

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 6TH AUGUST 2013.**

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

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott.

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

784.. To receive apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

785.. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests relating to matters on the Agenda.

Cllr. Abbott declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 788(i) and (vii) as a Member of Essex County Council.

786.. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2013.

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

787.. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

There were no matters brought to the attention of Members not already on the agenda.

788.. Matters for Discussion.

i. Tarecroft Wood - possible freehold transfer.

The Clerk is awaiting details of a second quotation for the supply/erection of rabbit fencing should it prove necessary.

To further advance the application for a freehold transfer it is necessary for the Council to produce a "high-level business case" as outlined in the ECC CAT policy document. The Clerk and Chairman recommended that three Members be nominated to develop this. It was **proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Brailey and agreed by a vote of 5 in favour with 2 abstentions** that Cllrs. Brailey, Bills and Abbott undertake this task. In the course of presenting the business case to ECC, requirements regarding the necessity for a rabbit fence and the right of access via the track from Rickstones Road to the wood be ascertained.

An approach will also be made to local interested local organisations who might well be prepared to work with the Council regarding the management of the woodland should the Council be successful in obtaining the freehold.

ii. Woodland Trust.

The Woodland Trust has free tree packs available for local community groups to plant in November 2013 - applications must be received by 13th September 2013.

It was **agreed** to investigate the possibility of obtaining up to 150 Hawthorn for hedging.

iii. Parking outside the school in Church Road.

It was reported that the revised scheme is due to be advertised in the local press within two weeks, therefore, any revisions will not be in place for the commencement of the new school term in September. Essex Police are aware of the new proposals and will initiate a presence when the revisions are in place.

iv. Electoral Review of BDC.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has adopted a council size of 50 for BDC; the current consultation, ending on 23rd September 2013, concerns the new pattern of ward arrangements for BDC. **It was agreed** that the Clerk and Chairman draft the Council's further submission to the LGBC for the retention of 60 Members.

v. BDC Economic Development Prospectus Consultation.

BDC has drawn up a short, high level prospectus for consultation that aims to help businesses create 14,000 jobs by 2026 and highlight 3 key priorities: Improved infrastructure; enhanced business and employment support and regeneration of town centres and support for rural regeneration. The consultation period ends on 20th

September 2013. The document was included in the monthly circulation box for members' further information.

- vi. ECC Superfast Broadband Programme.
The Clerk, together with Cllrs. Wright and Bills, Attended the summit at Great Saling on 22nd July, subsequently notices were displayed and pre-paid response cards delivered door to door throughout the parish to raise awareness of the necessity for individuals to respond, so that Rivenhall Parish might be one of the first to benefit from the ECC Superfast Broadband Programme. Details of how to access the BDC consultation on-line to be added to the RPC website.
- vii. County Highway general matters.
 - (a) Extension of Church Road 30mph - **It was agreed** to request an extension of the 30mph to the entrance of Rivenhall Hall Farm and for the introduction of a 40mph 'buffer zone'.
 - (b) Previously proposed new footpath along Church Road - **It was agreed** to revisit this scheme by referral to ECC Bridleways & Footpaths (their approval previously given).
 - (c) Agreed 30mph along Henry Dixon Road - The Chairman reported that ECC anticipate this scheme to be implemented within 4 months " *subject to circumstances outside of our control that could cause a delay*".
- viii. General maintenance.
The Council's Maintenance Contractor will be requested to continue with the schedule of work previously agreed.
- ix. EALC:
There were no matters to be discussed under this heading.

789.. Planning Matters:

New Applications:

CC/BTE/02/13/MMA1: Minor Material Amendment (Guardrail): Elm Hall Primary School. Members raised no objection to these Minor Material Amendments. This has already been approved by BDC.

CC/BTE/30/13: Erection of new footbridge at Motts Lane Level Crossing. Members raised no objection to this application.

Planning Results:

13/00704/FUL: 27 Oak Road, Rivenhall End - Erection of front extension. Application granted.

Planning Appeal:

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

790.. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. Local Development Framework.
Site Allocations & Development Management Plan to be considered by BDC full Council meeting on 23rd September 2013. Following approval by the Council the document will be published for a further 6 week engagement period before it is submitted for public examination by an independent planning inspector appointed by the government. This will take place in 2014. **It was agreed** to continue to press for Little Braxted Lane to be designated as a protected land and for any notes to be collated at the next meeting for subsequent submission to the Planning Inspector.
- ii. Rivenhall Airfield.
Nothing further to report.
- iii. ECC Waste Development.
Nothing further to report.
- iv. ECC Minerals Local Plan.

Essex Replacement Minerals Local Plan - Submitted on 12th July 2013, to the Secretary of State for independent examination. **It was agreed** to approach BDC to request a joint approach to be made to any Inquiry.

v. Braintree District Local Highways Panel.

There has been no action regarding the local projects since the last Panel meeting. It was reported that a new manual directing how Highways Panels should be run, produced by the cabinet Member at ECC, suggested that PC representatives would not normally be allowed as voting members on Panels and furthermore, that the press and public be not allowed to attend Panel meetings unless a request is made to the cabinet Member.. **It was agreed** to challenge this proposal regarding the potential exclusion of the public directly with ECC and to request BALC do the same relative to implications for Parish Council representatives.

791.. Correspondence received since the date of the agenda.

- * An invitation has been received to attend the BDVSA Annual Assembly in September - this was duly noted but no Member will attend.

792.. Finance matters:

To agree accounts for payment.

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

914	Kempco Ltd	£17.06	Printing etc.
915	D. Clark	£34.40	Plants etc.
916	K. P. Taylor	£255.44	Salary/expenses July 2013.
917	A. Walsh	£256.50	Maintenance July 2013.

793.. Information exchange and items for the next agenda.

- * There was a serious RTA in Rickstones Road with a driver being airlifted to hospital
- * The beacon at the zebra crossing in Church Road should be replaced within 2 weeks
- * Cllr. prime has received a number of bus complaints from residents
- * Cllr. Bills will report the missing illuminated pedestrian refuge in Henry Dixon Road
- * Problems re builders parking vehicles in Rickstones Road
- * The Chairman to investigate/report the DiY bags left outside the Thatch Cottage in Rickstones Road
- * There was a further RTA in Church Road
- * The Parish was 'Runner up' in this year's Best Kept Village Competition

794.. Dates of future meetings:

Tuesdays 3rd September in The Henry Dixon Hall and 1st October in Rivenhall Village Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the September meeting to the Clerk by 23rd August at the latest.

795.. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.46 hours.

Signed:

CHAIRMAN

Date: