

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2 OCTOBER 2018  
IN RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL.**

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

**Also present:** Parish Clerk and 2 members of the public.

**1695. To receive any apologies for absence.**

An apology was received from Cllr. Clark and BDC Cllr. K. Bowers. Members expressed their best wishes to Cllr. Clark for a swift recovery from his injury and illness.

**1696. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.**

Cllr Abbott declared non-pecuniary interests in all matters relating to ECC, the BDLHP and item 1699(iv).  
Cllrs. Turner and Prime declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 1699(ii) as being members of the Millennium Committee.

**1697. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2018.**

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

**1698. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

The following matters were brought to Member's attention:

- \* The BDC's Leaders decision regarding the Local Garden Communities proposals within the Local Plan, together with related highways matters.
- \* Colemans Quarry Little Braxted Lane cycle/footway deficiencies.

**1699. Matters for discussion.**

- i. Repair of damaged village sign.  
The repair completion date and the re-erection date for the sign are still awaited despite the Clerk requesting details from the repairer.
- ii. Grant to the Millennium Committee re the WW1 Centenary celebrations.  
**Proposed by Cllr. Anderson, seconded by Cllr, Wright and unanimously agreed** that a grant of £25.00 be made available under S137 and payment made at the next meeting.
- iii. Royal British Legion soldier silhouettes.  
The Clerk has been informed that the Millennium Committee have sponsored a Soldier Silhouette from the RBL for Rivenhall.
- iv. CPRE Essex Branch AGM.  
This will be held at Marks Tey Village Hall, Old London Road, CO6 1EJ on Saturday 6 October 2018, at 14.45 for 15.00.
- v. Highway & P. R. o W. matters.
  - (a) *Church Road zebra crossing concerns.*  
There are problems being experienced when drivers do not stop for pedestrians waiting to cross the road.  
**Proposed by Cllr. Anderson, seconded by Cllr. Wright and unanimously agreed** that the BDLHP be requested to inspect this crossing with a view to implementing safety improvements.

- (b) *Henry Dixon Road/Oak Road junction - ECC proposed works.*  
ECC have apparently decided not to install metal deflector bells, but to effectively widen the junction by cutting out the verge and installing grasscrete.  
**Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Anderson and unanimously agreed** that ECC be requested not to install grasscrete but to revert back to the original suggestion of installing metal bells and to further consider the installation of a metal pedestrian barrier between the footway and the road junction. Also that the BDLHP return to the scheme to prevent HGVs from using Oak Road to access the A12.
- (c) *ECC Devolution and Public Realm/Highway Services.*  
The ECC Cabinet Member for Highways is keen to explore how joint working between ECC and Parish/Town Councils could deliver better outcomes for residents and businesses. The offer being made is for involvement in a pilot scheme over the next 6-12 months, delivering various highway services in collaboration with ECC; with 3 Councils per District area (36) to be involved in the pilot.  
**It was agreed** to express an interest in being involved in this pilot project.
- (d) *Rickstones Road 'Speedwatch' request.*  
To deliver this would require a number of local volunteers willing to commit to undergoing some training via the Essex Police Community Speedwatch co-ordinator and the provision of an appropriate speed gun.  
**It was agreed** that information be given to a project leader so that an approach can be made by the local volunteers, via the Essex Police Community Speedwatch Co-ordinator, for training and the provision of the required equipment.
- (e) Dysfunctional streetlights on Oak Road to be reported to ECC.
- vi. General maintenance.
- (a) *Maintenance of flower tubs.*  
**It was agreed** that the maintenance contractor be approached for a quotation to maintain all five of the tubs, as required on a weekly basis.
- (b) *Village Green posts.*  
A reply regarding this maintenance work is still awaited from BDC.
- (c) Two nasty fly tips had been reported along Rectory Lane, which BDC had cleared.

#### 1700. Planning Applications:

##### ***New Applications:***

None received.

##### ***Planning Results.***

**18/00947/OUT:** Outline application for land south of Rickstones Road.

Application granted.

**Proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr. Anderson and unanimously agreed** that concern be expressed to BDC regarding the following:

1. That recent Local Plan meetings have been cancelled.
2. That the proposals contained within the submitted Draft Local Plan were found to be Unsound by the Planning Inspector.
3. That the proposed green Buffer zone location is not acceptable because it is not adequate to separate Rivenhall from Witham. It should start at Rectory Lane and should not be as far north as proposed. The final decision regarding this Green Buffer has been delayed by the doubts expressed regarding the Draft Local Plan being found Unsound and that leaves opportunities for planning applications for residential development on unallocated land in that local area.

**18/00957/FUL:** Rear extension - Hoo Hall Cottage, 223 Oak Road.  
Application granted.

**18/01090/COUPA:** Change of use - Park Gate Farm.  
Application refused.

**Planning Appeals.**

Nothing new to be reported.

**1701. Ongoing Planning Issues:**

i. A12 & A120 Projects.

(a) A12  
Nothing new to be reported.

(b) A120  
Nothing new too be reported.

ii. BDC Local Plan.

BDC has written to all parish councils as follows:-

"BDC submitted their Plan to the Planning Inspector in October 2017 and a number of public hearings were held in January and May 2018 to consider the first part of the Plan. This part known as the Strategic Section 1 Plan is shared with Colchester Borough Council and Tendring District Council and contains 10 strategic policies for development in North Essex, as well as proposals to create three new Garden Communities at West of Braintree (partly within Uttlesford District), Colchester Braintree Borders and Tendring Colchester Borders.

In June 2018 BDC heard back from the Planning Inspector who agreed that 716 homes needed to be built in the Braintree District each year until 2033. However the Planning Inspector also said that the plan as it stood was not sound and would require more work. This work was primarily related to the Garden Communities and included work on viability assessments, strategic transport and the Sustainability Appraisal.

All three local authorities involved have now considered the Inspector's letter and have agreed to work together on gathering this further evidence. BDC believe that this is the best approach for the District and best protects the existing towns and villages from urban sprawl.

Once completed the evidence will be considered at a Council meeting, alongside any consequential changes to the Local Plan. The evidence and those changes will then be subject to a further period of public consultation before being considered by the Inspector. The next step is to agree a timetable for the production of this work with the Planning Inspector and BDC will share this timetable as soon as it is available.

The Section 2 of the Local Plan, which contains site specific policies and allocations for Braintree District remains with the Planning Inspectorate who will only consider this, once Section 1 has progressed.”

- iii. Bradwell Quarry.  
There was nothing to report at this meeting.
- iv. IWMF.  
The latest planning applications could be decided by the end of November 2018.
- v. Coleman's Farm Quarry.  
See under 1698 above.
- vi. BDLHP  
The next BDLHP has been moved back to 11 October 2018.

**1702. Correspondence received since the date of the agenda.**

- \* As BDC are reviewing the availability of Polling Stations throughout the district and sent details of all the district Wards, The Clerk has replied that Rivenhall Village Hall details remain unchanged **BUT** reiterated that Rivenhall should be shown as being included in the Cressing and Silver End Ward. More particularly, because Rivenhall historically preceded Silver End, which parish, when created absorbed a small part of Rivenhall.
- \* ECC Highways has given information that the Catholic Bridge, Newland Street/Colchester Road, Witham will be temporarily closed to all traffic from 8pm on Friday 12 October until it reopens at 6am on Monday 15 October.
- \* ECC's Braintree Integrated Transport Package Consultation events will be held at Braintree Town Hall on Saturday 6 October from 10.00 - 16.00 and at Alec Hunter Academy on Friday 12 October from 11.00 - 19.00.

**1703. Reports from PC Representatives (if any).**

There were no reports to be considered.

**1704. Finance matters:**

To agree accounts for payment.

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

1263	C.P.R.E.	£36.00	Membership fee 2018/19
1264	H.D.H.C.	£37.50	Hall Hire
1265	R.P.F.A.	£60.00	Hall Hire
1266	Karen Bridge	£121.50	Litter picking Sept. '18

1267	K. P. Taylor	£319.06	Salary/expenses Sept. '18
1268	P.G. Groundcare Ltd.	£381.00	Maintenance Sept. '18
1269	Royal British Legion	£45.00	Memorial wreath donation

**1705. Information exchange and items for the November agenda.**

There was nothing introduced.

**1706. Ten minute public feedback (as required).**

- \* Flower tub maintenance - actual tub construction.
- \* Police speed check required in Rivenhall.
- \* HGVs at the Railway Bridge.

**1707. Dates of future meetings.**

Tuesdays 6<sup>th</sup> November in Rivenhall Village Hall and 4<sup>th</sup> December in The Henry Dixon Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the November agenda to the Clerk by 26 October at the latest.

*Members are reminded that the Precept/Budget meeting is scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> December in Rivenhall Village Hall.*

**1708. Closure**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.40 hours.

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

CHAIRMAN