

RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6 OCTOBER 2009.

Present: Cllrs. Abbott, Bills, Prime, Salmon, Wright and Clark.

Also present: Parish Clerk, 3 members of the public and PCSO Will Gladwell.

219. Apologies for Absence.

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. Brailey.

220. Declarations of Interest relating to Agenda Items.

Cllr. Prime made a Declaration of Personal Interest in item 225 regarding the Millennium Committee Christmas Tree and Cllr. Wright made a similar Declaration regarding item 223(vii) regarding the Post Office.

221. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 September 2009.

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

222. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

During the Public Forum the following matters were brought to the attention of the Council:

- Parking at the School and speeding motorists - see items 223(i) and (ii) below.
- PCSO Gladwell also spoke regarding these problems together with a motor cycle incident in Rickstones Road and illegal activities on the airfield site and other locations in and around the Parish.

223. Matters for Discussion:

i. Complaint re speeding vehicles along Church Road.

Local residents have complained about the speeding vehicles along Church Road and the danger this represents. Essex Police are to examine the possibility of additional resources to monitor/take action against speeding motorists.

ii. Parking along Church Road near the school - possible action.

Cllr. Bills reported that he had a meeting with the Headteacher who is as concerned as the PC at the parking on the bend near the school. A planned operation involving the Police, the PCSO, the District Road safety Officer, Community Warden and the Community Speedwatch co-ordinator will be deferred pending a report from the Road safety Officer subsequent to a site meeting on 12 October 2009 at the school.

At the last count on a school day, there were parking spaces available at both the Village Hall and Albert Moss Playing Field car parks.

The Clerk will contact ECC Highways requesting they consider the installation of double yellow lines either side of the existing school 'No Parking' zone.

iii. Complaints re local service provided by BT.

Many local residents have reported poor and inconsistent BT Broadband service within the Parish.

The Clerk will write to BT asking for an explanation and action to improve the situation.

iv. ECC Highways matters - progress reports.

Clarification has been received regarding the 30mph signs along Rickstones Road; no 30mph signs can be incorporated within the gateway signs at this location although they can be incorporated within those along Church Road.

The crossing point at Stoverns Hall Farm has been constructed as a public right of way entrance, with road planings.

The road marking in Oak Road at Rivenhall End are to be renewed during 2009/10.

The new grass verge at Oak Road/Rickstones Road has been renewed.

The proposed new Public Footpath along Church Road has been confirmed by ECC as of low priority although the Chairman will continue for this to be upgraded in priority.

- v. Parish Council interest in the ECC land along Oak Road.
Proposed by Cllr. Wright and seconded by Cllr. Prime that this land be given low-key maintenance by the Parish Council. **This was agreed by a vote of 5 in favour and 1 against.**
- vi. General maintenance work required within the Parish.
 Mr. Walsh is to be asked to include the land discussed under the previous item in his programme of work within the Parish and to continue with any work which from time to time might come to his attention.
 It was reported by Cllr. Salmon that repairs to the gate at the entrance to the Albert Moss Playing Field had been undertaken but that a replacement padlock was required. The Clerk will request BDC to replace this padlock and the one for the chain fence within the Playing Field.
- vii. Information re Post Office advertisement for new sub postmaster at Rivenhall.
 Post Office Ltd have indicated that the Village Hall would not be a suitable building in which to house a sub post office although they do desire to have a Post Office within the Parish if at all possible.
- viii. The site meeting re sub-standard slips etc at Rivenhall End A12.
 This site meeting with agents for the Highways Agency will take place on Monday 12 October 2009 at 10.00 hours, meeting at The Fox.
- ix. BDC Planning Training session.
 Planning Training has been set up for Parish Councils on Monday 16 November 2009 at 19.00 hours at Causeway House. Cllrs. Wright and Prime indicated their willingness to attend this 2 hour session; the Clerk might also attend and will inform BDC accordingly.
- x. Overview and Security Study by BDC re Section 106 Agreements.
Proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr. Bills and unanimously agreed that the Clerk contact BDC requesting information as to why Rivenhall Parish does not gain any benefit from those developments that come within the Parish boundary. For example, and in particular, the Industrial development extending the Eastways Industrial Estate, a good part of which lies within the Rivenhall Parish boundary.
- xi. NALC 2009/10 National Salary Award for Clerks.
Proposed by Cllr. Clark, seconded by Cllr. Bills and unanimously agreed that the Council adopt the NALC recommended revised salary scales for Parish Clerks.

