

RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2ND FEBRUARY 2010.

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

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott.

Also present: Parish Clerk plus 4 members of the public, the Community Warden and Essex Police.

273.. Apologies for Absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

274.. Declarations of Interest relating to Agenda items.

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

275.. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th January 2010.

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

276.. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

During the public forum the following items were brought to the attention of Members:

- The 40mph speed restriction along Oak Road is not restrictive enough, an accident happened recently due to excessive speeding.
- Land for possible development off Forest Road - see under LDF.
- Rivenhall Airfield Waste Disposal Site.
- Deposits of rubbish within the Parish - Community Warden will investigate.
- Trees/hedges along Oak Road - already in hand.
- Clothing Bank at the recycling site - Chairman to contact BDC.
- Damage to electricity supply along Oak Road during recent inclement weather.
- Police report upon local issues.

277.. Matters for Discussion.

i. Possible purchase of additional salt bins - Village Hall & Henry Dixon Hall.

The Henry Dixon Hall Charity has purchased its own salt bin.

One member of the public offered a private donation of one salt bin close to 116/118 Oak Road, which Members gladly accepted with thanks.

Proposed by Cllr. Brailey, seconded by Cllr. Prime and agreed unanimously that investigations be made regarding siting salt bins in the Village Hall car park and near 333 Rickstones Road.

ii. BDC policy regarding the future of Oak Stores.

BDC confirm that they wish to see Oak Stores remain open and the Post Office re-instated if possible. Should the present tenant wish to sell or surrender their lease, BDC would then, if possible, seek to re-let the village shop.

iii. A12 junctions at Rivenhall End.

Messrs. Atkins have produced a copy of their initial proposals for the slip improvements on the A12 at Rivenhall End. Both the minutes of the site meeting and the content of their initial proposals contain errors, therefore, the Chairman, in consultation with the Clerk will write accordingly. Dialogue is also ongoing between all parties regarding the possible closure of Oak Road to HGVs.

iv. To arrange a site meeting at the recycling site re trees and shrubs.

Proposed by Cllr. Bills, seconded by Cllr. Prime and unanimously agreed that Cllr. Clark provide the various shrubs and trees as agreed at the last meeting - see Minutes 266(iv).

- v. To review cases of vandalism in the Parish together with action taken.
Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr. Wright and agreed unanimously that the Clerk write to Essex Police detailing various acts of vandalism that have recently occurred within the Parish.
 Anti vandal paint has now been applied to the sheds at the Village Hall with the appropriate notices being displayed.
- vi. To consider the possibility of erecting anti vandal notices on PC property.
Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Bills and agreed unanimously that suitable anti vandal notices be placed on each of the Parish Council notice boards.
- vii. Maintenance required within the Parish.
 The Clerk will request Mr. Siggers to trim the hedge along Church Road opposite the Village Green.
 Mr. Walsh will be requested to give attention to the steps leading from Henry Dixon Road up to the A12.
- viii. The cost for including adverts on the Parish Council website.
 Cllr. Salmon is still investigating this and will report at the next meeting.
- ix. Arrangements for the Annual Parish Assembly.
 The Clerk reported that some items had been received for inclusion within the Community Information pack, others are still awaited. Members were requested to let the Clerk have their contributions for the Annual report before the end of February.
- x. West Tey Consortium - development at West Tey and Temple Border (A120) consultation events.
 The Chairman reported that he had visited the Public Consultation event earlier in the day and other Members indicated they might attend one of the other two events still to be held later in the week. In the Chairman's opinion there are a vast number of issues to be overcome before either of these proposals proceed.
- xi. Possible provision of additional HGV weight limit sign along Church Road.
 ECC Highways have undertaken a site visit along Church Road and report that there is an advance sign on the eastern side of the road just to the south of St. Mary's Road. It was reported at the meeting that there has been a marked increase in the number of HGVs travelling along Oak Road during recent months. The Chairman will raise this matter at the next meeting of the Local Traffic Management Meeting and request additional enforcement of the restrictions along this road by Trading Standards.

278.. Planning Matters:

Applications:

10/00105/FUL: Extension of existing lift, remodelling of entrance doors, etc. - Essex Fire & Rescue Service, Durwards Hall, London Road.

Members raised no objections regarding this application.

10/00106/FUL: New south east car park and plant machinery building - Essex Fire & Rescue Service, Durwards Hall, London Road.

Members raised the following comments/recommendations which the Clerk will forward to BDC:

- Members raised concerns regarding the existing trees, particularly as there was no tree survey submitted.
- There was a concern regarding the piecemeal approach of planning applications for this site, particularly relative to car parking. Is there any ulterior motive?
- There was no proper lighting plan submitted and the lighting shown was of the worst possible design for such a rural surrounding.

Planning Results:

09/01366/OUT: Park Gate Farm - Redevelopment of agricultural buildings etc.
Application withdrawn.

Ongoing Planning Matters:i. Local Development Framework.

The Clerk reported receipt of a letter from Witham TC indicating their support of the action proposed by Rivenhall PC and their willingness to liaise fully regarding these issues. A copy of a letter from Witham TC to BDC, outlining in detail their opposition to any future development along Forest Road has also been received.

The LDF Panel on 3 February will recommend to BDC full council on 15 February; thereafter BDC will have its Core Strategy and Growth Locations in place to go out to formal consultation. The Parish Council will be ably represented at both meetings and it was reported that some local residents will also be in attendance. **It was unanimously agreed** that, if necessary, all local Parish residents would be circularised at the public consultation stage.

Proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr. Wright and unanimously agreed that Standing Orders be suspended so that matters still outstanding on the agenda can be dealt with beyond 22.00 hours.

ii. Rivenhall Airfield.

Nothing further has been received relative to this matter. The decision by the Secretary of State will be issued on or before 25th March 2010.

iii. New Rickstones Academy.

There was nothing further to report relative to this matter.

iv. ECC Minerals & Waste Development Framework.

There was nothing further to report relative to this matter.

279.. Correspondence to hand since the date of the Agenda.

No correspondence had been received after the publication of the Agenda.

280.. Finance Matters:

To agree accounts for payment.

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

674	Henry Dixon Hall Charity	£10.00	Hall hire
675	EALC	£216.00	Training costs
676	K. P. Taylor	£263.83	Salary/expenses (Jan)
677	A. Walsh	£155.40	General maintenance (Jan)

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

- Parking chevrons and signs outside the school are not legal and must be changed.
- Damage to bollard and verge at junction of Henry Dixon and Oak Roads - already reported and work scheduled by ECC.
- Street lights in Oak Road not working - previously reported and work in hand by ECC/EDF.
- Parking of HGVs at A12 filling station - Chairman to contact BDC Enforcement.
- Road surface markings in Oak Road - Clerk to remind ECC.
- Various street lights in the Parish are not working.

- Grass cutting and flower bulbs - Greenfields need reminding not to cut and damage bulbs.
- Various pot holes throughout the Parish - ECC are aware.
- There was a serious road traffic accident along Park Road/Church Road.

282.. Dates of future meetings.

Tuesday 2nd March in The Henry Dixon Hall and Tuesday 6th April in Rivenhall Village Hall, both meetings commencing at 20.00 hours.

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Tuesday 20th April in Rivenhall Village Hall, commencing at 19.30 hours.

283.. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 22.10 hours.

Signed:

CHAIRMAN

Date: