

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012.**

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

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Abbott.

**Also present:** Stephanie Bills taking the minutes as the Clerk was on leave, and 4 members of the public.

**654.. To receive apologies for absence.**

No apologies were received at this meeting.

**655.. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests relating to matters on the Agenda.**

Cllr. Clark disclosed a non-pecuniary interest in item 658(vii).

**656.. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2012.**

Cllr. Clark requested that new wording be considered regarding the discussion about the election. **Proposed by Cllr. Clark, seconded by Cllr. Turner that new wording be considered regarding the discussion about the election in the Public Forum. By a vote of 4 against, 2 in favour and 1 abstention the proposal was not carried.**

**657.. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

The following matters were brought to the attention of Members:

- Political Party affiliation of Councillors.
- Code of Conduct - 'Openness'.
- The Remembrance Day wreath - for the October agenda.

**658.. Matters for Discussion.**

i. St. Mary's Road car parking issues.

Cllr. Prime stated that the suggested works would not produce many more car parking spaces. The Chairman stated that residents are welcome to take the matter up with GreenfieldsCH, but the Parish Council, having previously investigated this issue some years ago, was aware that the costs would be beyond the funds available to the Parish Council so will not be able to take the matter forward.

ii. ECC Community Asset Transfer Policy - Tarecroft Wood.

The Chairman reiterated that this was still at the consultancy stage, but that the draft ECC Transfer Policy suggested that the Parish Council would have to carry the transfer costs. Cllr. Clark questioned the long-term costs and the benefits to the Parish.

iii. Half-yearly newsletter.

Following receipt of further contributions from Members, it was agreed that the newsletter would be discussed at the October meeting and distributed if approved.

iv. ECC Consultation - Sustainable Drainage Systems Design & Adoption Guide.

Members raised no comments or observations.

v. ECC public consultation on the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) - First Review.

Members are to view the information on the ECC website and discuss at the October meeting.

vi. BDC Informal Consultation - Request for new Traffic Regulation Order, Rosewood Business Park.

Members raised no comments.

- vii. To consider a funding provision for a Spring bulb display in the Rivenhall End planter.  
**Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Prime and unanimously agreed** that an amount of £55.00 be earmarked for this project.
- viii. To consider a possible review of the Parish Plan.  
**It was agreed** that the Council would review the Parish Plan and Cllr. Bills agreed to distribute a copy of the existing plan to all Members for them to review and comment at the November meeting.
- ix. BDC and changes to Social Security Benefits and the future PSG, both as possibly affecting the Parish Precept.  
 The Chairman has requested that the BDC Cabinet Member give advice regarding any impact upon Parish Council future finances.
- x. BDC Braintree Branch Line Socio Economic Study, presentation evening.  
 This information was duly noted by Members.
- xi. ECC Highways maintenance matters.  
 The Chairman reported that the repairs in Church Road have been completed, that Rickstones Road has been resurfaced and that ECC has promised that Henry Dixon Road will be repaired by November. Cllr. Prime reported that there are still lots of loose stones on the pavements along Rickstones Road and the Chairman agreed to raise this with ECC.
- xii. General maintenance matters.  
 The Maintenance Contractor has been given a list of items requiring attention near the bus shelters, the steps and the slopes at the A12.  
 It was reported that the path between the end of Tusser Close and the garages is very overgrown and the benches on the Albert Moss Playing Field need to be treated. The Maintenance Contractor has agreed to action this work.
- xiii. Training Courses.  
 There were no training courses available for consideration at this meeting.

#### 659.. **Planning Matters:**

##### **New Applications:**

There were no new applications to be considered at this meeting.

##### **Planning Results:**

**ESS/37/08/BTE/NMA1:** Rivenhall Airfield Waste Site.

Application withdrawn.

**12/00884/ADV:** Illuminated signage at Little Chef, A12 Southbound - Starbucks Coffee.

Application granted.

**12/00903?FUL:** Repainting etc at Little Chef, A12 Southbound - Starbucks Coffee.

Application granted.

##### **Planning Enforcement:**

Nothing to report at this meeting.

##### **Ongoing Planning & Highway Issues:**

- i. Local Development Framework.  
 The Chairman will obtain confirmation that the Conrad Road site is not being included in the BDC Allocations Document.  
Rivenhall Airfield.  
 Nothing further to report at this meeting.
- ii. ECC Waste Development.  
 Nothing further to report at this meeting.
- iii. ECC Minerals Development.  
 Nothing further to report at this meeting.

- iv. Braintree District Local Highways Panel.  
A further Panel meeting is scheduled for October 2012.

**660.. Correspondence received since the date of the agenda.**

No additional correspondence had been received.

**661.. Finance matters:**

To agree accounts for payment.

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

848	EALC	£43.00	Training Course (18 Sept. 2012)
849	K. P. Taylor	£286.62	Salary/expenses August
850	A. Walsh	£424.50	Maintenance August

**662.. Information exchange and items for the next agenda.**

- Cllr. Bills reported that BT Infinity Broadband had reached Witham and is expected to reach Rivenhall within 6 months.
- Cllr. Bills reported that he had received one volunteer for the Speedwatch.
- Cllr. Brailey commented that it was good news to have won the Best Kept Village competition, in the appropriate class, for the second year in a row.
- Cllr. Clark asked if the Council was still getting village 'gates'. The Chairman advised that ECC has stated that the Parish Council would have to pay an estimated £9k and it was too costly to go ahead.
- Cllr. Prime commented that a streetlight in St. Mary's Road had remained out of order for some while. Cllr. Bills replied that there was a wait for the electricity company to connect the power.
- A resident in Beech Road had reported vandalism on the night of 1<sup>st</sup> September and a resident in St. Mary's Road had reported the removal of garden ornaments which were later found in the road.

**663.. Dates of future meetings:**

Tuesdays 2<sup>nd</sup> October and 6<sup>th</sup> November in Rivenhall Village Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the October meeting to the Clerk by 21<sup>st</sup> September at the latest.

Members are reminded that the Precept Meeting is scheduled for Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2012.

**664.. Closure.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.50hours.

Signed: .....

CHAIRMAN

Date: .....