

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

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

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott

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

1157. To receive apologies for absence.

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

1158. 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.

1159. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2015.

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

1160. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

The following matters were raised by members of the public:

- Damaged sign close by the Railway Bridge, Oak Road, presumably damaged by a HGV.
- Parents are parking near the school and small children are exiting vehicles onto the road.

1161. Matters for Discussion:

i. The possible future allocation of Section 106 monies.

The Chairman has asked BDC for an "in principle" view of what projects might be eligible for S106 monies in Rivenhall Parish from the Bellway housing development on land off Forest Road/Rectory lane, which is entirely within Rivenhall Parish.

They are:

- (a) Improved play space/equipment at Rivenhall End as evidenced by the OSAP
- (b) Improvements to the village hall (as requested by RPFPA)
- (c) Improvements to the surface, and access restrictions to stop motorcycles abusing the John Ray Walk from Rickstones Road to where it emerges into the fields.
- (d) The provision of local defibrillators.

ii. Local bus services 131/132.

The latest information is that Stephensons will be operating the services as currently provided by First Buses via Rivenhall.

iii. ECC Local Bus Service Review Consultation.

This public consultation runs from 17 September to 21 October 2015 and notices have been displayed on the notice boards.

iv. ECC Highway Maintenance:

- Rickstones Road streetlights, nos. 12, 14 and 19 are inoperative.
- The poor condition of the A12 (South) junction has been reported to Highways England who have apparently inspected and report no problem.
- The A12 bus shelters are to be inspected.

- v. General Maintenance:
 - (a) Maintenance Contractor.
Mr. Goodchild has commenced working on behalf of the Council and has agreed to repair the bench seat along Oak Road, just past and opposite the recycling site.
 - (b) It was reported that Greenfields grass cutting is below standard once again.
 - (c) Spring planting.
It was **unanimously agreed** to spend up to £60.00 each on Spring planting at both Rivenhall End and Rivenhall main village. Also to replace the Holm Oak on the Village Green and, at an estimated cost of £45.00, the Red Oak at the recycling site.
- vi. Half-yearly report.
The draft Report was **unanimously approved** subject to final additions and the Clerk will arrange for 350 copies to be printed and for Members to distribute these throughout the parish during October.
- vii. Payments under Section 137
Proposed by Cllr. Wright seconded by Cllr. Prime and unanimously agreed that payments of £25.00 each be made to the Essex Air Ambulance, and the local Citizens Advice Bureau and that a payment of £45.00 be made to the local Royal British Legion for a memorial wreath.

1162. Planning Matters:

New Applications:

There were no new planning applications to consider at this meeting.

Planning Results:

15/00939/FUL: Installation of electric charging point - Starbucks, London Road, Rivenhall End.

Application granted.

Planning Appeals:

There were no planning appeals to consider at this meeting.

1163. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. BDC Local Plan
The Local Plan Committee meeting for October has been cancelled with no reasons given.
- ii. Rivenhall Airfield - Bradwell Quarry.
Nothing new to report this month.
- iii. Rivenhall Airfield - Waste Incinerator.
The latest planning application is likely to go to ECC Committee in either November or December 2015. It is reported that Gent Fairhead are to submit further plans after the current application. The environmental permit application has gone to the Environment Agency and public consultation meetings are to be held probably at Silver End and either Feering or Coggeshall.
- iv. ECC Minerals Plan.
Nothing new to report this month.

- v. Proposed Colemans Farm Quarry.
Planning application approved by ECC with many conditions and there will be a legal agreement regarding lorry routing with a ban on using Oak Road, Rivenhall End.
- vi. Tarecroft Wood.
Nothing new to report this month.
- vii. Braintree District Local Highways Panel.
The very latest information remains as follows:
- a. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road (linked) new signage in Church Road/Oak Road. There will be a public consultation period with implementation by March 2016
 - b. Extended 30mph limit along Church Road. There will be a public consultation period with implementation by March 2016.
 - d. Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - due November 2015.
 - e. Rectory Lane traffic restrictions - in validation.
 - f. Reflector bollards along, Park Road - in validation.
 - g. Introduction of a speed monitoring loop on Rickstones Road, approved.
- The next Panel meeting will be in January 2016.

1164. Correspondence received since the date of this Agenda.

- * A request has been received for the locating of a memorial seat on the Rivenhall Village Green. This will be referred to BDC with a request for approval.
- * A response has been received from Essex Police regarding the problem of motorcycles along the John Ray Walk as follows: *"I am pleased to inform you that an individual was found using an un-licenced motorcycle in the area that you describe. The motorcycle was seized by the Police and more than likely will be crushed and that individual is going to magistrate's court for traffic related offences. ... The Traffic department for North Essex Police is very soon to be based in Witham and with such a resource on Rivenhall's door step, this action hopefully could come swiftly. Could I ask that future concerns be sent locally to Community Officer Claire Ahern."*

1165. Reports from PC Representatives.

Cllr. Prime reported that the EALC subscriptions will rise in 2015/16 due to increased staff costs.
He also reported upon the discussion relative to Essex Police revisions of patrols etc.

1166. Finance Matters:

To agree accounts for payment.

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

1048	The Royal British Legion	£45.00	Memorial wreath & grant
1049	Essex Air Ambulance	£25.00	Grant
1050	Citizens Advice Bureau	£25.00	Grant
1051	PKF Littlejohn LLP	£120.00	Audit fee 2014/15
1052	The Henry Dixon Hall Charity	£18.75	Hall Hire
1053	RPFA	£45.00	Hall Hire
1054	PG Groundcare Ltd	£552.30	Maintenance Sept. '15
1055	K. P. Taylor	£389.68	Salary/expenses Sept. '15
1056	A. Walsh	£81.000	Litter picking Sept. '15

1167. Information exchange and items for the next Agenda.

* It was reported that a HGV has reversed along Oak Road from the Railway Bridge and severely damaged the fence at Hoo Hall

* The provision of a Christmas Tree to be discussed at the November meeting.

1168. Dates of future meetings.

Tuesdays 3 November 2015 in Rivenhall Village Hall and 1 December 2015 in The Henry Dixon Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00 hours

Items for the November meeting to the Clerk by 23 October 2015 at the latest.

1169. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.17 hours.

Signed:

Date:

CHAIRMAN