224.. Planning Matters:

Applications:

09/01012/FUL - Redevelopment for The New Rickstones Academy.

Receipt of further information since the last meeting.

Members has perused the documents and made the following comments which the Clerk will forward to BDC for their consideration:

- The first and second floor and roof plans fail to show their relationship to properties 151, 153 and the third house next to the site on Rickstones Road.

- The 'temporary car park' is not shown on the plans and is outside the application area. This Parish Council has previously requested these details which have not so far been supplied.

Planning Appeal:

09/00819/FUL: Retain vehicular access etc - 112 Oak Road.

Members raised no objection to the original application.

Planning Results:

09/00845/FUL: Car parking and flag poles - Durwards Hall.

Application granted.

09/01009/FUL: Storage building - Builders yard, Forest Road.

Application granted.

Ongoing Planning Matters:

i. Local Development Framework.

There is nothing further of significance to report regarding Rivenhall at this stage.

ii. Rivenhall Airfield.

The Inquiry has reached its middle stages and the Local Council case is due to commence on 7 October.

Additional documents were submitted by the developers for limited consultation, with a closing date for comments of 14 October 2009. The Chairman has perused these documents and will circulate his comments/observations, for Members' approval, before they are submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

i. ECC Minerals & Waste Development Framework.

It was **proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Salmon and unanimously agreed** that the Chairman draft a circular letter for delivery to all local residents giving them information that this matter will be fully discussed at the meeting of the Parish Council on 3 November 2009. A submission will then be made to ECC by the due date of 12 November 2009.

ii. Allotment land, Rickstones Road.

A site meeting has still to be arranged regarding the visibility splays.

iii. New Rickstones Academy.

The local representatives' meetings have lapsed somewhat; possibly due to the lack of secretarial services. No communication has been received from the Academy.

225.. Correspondence received since the date of the Agenda.

- The Clerk produced copies of the Bank reconciliation statement for the period ending 30 September 2009.
- Letter received from the Rivenhall Millennium Steering Committee regarding the underwriting by the Parish Council, of the cost of a Christmas Tree and electric lighting. As an urgent reply was required, it was **proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Clark and agreed unanimously** that this be agreed up to the sum of £170 included in the budget.
- A cheque for the budgeted sum of £35 will be required at the next meeting for the Royal British Legion's remembrance wreath.

226.. Finance Matters:

To agree accounts for payment.

Proposed by Cllr. seconded by Cllr. and agreed unanimously that the following accounts be paid; cheques were then drawn accordingly.

653	R.P.F.A.	£15.00	Hall hire
654	D. Clark	£99.21	Flower bulbs & fencing gear
655	A. Walsh	£375.98	General maintenance (Sept.)
656	K. P. Taylor	£322.40	Salary/expenses (Sept.)
657	Henry Dixon Hall Charity	£10.00	Hall hire

227.. Information exchange and items for the next Agenda.

- Incorrect name at the recycling site.
- The Clerk will write a letter of thanks and commendation to PCSO Michelle Eaton for her work within the Parish.
- Inspection by BDC of play equipment in the Albert Moss Playing Field. The substandard swings are to be replaced together with the possible repair/replacement of the surrounding fence.
- The Community Ranger has not attended any PC meetings recently. The Clerk will contact her.
- A number of street lights in the Parish are not working; the Clerk will report these to ECC Highways.
- Appleford Bridge has once again been severely damaged. This will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

229.. Dates of future meetings.

Tuesday 3 November in Rivenhall Village Hall and Tuesday 1 December in The Henry Dixon Hall, Rivenhall End, both meetings commencing at 20.00 hours.

The Precept meeting is scheduled for Thursday 19 November in the Committee Room of The Henry Dixon Hall, commencing at 19.30 hours.

Councillor training on Thursday 26 November at 19.30 hours in the Committee Room of The Henry Dixon Hall.

230.. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.50.

Signed: Date: