

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7 JUNE 2016**

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

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Abbott

**Also present:** Parish Clerk, and 5 members of the public.

**1278. To receive any apologies for absence.**

An apology was received from BDC Cllr. Bowers

**1279. 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.

**1280. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 May 2016.**

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

**1281. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

The following matters were brought to the attention of members:

- Bridleway/Footpath via Hoo Hall - Clerk will contact ECC.
- As ECC has currently rejected the restriction of through traffic along Rectory Lane (a Protected and Quiet Lane) the Clerk will seek guidance for further RPC action from CPRE and the Chairman will raise the issue again at the next BDLHP meeting on 7 July 2016.
- M/cycles are still being ridden along the John Ray Walk.
- Overhanging branches and foliage along the Oak Road footway require trimming. The Clerk will arrange this with the maintenance contractor.
- Roadside verge cutting has recently commenced.
- Excavations have commenced for the Rivenhall Oaks Golf Centre lake.
- The Clerk will check the details included in the diversion notice for Footpath 60.

**1282. Matters for Discussion.**

i. Tarecroft Wood.

ECC will be undertaking certain woodland conservation survey work this spring and summer in support of the woodland conservation management they propose to undertake in the autumn/winter of 2017/18 as part of a Countryside Stewardship Agreement that encompasses the County Council woodland estate - circa 300 hectares of ancient woodland across 25 sites.

ii. Tusser Close garages and fly tipping in the ditch at the rear.

The Chairman is meeting a Greenfields representative on 10 June to discuss these matters.

iii. Parking on the Village Green.

BDC have ceased erecting "No Parking" signs for village greens as experience indicates that drivers take little or no notice of the signs. "Polite" notices have worked in some parishes and BDC agreed to supply for the Clerk to display on offending vehicles - these notices are still awaited.

- iv. Network Rail possible crossing closure on Footpaths 45/43.  
Network Rail are holding a consultation event on Thursday 16 June in Witham Public Hall, from 14.00 to 19.00 hours, re the possible closure of the main line level crossing at Footpaths 45/43. A pre-meeting for local Councillors or representatives commences at 13.00 hours.
- v. ECC consultation on bus fare increase on council buses.  
A consultation is being launched on Monday 9 June into changes to bus fares on services provided by Essex County Council. ECC propose an increase of about 5% for the next three years - about 10p per ticket. The Witham to Tollesbury routes 91 Monday/Saturday and 95 Sunday via Rivenhall End appear to be the only routes affecting this parish.
- iv. ECC Highways maintenance.
- ECC confirm that the broken sign on Rickstones Road should be replaced within the next six weeks.
  - Defunct street lights along Oak Road will be notified to ECC.
  - The Church Road Zebra beacon has been repaired.
  - The maintenance contractor will be requested to trim back the overgrown shrubs at the junction of Oak Road and Henry Dixon Road.
  - Part of the A12 cycle/footway still remains to be completed.
- General maintenance.  
**Proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr. Anderson and agreed with 1 abstention** that the sum of £40.00 each be allocated for Rivenhall End and Rivenhall Village summer planting. The Chairman agreed to do the planting in Rivenhall Village.
- vi. CPRE special seminar at Peterborough on 6 July 2016.  
No Members were free to attend this event.

### 1283. Planning Matters:

#### **New Applications:**

**16/00792/FUL:** Erection of conservatory to side - 110 Oak Road.

Members raised no objection to this application.

#### **Planning Results:**

**15/01396/FUL:** Dropped kerb - 473 Rickstones Road.

Application granted.

**16/00228/FUL:** Removal of timber stable and erection of cart lodge and garage/store - Hoo Hall Lodge, Oak Road.

Application granted.

**16/00295/FUL:** Erection of single storey side extension and garage - 41 St. Mary's Road.

Application granted.

**16/00325/FUL:** New foot and cycle path - Land adjacent Rectory Lane.

Application granted.

The Clerk will ask BDC why there was no reference to the RPC letter regarding this application.

#### **Planning Appeals:**

There were no appeals to consider at this meeting.

**1284. Ongoing Planning Issues:**

- i. BDC Local Plan.  
BDC has arranged public exhibitions throughout the district, 29 & 30 June in Witham Public Hall from 14.30 to 19.30.  
This Local Plan will be discussed by BDC on 20 June. There are no additions/amendments to the previous notifications.  
Copies of the plan documents will be available at the August RPC meeting.
- ii. Rivenhall Airfield - Bradwell Quarry.  
There was nothing to report at this meeting.
- iii. Rivenhall Airfield - Waste Incinerator.  
There should be a response from the Environment Agency during July/August 2016.
- iv. ECC Replacement Waste Local Plan.  
There was nothing to report at this meeting.
- v. Proposed Colemans Farm Quarry.  
There was nothing to report at this meeting.
- vi. Braintree District Local Highways Panel.
  - a. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road - still awaiting completion.
  - b. Extended 30mph limit along Church Road - Implementation possibly by Autumn 2016.
  - c. Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - completed but untidy.
  - d. Rectory Lane - Quiet Lane status approved - see 1281 above.  
Clerk to notify local residents of current situation.

**1285. Correspondence received since the date of this Agenda. (No discussion)**

- \* Highways England have given notice that, regarding the A12 widening scheme, towards the end of the summer, local forums will be arranged by Jacobs Consultancy. These are not formal consultations but a means to inform regarding the scheme developments. Confirmation of the deferred meeting at Rivenhall End has been requested by the Clerk and a reply is awaited. The Chairman is seeking clarification from Highways England about the letters they sent to residents in Rivenhall End.
- \* BDC has just published a draft Housing Strategy for consultation via their website; the consultation ends on 20 August 2016.

**1286. Reports from PC Representatives.**

There were no reports for this meeting.

**1287. 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.

1094	H. M. Revenues & Customs	£215.00	PAYE 1 <sup>st</sup> ¼ 2016/17
1095	S.L.C.C.	£103.00	Subscription 2016/17
1096	K. P. Taylor	£316.70	Salary/expenses May '16
1097	P.G. Groundcare Ltd	£375.60	Maintenance May '16
1098	Kempco Ltd.	£135.80	Printing Annual Reports
1099	Zurich Municipal	£683.66	Insurance renewal 2016/17
1100	Joe Dulake	£265.00	Defibrillator power supply
1101	A. Walsh	£81.00	Litter picking May '16

**1288. Information exchange and items for the June Agenda. (No discussion)**  
Cllr. Prime reported that the local grass cutting appeared to be as scheduled.

**1289. 10 Minutes Public Feedback - if necessary.**  
Nothing was raised.

**1290. Dates of future meetings:**  
Tuesdays 5 July and 2 August 2016, both in Rivenhall Village Hall, commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.  
Items for the July meeting to the Clerk by 24 June at the latest.

**1291. Closure.**  
The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.33 hours.

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