

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 1 NOVEMBER 2016.**

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

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott

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

1348. To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Anderson and BDC Cllr. Bowers.

1349. 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. Also a pecuniary interest relating to item 1353(16/01678/FUL), Cllr. Abbott left the meeting for that item and Cllr. Wright took the Chair.

1350. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2016.

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

1351. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

The following matters were brought to the attention of Members:

- The initiating/resurrection of a local Neighbourhood Watch for Rivenhall and Rivenhall End.
- Possible installation of CCTV at the lay-by on Henry Dixon Road to deter littering.

1352. Matters for Discussion.

- i. ½ yearly report.
The Clerk had provided Members with a draft Report. It **was agreed** to print 325 copies and have them distributed by the end of November. A note regarding a possible local Neighbourhood Watch will be included.
- ii. Purchase of Christmas Tree.
Proposed by Cllr. Abbott, seconded by Cllr. Wright and unanimously agreed to provide £200.00 towards the cost of the Parish Christmas Tree. Cllr. Turner will liaise with the usual supplier regarding delivery.
- iii. Grant re Parish Magazine.
Proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr. Clark and unanimously agreed to provide, when requested, a grant of £350.00 towards the cost of printing the Parish Magazine.
- iv. Tarecroft Wood.
Work to improve the entrance and the car park is due to take place within the next 4-6 weeks. Also, ECC have appointed a single woodland contractor to implement conservation management across the ECC's estate, a company that uses traditional heavy horses to minimise damage to the woodland soils and rides and who are specialists at managing sensitive woodlands. There are no plans to carry-out any management this winter but as part of ECC agreement with Natural England some management work will be required within the next 2-3 years. Mr. Walsh agreed to visit Tarecroft Wood and collect up as much litter as possible.

- v. ECC Highways maintenance.
The Chairman reported that the potholes in Rectory Lane are to be repaired.
An ECC inspection of all the local footways is required.
An information/direction sign at the entrance to Oliver's Lane (the John Ray Walk) off Rickstones Road would be advantageous.
- vi. General maintenance.
The Maintenance Contractor has agreed, in future, to maintain the War Memorial garden before Remembrance Day and at regular quarterly intervals during the year.

1353. Planning Matters:

New Applications:

16/01729/ECC: Water extraction from the River Blackwater - IWMF, Rivenhall Airfield. (See under 1354(iv) below)

16/01678/FUL: Erection of single storey extension and addition of dormer and Velux windows to main roof slopes - Barley Croft, Oak Road, Rivenhall End.

Members raised no objection to this application.

Planning Results:

None to report at this meeting.

Planning Appeals:

None to hand.

1354. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. A12 widening
The Chairman has managed to arrange a meeting with the various agencies relative to any proposed widening through Rivenhall End on Tuesday 8 November 2016 at 11.00 hours at Starbucks on the A12 South. The Chairman plus two Members agreed to attend.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.
The Rivenhall plan will be considered by BDC on 10 November 2016, in Causeway House at 18.00 hours.
- 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, a decision is likely in December 2016.
Planning Application ESS/44/16/BTE: The installation of abstraction point, pumping equipment and water main from the River Blackwater to the IWMF site.
Members raised the following observations and objections to this application:
Firstly it has to be recognised that the River Blackwater flows through and forms a boundary of Rivenhall Parish and is a sensitive ecosystem. The application documents, (Honance letter dated 9 September 2016), make clear that the applicants intend to apply for something very different to the scheme in the current application. Honance state that an application will be made for both abstraction and discharge with, it appears, water consumption much larger than what is provided for under

the current licence and vastly different from the "closed loop" system originally agreed by the Planning Inspector and the Secretary of State. The planning history of the site is one of continual change with no certainty as to what is actually the full design. The applicants should have prepared a planning application for what they actually finally require, and the parish Council recommend that this current application be refused permission.

- v. Proposed Colemans Farm Quarry.
Exploratory groundworks have commenced.
- vi. Braintree District Local Highways Panel.
 - a. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road.
The objection to this scheme remains unresolved. The Chairman is investigating the delay.
The Clerk is to write to the BDLHP requesting information regarding the objector and the estimated time before the scheme can be implemented.
 - b. Extended 30mph limit along Church Road.
Scheme now rejected! Strongly worded objection to this action has been sent to the Officer concerned. ECC reply as follows; *"The extension of the 30mph speed limit was contrary to ECC policy and Essex Police stated that neither the speed data nor the environmental issues support the introduction. It's to be believed that all it would achieve is to create offenders, and with it demand for police enforcement, within an environment where there would be no suitable locations to do so. Officers are of the professional opinion that the current 30mph terminal signs are correctly sighted to ensure a high level of driver compliance. To extend the 30mph speed limit outside of this risks drivers failing to understand the rationale and in all probability increasing speed at the end of the residential development."*
Subsequently, Essex Police confirmed to the Chairman that the Speed Data recorded outside the primary school that formed the basis of the scheme request **had not** been studied before the objection was raised. Discussions continue regarding a possible reintroduction of the original proposal for a 40 mph "buffer" zone.
 - c. Rectory Lane.
A new scheme to block the southern exit of Rectory Lane to through traffic has been submitted.
 - 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.

1355. Correspondence received since the date of this Agenda.

A request has been received from the Rivenhall & Silver End P.C.C. as to whether or not the Parish Council would consider making a donation towards the cost of a new ride-on mower for the churchyard maintenance.

It was agreed that this should be fully considered at the December meeting together with proposals for the use/sale of the existing mower kept, unused, in the Parish Council shed.

1356. Reports from PC Representatives.

There were no reports for this meeting.

1357. 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.

1125	Essex Air Ambulance	£25.00	Grant/donation
1126	Royal British Legion	£45.00	Remembrance wreath
1127	K. P. Taylor	£345.85	Salary/expenses October
1128	P. G. Groundcare Ltd.	£280.80	Maintenance October
1129	A. Walsh	£76.50	Litter Picking October
1130	D. Clark	£17.97	Spring flower bulbs

1358. Information exchange and items for the October Agenda.

- The future allocation of Parish Council grants.
- RTAs had occurred at Church Road/Park Road and at Rickstones Road/Forest Road.

1359. 10 Minutes Public Feedback.

- * Location of a mirror at the entrance to Rectory Lane off Rickstones Road.
- * The noticeable increase in traffic using Rectory Lane.

1360. Dates of future meetings:

Tuesdays 6 December in The Henry Dixon Hall and 3 January 2017 in Rivenhall Village Hall both commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the December meeting to the Clerk by 25 November at the latest.

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

1361. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.40 hours.

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

CHAIRMAN