

## RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3 OCTOBER 2017.

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

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Abbott

**Also present:** Parish Clerk, and 3 members of the public.

**1514. To receive any apologies for absence.**

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

**1515. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.**

Cllr Abbott declared non-pecuniary interests in all matters relating to ECC and the BDLHP, and Cllr. Prime declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 1518(vi) as a member of the RPFA.

**1516. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2017.**

The Minutes were **unanimously agreed** and then signed by the Chairman.

**1517. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

The following matters were brought to Members' attention:

- Streetlights opposite the entrance to Rectory Lane.
- Sniveller's Lane dangerous exit onto Hollow Road.
- The footpath around the Rivenhall Oaks Golf Course.
- Car parking partly on local footways.

**1518. Matters for discussion.**

- i. Rectory Lane.  
A meeting re the 'Quiet Lane' status will be held, with ECC, in the Village Hall at 17.00 hours on Monday 9 October 2017.
- ii. Land south of Rickstones Road.  
There was nothing further to report since the September meeting.
- iii. Purchase of Remembrance Wreath.  
Cllr. Prime agreed to make arrangements for the provision of a wreath.
- iv. BDC Community Governance Review.  
It would appear that Witham TC would prefer a redrawn parish boundary that included all the Conrad Road school sites, plus all the new residential development sites off Forest Road to be included within Witham Parish.  
**Members agreed** that this would be strongly resisted.
- v. ECC Public Consultation re the Mobile Library Service.  
It would appear that there would be no change relative to Rivenhall but members were encouraged to check out the ECC website and be free to comment on-line if they see a need to do so.
- vi. Increase in Village Hall hiring fees.  
**Proposed by Cllr. Abbott, seconded by Cllr. Wright and unanimously agreed** that this increase up to £20 per session be accepted, with effect from January 2018.
- vii. Highway & PRoW matters.
  - (a) The request for a 30 mph limit along the Colemans Bridge A12 slip road has been formally submitted to the BDLHP.

- (b) HGV drivers flouting the 7.5 t weight restriction on Oak Road. An increase in this activity has been reported although full details have not been obtained. There lacks a suitable warning sign on Rickstones Road as you approach the Church Road/Oak Road junction to turn into Oak Road.
- (c) PRoW 48 & 59: Reported to ECC by Chairman.
- (d) ECC intends to use traffic signals on Rickstones Road on 16 October 2017 for 5 days while Cadent undertakes a new gas connection.
- e) A replacement warning sign at the entrance to Foxmead has been requested via ECC.

viii. General Maintenance

- (a) Contractor's costings for additional works.  
 (1) Cut back hedge along Rickstones Road boundary with the Academy £152.25; (2) cut back hedge opposite Rickstones Farmhouse £109.50 (roadside), £72.25 (footpath); (3) cut back shrubbery around streetlight opposite Rickstones Farmhouse £160 (more if traffic lights are required); (4) trim brambles etc along Oak Road and Henry Dixon Road footway £135.20.  
**Proposed by Cllr. Abbott, seconded by Cllr. Wright and unanimously agreed** that the maintenance contractor be requested to undertake works 1, 2 and 4. Number 3 will be investigated further.

**1519. Planning Applications:**

**New Applications:**

**17/01092/FUL:** Erection of 163 dwellings - Phase 2 land off Forest Road.

Members raised the following comments/objections to this application:

- That the original proposal for landscaping be retained.
- Would the increase in S106 monies, relating to the additional dwellings be credited to Rivenhall Parish,, and to what have the original S106 monies have been allocated.

**17/01784/NMA:** Material amendment to parking at the 2 wheelchair bungalows. Phase 1 Land off Forest Road.

This notification was for information only.

**Planning Results.**

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

**Planning Appeals.**

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

**1520. Ongoing Planning Issues:**

i. A12 & A120 Projects.

