

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7 MARCH 2017.**

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

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott

Also present: Parish Clerk and 3 members of the public

1413. To receive any apologies for absence.

An apology was received from BDC Cllr. Bowers.

1414. 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.

Cllr. Anderson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 1418 (17/00106/FUL).

1415. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2017.

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

1416. Public Forum.

The following matters were brought to Members' attention:

- Potholes throughout the parish.
- The taxation etc of advertising vehicles parked along the roadside.
- Loss of ridge tiles from the Village Hall roof.
- Damaged tree adjacent to the sheds at the Village Hall.
- Vehicles being parked on the Village Green.
- Burghey Brook vermin infestation.
- Noise etc emanating from the American Diner on the A12.
- A neglected garden at a property in Tusser Close.

1417 Matters for Discussion

i. Annual Parish Assembly & Annual Report.

Invitations to attend the APA with a brief presentation have been accepted by the Headteacher (Rivenhall Primary School); BDC (Andy Wright) and Greenfields (David White). ECC Highways (Ringway Jacobs) and the local M. P. have yet to reply, and Essex Police say that available resources do not permit attendance at any such meetings.

If the Chairman can produce his annual report within the next fortnight, the Clerk will have a draft Annual Report available at the April meeting.

ii. RCCE 2017 Essex Village of the Year Competition.

Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Prime and unanimously agreed that Cllr. Anderson submit an entry on behalf of Rivenhall Parish. Cllr. Anderson agreed.

iii. Public Footpaths.

(a) No. 4 - this footpath, from its entry at St. Mary's Road is quite slippery and muddy, footfall has eroded the central part leaving the edges slightly higher, grassed and drier.

Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Anderson and unanimously agreed that the maintenance contractor be requested to, if possible, provide an order of cost for undertaking remedial work.

- (b) No. 43 - ECC has given notice to close this footpath crossing at Potters while essential renewal work is undertaken by Network Rail, with overnight working, during the period from 18 April to 1 May 2017.
- iv. Police & Crime Commissioner's public consultation.
The consultation relates to the possibility that the both the Essex Police and the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service be covered by the current Police & Crime Commissioner for Essex.
It was agreed to circulate the relevant documents and include this subject on the April agenda.
- v. Highways Maintenance
- (a) ECC has notified a temporary closure of Motts Lane, for carriageway patching, for 5 days from 3 April 2017.
 - (b) The temporary restrictions at Colemans Bridge have been extended for an additional 21 days from 3 March 2017.
 - (c) One of the traffic island bollards in Henry Dixon Road has been demolished.
 - (d) The A12 through Rivenhall End is to be resurfaced during 2017/18.
 - (e) The triangle at the southern A12 slip is to be cleaned of weeds and debris.
 - (f) The A120 is to be closed at times for repairs to be undertaken over some weekends.
- vi. General Maintenance
- (a) BDC has installed a new litter bin at the Tarecroft Wood car park off Rickstones Road.
 - (b) The Village Green posts are green with algae which, hopefully, summer sunshine will cause to fade or disappear.
 - (c) A tarpaulin is to be used to cover the stock of winter salt at the Village Hall.
 - (d) The P.R.o.W. direction post at the junction of footpaths 3, 4 and 5 needs to be re-instated. Also a named sign "Oliver's Lane" is to be requested for the entrance of the John Ray Walk entrance off Rickstones Road.
 - (e) The footway along Oak Road, where a vehicle has damaged the hedge needs to be cleared and debris removed.

1418. Planning Applications:

New Applications:

17/00208/FUL: 53 St. Mary's Road - proposed single storey annex.

Members raised no objection to this application.

17/00106/FUL: 7 St. Mary's Road, Rivenhall - amended/additional plans.

Members raised no objection to this application (Cllr. Anderson abstained)

Planning Results:

16/01832/ADV: 2 no 'V' board signs etc for Rivenhall Park development - Rickstones Road.

Application granted.

Planning Appeals:

There were no additional appeals to be reported.

1419. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. A12 & A120.
A12 Widening.
Cllr. Wright brought a brief report from the meeting at Little Braxted Parish Council re the A12 widening.
BDC officers have raised the question with H.E. as to why a route alongside the railway line through Rivenhall End was not considered.
Members agreed that BDC should be informed that this suggestion was preposterous in the extreme, being totally illogical and destructive to Rivenhall End. A copy of the correspondence to be sent to H.E.
A120 Improvement.
The Clerk is to write to Kelvedon Parish Council requesting details of, and reasons for, their preferences for the re-routing of the A120
- ii. BDC Local Plan.
There was nothing further to report.
- iii. Rivenhall Airfield - Bradwell Quarry.
ESS/16/17/BTE/SPO: Scoping Request.
It was agreed for the Chairman to circulate detailed comments prior to replying to this consultation document. [Consultation period ends 12 March 2017.]
- iv. ECC & SBC Joint Replacement waste Plan - Modifications.
There was nothing further to report.
- v. Rivenhall Airfield - Waste Incinerator.
There was nothing further to report.
- vi. Colemans Farm Quarry.
It was reported that apparently all planning conditions have been met and production can now proceed.
- vii. Braintree District Local Highways Panel.
The very latest information remains as follows:
 - a. *7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road* - The ECC Cabinet Member has decided to withdraw his decision to drop this scheme. This means it will **NOT** now go to the Scrutiny Committee. A new report will be drawn up and that will include further work on whether an exemption can be given to the landowner for access to his field.
 - b. *Extended 30mph limit along Church Road* - Discussions continue regarding a possible reintroduction of the original proposal for a 40mph "buffer" zone.
 - c. *Rectory Lane* - a new scheme to block the southern exit of Rectory Lane has been submitted. At the moment this has been rejected. 'Quiet Lane' signs are to be erected at both entrances to Rectory Lane in due course.
 - d. *Oak Road* - a new scheme submitted re HGVs ignoring weight and height warnings going down Oak Road to the railway bridge. Numerous residents have complained recently, police called, etc as HGVs try to reverse back causing chaos. The 2 suggestions to the BDLHP are to liaise with all satnav providers to detail the

road as unsuitable for HGVs and to install some form of height warning system between the Rickstones Road junction and Hoo Hall Lodge to alert drivers to go no further if they are in over-height vehicles.

- (e) Having received a request from a local resident, The Chairman has submitted a new scheme - erection of "Beware Horses" warning signs along Rickstones Road.
- (f) A new scheme for improvements to the junction of Rectory Lane and Rickstones Road is to be submitted in due course.

1420. Correspondence received since the date of this Agenda.

- * ECC has given notice that, over the next 5 years, traditional thinning and coppicing using heavy horses to remove any timber will be undertaken at various historic woodlands within the county, including Tarecroft Wood. Diligence must be exercised so that the previous damage to this ancient woodland is not repeated.
- * BDC is seeking assistance in shaping the 2017 Community Governance Review, which includes possible parish boundary changes. Members were given copies of the relevant documents and this will be further discussed at the April meeting.

1421. Reports from PC Representatives.

There were no further reports to be presented at this meeting.

1422. Finance Matters:

To agree accounts for payment.

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

1151	H. M. R. & C.	£215.20	P.A.Y.E. 4 th ¼ 2016/17
1152	J. E. Abbott	£11.97	Flower bulbs
1153	Karen Bridge	£47.25	Litter picking February
1154	June Bala	£63.00	Litter picking February
1155	P.G. Groundcare Ltd.	£102.30	Maintenance February
1156	K.P. Taylor	316.90	Salary/expenses February

1423. Information exchange and items for the April Agenda.

- * The Post Office is operating at the Village Hall on Friday mornings - additional advertising is necessary to bring this to the attention of local residents.
- * There have been two more serious RTAs along Church Road/ Park Road, plus two along Braxted Road just on the approach to Appleford Bridge.

1424. 10 Minute Public Feedback.

- * The amount of litter at the southern end of Rectory Lane, possibly left by workmen on the adjacent development site.

1425. Dates of future meetings:

Tuesdays 4 April and 2 May in Rivenhall Village Hall, commencing promptly at 20.00 hours. Items for the April meeting to the Clerk by 24 March at the latest.

1426. Closure

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.45 hours.

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