

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019  
IN THE HENRY DIXON HALL, RIVENHALL END.**

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

**Also present:** Parish Clerk and 6 members of the public.

**1774. To receive any apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Clark (still unwell) and BDC Cllr. K. Bowers.

**1775. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.**

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

**1776. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019.**

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

**1777. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

The following matters were brought to Members' attention:

- The Church Road zebra crossing beacon lights are not working.
- HGV damage to footways along Oak Road.
- A12 consultation delays are leaving local residents in limbo.
- Low bridge warning signs along Oak Road are to be replaced.

**1778. Matters for discussion.**

i. Compilation of Annual Report 2018/19.

The Clerk circulated copies of the report that he and the Chairman had compiled for members to peruse and make comments as soon as possible so that 325 copies can be printed for circulation towards the end of April.

The Clerk is awaiting confirmation as to who will be attending on behalf of BDC, the only outside speaker agreeing to attend this year.

ii. Possible £50.00 virement for grant to PAIN re the IWMF.

Following a suggestion made at the last meeting, the Clerk/RFO has agreed that it is feasible for this virement to be made. **Proposed by Cllr. Anderson, seconded by Cllr. Prime and unanimously agreed** that this virement and payment be actioned.

iii. Parking on estate grass verges.

The Clerk has requested that the BDC Street Warden inspect the Village Green for illegal parking during late afternoon and early evening. An officer from Greenfields inspected the verges along St. Mary's Road and agreed to take action to alleviate this problem.

iv. Future school development on the Rickstones Academy playing field.

On 26<sup>th</sup> February 2019 ECC announced that three new schools for children and young people with autism and social and emotional health needs are to be built in Chelmsford and Witham; the one in Witham will be built as indicated above. Consultations with local communities are set to take place during the spring of 2019.

Members expressed concern that no local consultation had been undertaken prior to the decision taken to locate this school along

Rickstones Road and that a detailed examination of any planning application will be required in due course.

- v. Highway & P. R. o W. matters.
  - (a) On 27<sup>th</sup> February Oak Road was again completely blocked and the grass verges damaged when a large HGV was driven towards the railway bridge; the Chairman reported this again to ECC.
  - (b) Kier Highways, on behalf of HE are planning to repair the A12 potholes at Rivenhall End, also HE confirmed that the defunct A12 lights have been repaired.
  - (c) The chevron signs at West Ford Farm Cottage, Church Road have been incorrectly installed and will be corrected.
  - (d) Henry Dixon Road and Oak Road junction - ECC engineer claims that the work is to specification, the Chairman has disputed this with both the ECC Cabinet member and BDLHP Liaison officer. The Chairman reported that the BDLHP Liaison officer has apologised relative to (c) and (d) above and agreed that this work will be correctly rectified.
  - (e) The appalling state of the footways along Rickstones Road have been reported to ECC with the request for urgent repairs.
- vi. General maintenance.
  - (a) Permission has been given for the maintenance contractor to trim back the overgrown trees below the Rivenhall Hotel.

#### 1779. Planning Applications:

##### *New Applications:*

**19/00138/FUL:** Creation of a temporary site compound - Phase 2 Land at Forest Road.

Members had no comments/observations to make relative to this application.

**18/02316/REM:** Land south of Rickstones Road.

The Clerk is to press BDC for replies to the questions raised in his letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019 relative to this application.

##### *Planning Results.*

**ESS/44/18/BTE/SPO & ESS/01/19/BTE/SPO** - Bradwell Quarry: Decisions regarding both these scoping opinion requests have been issued by ECC.

**18/02217/FUL:** 453 Rickstones Road - Proposed two storey extension etc. Application granted.

##### *Planning Appeals.*

Nothing new at time of agenda.

#### 1780. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. A12 & A120 Projects.
  - (a) A12  
Nothing to report at this meeting.
  - (b) A120  
Nothing to report at this meeting.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.  
Nothing to report at this meeting.

- iii. Bradwell Quarry.  
See item 1779 above.
- iv. IWMF.  
**ESS/36/17/BTE & ESS/37/17/BTE:** Additional information.  
**It was agreed** that the Chairman circulate formulated comments to Members so that a response can be submitted to ECC.
- v. Coleman's Farm Quarry.  
Planning Application: ESS/40/18/BTE.  
Serious concerns are expressed with regard to the proposed commencement of materials being imported to site, resulting in a corresponding increase in the number of HGV movements to and from the site, with no mitigation proposed. Specific concern is raised regarding the highway safety impacts on Little Braxted Lane and the A12 slip road junction. In addition there will be increased noise and pollution levels.  
Having been 'copied in' with regard to comments made by Little Braxted Parish Council, Members supported their observations without reservation.
- vi. BDLHP  
The next scheduled meeting is on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2019.  
The Chairman reported that replacement HGV warning signs are to be installed at the Rivenhall end of Oak Road; that a scheme is to be urgently submitted for the introduction of an interactive warning system close to the recycling site in Oak Road.  
The Chairman agreed to contact the ECC Highways Cabinet Member regarding a reconsideration of the previously agreed but deferred scheme for a HGV weight restriction along Oak Road thereby preventing access to the A12.

**1781. Correspondence received since the date of the agenda.**

- \* Agents for the owner of Stoverns Hall Farm have indicated that areas of land to the west and south of the village might be suitable and available for the development of social housing; and the offer of further discussion has been mooted.  
**It was agreed** that any discussion be delayed until the June meeting, after the May elections.

**1782. Reports from PC Representatives (if any).**

There were no reports for this meeting.

**1783. 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.

1288	£380.00	S. Shoemith	Repair to notice boards.
1289	£215.20	H.M.R & C.	PAYE 4 <sup>th</sup> ¼ 2018/19.
1290	£101.25	Karen Bridge	Litter picking February '19.
1291	£316.90	K. P. Taylor	Salary/expenses February '19.
1292	£90.00	P. G. Groundcare Ltd.	Maintenance February '19.

**1784. Information exchange and items for the April agenda.**

- \* Motor cycles are once again being ridden within Tarecroft Wood.

**1785. Ten minute public feedback (as required).**

- \* Footways/cycle ways near Rivenhall Park.
- \* Allotment land off Oak Road - possible future use.
- \* Potholes along Rickstones Road.

**1786. Dates of future meetings.**

Tuesdays 2<sup>nd</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup> May in Rivenhall Village Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the April agenda to the Clerk by 22<sup>nd</sup> March at the latest.

**1787. Closure**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.10 hours.

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

CHAIRMAN