

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3 JULY 2018
IN RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL.**

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

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

1653. To receive any apologies for absence.

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

1654. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.

Cllr Abbott declared non-pecuniary interests in all matters relating to ECC and the BDLHP. Also to item 1657(iii).

Cllr. Turner declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 1658 (18/00937/FUL).

1655. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2018.

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

1656. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

The following matters were brought to Member's attention:

- Footpath RIV.59 has been partially cleared.
- The hedge along Oak Road from the houses to the Railway Bridge requires cutting back.

1657. Matters for discussion.

i. Protection of hedge along Rickstones Road.

As there are some modifications to the hedge proposals, which appear to retain most of the hedge in situ, included in the revised outline planning application, it was **proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr. Knubley and agreed after a vote of 3 in favour 2 against and 1 abstention** not to employ the services of a consultant arboriculturist at this time..

ii. Damage to glass bus shelter.

This bus shelter was damaged by persons unknown during the afternoon of Thursday 21 June 2018. The Clerk has registered a possible claim for the cost or the repairs with the council's insurers.

A quotation for replacement like for like toughened glass will be acquired as required by the insurers.

It was agreed that the Clerk write to Greenfields, without prejudice, to enquire whether or not the grasscutting contractors Sodexo reported any incident involving damage to the bus shelter while grass strimming was in progress.

iii. Result of BDC Governance Review.

BDC proceeded with the known boundary changes - Rivenhall Park and Eastways Industrial Area - no other changes being considered.

iv. Adult Superstore licence.

The BDC public consultation period ended on 19 June 2018 and was concerned solely with the operational hours. The Parish Council is not currently a statutory consultee and must rely upon public notices, wherever published. BDC is to review this situation later this year.

v. RCCE - AGM..

Scheduled for 7.00 pm on Wednesday 11 July at Chelmsford City Racecourse. If other commitments allow, the Chairman indicated that he might attend.

vi. Highway & P. R. o W. matters.

All matters have either been reported or attended to.

The Clerk will contact BDC regarding the outstanding parking enforcement at a property along Oak Road.

vii. General maintenance.

(a) *A replacement tree required in Foxmead.*

Proposed by Cllr. Clark, seconded by Cllr. Abbott and unanimously agreed that the sum of £100.00 be allocated for this replacement tree at the appropriate time

(b) *Litter picking.*

The litter picker has agreed to undertake additional hours, as requested.

The Clerk will request BDC to give the recycling area in Oak Road a thorough deep clean, and, if possible, for a much larger general litter bin to be provided on site. (Raised under item 1664 below)

(c) *EALC Local Services Fund Grant.*

The council has been granted £1,497.00 towards the upkeep of local public footpaths and footways.

It was agreed that any work covered by this grant be undertaken by the council's maintenance contractor.

(d) *Village Green posts - inspection report.*

Although it was reported that 15 posts could be replaced, **it was unanimously agreed** to obtain a quote for the rubbing down, undercoating and top coating of all 94 posts.

The Clerk will enquire of both BDC and Greenfields whether they would consider erecting posts along the edge of the Village Green in Beech Road.

(e) Consideration should be given, at the August meeting, to the maintenance of the flower tubs at the end of St. Mary's Road, particularly in regard to the watering of any planting therein.

(f) The maintenance contractor will be requested to repair the broken chain between posts on the Village Green.

1658. Planning Applications:

New Applications:

18/00946/NMA: Phase 2 land at Forest Road - alteration to parking.

Members raised no objections to this application.

18/00947/OUT: Land south of Rickstones Road - resubmission of revised application.

Members recommended that this application be refused in accordance with their previous objections, plus the fact of coalescence with Witham, thereby losing a vital element from the local countryside; because there was total confusion regarding the reports regarding the proposals for the hedgerow along Rickstones Road and confusion regarding any adequate pedestrian crossing of Rickstones Road. Also, as necessary, that the report by the ecologist re lighting must be adhered to in detail.

18/00957/FUL & 18/00958/LBC: 223 Oak Road - erection of single storey rear extension.

Members raised no objections to this application.

18/00192/FUL & 18/00193/LBC: Replacement hedge, Pond Farm House, 47 Oak Road. Revised plans have been submitted to BDC which now include a replacement hedge rather than a fence. No documents detailing this have been received by the Clerk.

Members welcomed the proposals included in these revised plans.

18/00937/FUL: 23 Church Road - demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 2 no. dwellings.

With 1 abstention, Members objected to the removal of healthy trees and in particular to the removal of a mature Yew.

18/01090/COUPA: Notification for Prior Approval for Proposed Change of Use of Agricultural Buildings and land to flexible use within Shops, Financial and Professional Services, Restaurants and cafes, Business, Storage or Distribution, Hotels, or Assembly or leisure.

It was unanimously agreed that, because of the proximity to local dwellings, the 60mph status of all local roads and the need of HGVs to access the site, together with the fact that there are no bus stops at this dangerous junction of three very busy roads, there needs to be a full and detailed planning application submitted for these proposals.

18/00580/FUL; Erection of nursery building - Rivenhall Village Hall.

It was reported that the officer's report going before the BDC Planning Committee this evening does not include any reference to the fact that RPC officially reported that this site was partly not within the village development envelope. The Clerk will bring this error to BDC's attention, albeit after the event.

Planning Results.

18/00069/FUL & 18/00070/LBC: Barn conversion - Ford Farm, Church Road. Application granted.

18/00973/AGR: Erection of new barn - Rivenhall Hall Farm. Permission not required.

Planning Appeals.

Nothing to report at this meeting.

1659. Ongoing Planning Issues:

i. A12 & A120 Projects.

(a) A12 - The Highways England route announcement has again been delayed, apparently due to questions regarding the West Tey proposals. Questions were raised as to why this should in fact affect the re-alignment in the Rivenhall End area, well away from the West Tey proposed site.

(b) A120 - ECC announced that Route D has been chosen as the new route for the A120. This starts west of Galleys Corner roundabout at Braintree and will join the A12 at a new junction between Rivenhall End and Kelvedon.

ii. BDC Local Plan.

The Planning Inspector has sent an adverse response to BDC's Local Plan submission. Particularly including the fact that the District Councils (Braintree, Colchester and Tendring) have not demonstrated that the Garden Communities are viable, that the transport for them hasn't been planned properly and that it's not clear that the councils have the best spatial strategy. He also raises questions re the A12 and A120 routes and says that the A120 would be "essential" for West Tey.

iii. Bradwell Quarry.

ESS/12/18/BTE - The Chairman will circulate comments prior to any communication being sent to ECC.

- iv. IWMF.
Any ECC decision has yet again been deferred.
- v. Coleman's Farm Quarry.
ESS/10/18/BTE: Continuation of use of land etc. The Chairman will circulate comments prior to any communication being sent to ECC.
- vi. BDLHP
The June meeting had been cancelled.

1660. Correspondence received since the date of the agenda.

There was no correspondence to be considered.

1661. Reports from PC Representatives (if any).

There were no reports for this meeting.

1662. 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.

1247	RCCE	£72.60	Membership Fee 2018/19
1248	J. E. Abbott	£675.00	Chairman's allowance 2018/19
1249	RPFA	£40.00	Hall hire July/Aug '18
1250	Karen Bridge	£164.25	Litter picking June '18
1251	P.G. Groundcare Ltd.	£285.00	Maintenance June '18
1252	K. P. Taylor	£324.93	Salary/expenses June '18

1663. Information exchange and items for the August agenda.

Members had no matters to include on the August agenda.

Cllr. Prime reminded everyone of the RPFA Village Fete on Saturday 7 July.

1664. Ten minute public feedback (as required).

A larger rubbish bin is required at the recycling site and the Clerk will again contact BDC accordingly.

1665. Dates of future meetings.

Tuesdays 7 August in Rivenhall Village Hall, and 4 September in The Henry Dixon Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the August agenda to the Clerk by 27 July at the latest.

1666. Closure

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.40 hours.

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

CHAIRMAN