.

**1121. Matters for Discussion:**

EALC Essex Rural Strategy Consultation Event - 21 July 2015.

Cllr. Prime agreed to attend this consultation event.

i. Highway England - drawings for The Fox junction on A12

The Chairman reported that Drawings for The Fox junction now to hand - very similar to those proposed and dropped earlier - a hard triangle island. Highways England expect to commence work during this year. The Chairman will circulate the plans for further discussion at the August meeting.

ii. ECC Winter Salt Scheme.

**Proposed by Cllr. Bills, seconded by Cllr. Prime and unanimously agreed that,** as there remains a good supply of salt in stock from previous years, the Council does not need to accept the invitation to participate in the 2015/16 scheme.

iii. County Highway Maintenance

(a) The ECC Arboricultural Team will be inspecting the Willow Trees along Henry Dixon Road to determine the extent of work required to make them safe.

(b) ECC Highways resurfacing work to Church Road will only be undertaken after satisfactory liaison with the local bus company regarding a shuttle service or, as an alternative, for the work to be undertaken on Sundays with the agreement of the local Church.

- (c) The investigation of the ditch/culvert along Oak Road is still ongoing, the Chairman having spoken on site with a representative from ECC Highways.
  - (d) The sunken drain in St. Mary's Road, opposite the entrance to Tusser Close, and the broken footway outside 24 St. Mary's Road will both be reported to ECC.
- iv. General Maintenance:
- (a) The council's Maintenance Contractor has indicated that he is unable to continue the grass cutting and general maintenance work in the Parish and has, therefore, given two months notice terminating this contract at the end of August 2015. He is, however, prepared to continue with litter picking within the Parish. Members expressed thanks to Mr. Walsh for his work within the Parish over the last few years and will seek a replacement Contractor for the Maintenance work and grass cutting.
  - (b) Flower bulb planting - It was **unanimously agreed** to purchase additional flower bulbs, estimated cost £60.00, for planting, during the Autumn, in various locations within the Parish.
  - (c) The Chairman has again raised the issue of local grass cutting with Greenfields.

## 1122. Planning matters:

### New Applications:

**15/00762/FUL:** Erection of new dwelling - Land adjacent Glebe Farm, Rectory Lane. Members **unanimously agreed** to raise no objection to this application.

**15/00765/FUL:** Proposed new dropped kerb - Hoo Hall Lodge, Oak Road.

Members unanimously agreed that this dropped kerb was still too wide for a domestic dropped kerb.

**15/00726/FUL:** improve provision of hard play area - Rivenhall School.

Members unanimously agreed to raise no objection to this application.

**15/00800/FUL & 15/00799/OUT:** Development of land at northeast Witham, Forest Road within the Parish of Rivenhall.

Members raised the following matters relative to this application:

- The guaranteed protection of Rectory Lane
- The provision of a footway along Forest Road northwards towards the local schools
- The provision of sustainable street lighting
- Concern regarding the cumulative traffic congestion in north Witham
- Concern regarding the lack of genuine medical facilities in north Witham and Rivenhall
- The provision of play areas for impromptu games, i.e. football.

**15/00867/FUL:** Change of use to vehicle sales premises - North side former BP Filing Station, London Road, Rivenhall End.

Members raised concerns regarding the apparent danger associated with the site entrance and exit and agreed that it should be the reverse of what is shown on the layout plan.

### Planning Results:

**15/00434/FUL:** Demolish existing lean-to and utility area and erection of two-storey extension - 9 Tusser Close.

Application granted.

### Planning Appeals:

There were no planning appeals to be reported.

**1123. Ongoing Planning Issues:**

- i. BDC Local Plan.  
BDC confirm that new sites can be added for consideration during the plan process.  
The next BDC meeting is on Wednesday 8 July 2015.
- ii. Rivenhall Airfield - Bradwell Quarry  
Access has been agreed from Hollow Road, contrary to the Council's request.
- iii. Rivenhall Airfield - Waste Incinerator  
An appeal has been submitted by Gent Fairhead against the decision to grant only a 1 year extension not the 2 years applied for.
- iv. ECC & SBC Joint Replacement Waste Local Plan  
Any comments by Members should be referred to the Chairman so that a response can be sent prior to the deadline of 30 July 2015.
- v. ECC Minerals Plan  
There was nothing to report at this meeting.
- vi. Proposed Colemans Farm Quarry  
There was nothing to report at this meeting.
- vii. Tarecroft Wood  
Information is still awaited from ECC regarding any possible transfer of ownership.
- viii. Braintree District Local Highways Panel  
The very latest information remains as follows:
  - a. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road - Fully approved at £46k less the £5k from RPC.
  - b. Extended 30mph limit along Church Road - Scheme agreed for an additional 160 metres, subject to public consultation.
  - c. Church Road/Oak Road highway signage - Fully approved £8.5k; some cutting back of Church Road hedge will be required to improve visibility.
  - d. Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - Scheme agreed.
  - e. Rectory Lane traffic restrictions - still to be submitted for approval.
  - f. Reflector bollards outside Waterfall Cottages, Park Road - still to be submitted for approval.

**1124. Correspondence received since the date of this agenda.**

- \* An invitation has been received to attend the Police and Crime Commissioner meeting on Thursday 9 July at 18.30 in the Braintree Town Hall.  
No Members were free to attend this event.

**1125. Reports from PC Representatives.**

- (a) ECC bus & passenger transport strategy.  
Cllr. Prime gave a general report regarding local bus services including the request for a direct service via Witham to Broomfield Hospital.
- (b) BALC Annual General Meeting.  
Cllr. Prime was unable to attend this meeting.

**1126. Finance matters:**

To agree accounts for payment.

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

1033	RCCE	£66.00	Subscription 2015/16
1034	Hipwell Bookbinders	£50.00	Binding Minutes

1035	Henry Dixon Hall Charity	£12.50	Hall Hire
1036	RPFA	£30.00	Hall Hire
1037	J. E. Abbott	£675.00	Chairman's Allowance
1038	K. P. Taylor	£387.22	Salary/expenses June
1039	A. Walsh	£264.68	Maintenance June

**1127. Information exchange and items for the next Agenda.**

- \* A traffic survey has been undertaken along Rectory Lane
- \* There is still what appears to be a sewerage leak near the footpath at the bottom of Stoverns Hill - this to be reported again to the Anglian Water Authority
- \* There has been a spate of thefts from local gardens
- \* There has been yet another vehicle accident at the junction of Church Road and Park Road
- \* A vehicle has been purposefully driven through the fence and up the footpath towards Rivenhall Thicks, then abandoned with the driver being driven off by an accomplice. This was reported to the Police by the Chairman at the time of the incident.

**1128. Dates of future meetings.**

Tuesdays 4 August in Rivenhall Village Hall and 1 September 2015, in The Henry Dixon Hall both commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.  
Items for the August meeting to the Clerk by 24 July 2015 at the latest.

**1129. Closure.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.56 hours.

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

CHAIRMAN