A120: It has been reported that ECC expects to announce its preferred route(s) for the A120 at the November 2017 Cabinet meeting. It appears that Option A, the route preferred by the RPC, is unlikely to go forward from ECC's appraisal of the consultation results. The Chairman's suggestion is that the southern parishes write to the A120 promoters

and ECC to support route B as a fall back 'least worst' option, whilst still maintaining A as first choice.

**Proposed by Cllr. Abbott, seconded by Cllr. Wright and unanimously agreed** that this suggestion be adopted.

A12: The ECC A12 widening proposals are due to be announced during the winter of 2017/18.

ii. BDC Local Plan.

(a) Freedom of Information Request re development sites.

The only details received related to the land south of Rickstones Road including comments by BDC regarding possible problems with the local road infrastructure.

Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Turner and unanimously agreed that BDC be informed of the Parish Council's concern re other discussions re Phase 3 and the siting of the 'Green Buffer' between Witham and Rivenhall.

(b) Due to the increased number of new residential properties required nationally, there is a possibility that BDC may have to revise the total number of sites required within the District as a whole.

iii. Bradwell Quarry.

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

iv. IWMF.

(a) A public meeting was held on 22 September 2017, in Coggeshall Village Hall following the decision of the Environment Agency to issue an Environmental Permit for this project. It was reported that ECC received over 3,000 objections to the latest applications so that any Committee consideration has been delayed somewhat.

The Environment Agency has granted the developer an Environment Permit for the increased stack height.

(b) ECC planning applications as follows:

ESS/36/17/BTE & ESS/37/17/BTE -

**Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Prime and unanimously agreed** that objections be raised relative to these two applications. The Chairman and Clerk will liaise regarding the reply to ECC.

v. Coleman's Farm Quarry.

The Little Braxted Lane access/exit is due to open during November 2017 with access/exit via Braxted Road in the meantime.

HGVs have been seen entering the site via Braxted Road at 06.15/06.30 so the question is to be raised regarding the actual operational hours of the site.

vi. BDLHP

There is nothing to add to the details contained in the September minutes except that the Colemans Bridge 30mph request has now been formally submitted.

It is reported that of the 44 schemes admitted for 2017/18 only 3 have, to date, been delivered.

**1521. Correspondence received since the date of the agenda.**

- \* BDC Funding Fair - Thursday 19 October 2017 at Causeway House, 14.00-19.00 hours.
- \* New grants available via EALC/ECC - Improving Local Places. To provide grants for activities/services that will improve local places by being more locally responsive. The Clerk will investigate the possibility of making an application and report back to the November meeting.

**1522. Reports from PC Representatives.**

Cllr, Knubley gave a brief report from the EALC AGM; including the introduction of the grants above mentioned and the adoption of Local Plans.

**1523. Finance matters:**

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

1198	RPFA	£45.00	Hall Hire
1199	CPRE	£36.00	Membership 2017/18
1200	K. P. Taylor	£370.56	Salary/expenses Sept '17
1201	Karen Bridge	£139.50	Litter picking Sept '17
1202	Henry Dixon Hall	£12.50	Hall Hire deposits
1203	P. G. Groundcare Ltd.	£435.00	Maintenance Sept '17

**1524. Information exchange and items for the November agenda.**

- \* Litter has accumulated at the rear of the recycling site in Oak Road.
- \* A new fly-tip on Henry Dixon Road has been reported to BDC.

**1525. Ten minute public feedback.**

- \* Rectory Lane vehicle access/exit via Rickstones Road.

**1526. Dates of future meetings.**

Tuesdays 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017, in Rivenhall Village Hall, and 5 December 2017 in The Henry Dixon Hall, commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the November agenda to the Clerk by 27 October at the latest.

Members are reminded that the annual Precept Meeting is scheduled for 13 December 2017, in Rivenhall Village Hall, commencing at 20.00 hours.

**1527. Closure.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.40 hours.

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

CHAIRMAN