

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 AUGUST 2015**

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

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott

Also present: Parish Clerk, 6 members of the public and District Councillor Bowers.

1130. To receive apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

1131. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests relating to matters on this Agenda.

Cllr. Abbott declared Non-Pecuniary Interests in all matters relating to ECC and the BDLHLP.

Cllrs. Anderson and Wright declared Non-Pecuniary Interests in item 1135 (15/00926/FUL).

1132. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2015.

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

1133. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

The following matters were brought to the attention of Members:

- Speeding vehicles along Rickstones Road
- The overgrown hedge along Rickstones Road opposite the Council notice board.
- The Golf Course planning application and the few disabled parking spaces allocated. (See item 1135 below)
- The proposed Bellway Homes development off Forest Road and the Old Rectory Lane footpath.
- Colemans Farm Quarry Application. (See item 1136(vi) below)
- Proposed sites for future development northeast of Witham do not indicate that they are actually in Rivenhall Parish.
- The proposed extension to the Golf Course Clubhouse. (See item 1135 below)
- An increase in local vandalism.

1134. Matters for Discussion:

- i. Highway England - drawings for The Fox junction on A12.
Highways England indicate that the improvement works will be undertaken during July/August but whether this means 2015 or 2016 is not clear; the Chairman will seek clarification.
The Clerk will write to all the local residents, when the date has been verified, to inform them of the proposed improvements
- ii. Highways England - resurfacing along the A12 at Rivenhall End.
This work has now been completed.
- iii. Railway Bridge, Oak Road.
A site meeting, between the Chairman, Clerk and representatives from Network Rail, re the parking of network Rail vehicles near the Oak Road Railway Bridge when work is being undertaken in the area, took place on Monday 27 July 2015. Network Rail verbally agreed a plan of action to clear and improve the space next to Footpath 47 - full details will be produced in due course. Clarification of the land ownership of this land is being sought via ECC. Network Rail also agreed to clear the roadside vegetation which has begun to encroach out from the bridge thereby reducing driver visibility.

- iv. County Highway Maintenance:
- (a) Church Road, Rivenhall.
Patching is complete; full resurfacing is due to follow.
Thanks were expressed to the local bus company for their co-operation regarding the re-routing of the buses during the highway closure.
 - (b) Little Braxted Lane.
Patching work is due to commence on 10 August for 5 days during which the Lane will be closed to traffic.
- v. General Maintenance:
- (a) Maintenance Contractor.
Enquiries continue to find a replacement Maintenance Contractor and adverts are displayed on the notice boards and in Oak Stores.
The Clerk has received 1 initial enquiry regarding this contract from a local ground maintenance company.
 - (b) RCCE Best Kept Village Competition 2015 - Rivenhall Parish was awarded first prize in its class again this year.
 - (c) The Maintenance Contractor has been requested to reinstate the eroded grass verges at The Oak junction.
 - (d) BDC confirm that they cut the Foxmead/Foxden grassed area but deny ownership.

1135. Planning matters:

New Applications:

15/00926/FUL: Operations development - Rivenhall Oaks Golf Course.

Proposed by Cllr. Bills, seconded by Cllr. Prime and with a majority vote in favour that the Council recommend the refusal of this planning application for the following reasons:

1. The additional vehicle movements associated with this application will only exacerbate an already existing burden upon the local road network
2. Given the detail within the application there is not enough space allocated for disabled parking and inadequate provision for the parking of bicycles.
3. Can it be purely coincidental that the Golf Course is being pulled back northwards so as to allow the exact same footprint for the site (Phase 3) proposed for future development under the BDC call for sites?
4. There is a potential increase in the vehicular use of the "Protected" Rectory Lane.
5. There are proposals for additional high and low level lighting at the new adventure golf area but without any details being provided.
6. There is a lack of screening for the tall structures (apparently up to 4 metres), in the adventure play area, which could be visible from local dwellings and public footpaths.
7. There is no provision for a hard surface footway to the site either along the access roadway or alongside Forest Road.

15/00939/FUL: Installation of 1 no. electric vehicle quick charging point in main car park area - Starbucks, London Road, Rivenhall End.

Members raised no objection to this application.

Planning Results:

15/00594/FUL: Erection of timber framed annexe - Rickstones Farmhouse, 300 Rickstones Road.

Application granted.

15/00015/COUPA: Prior notification of change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house - Burghey Brook Farm, London Road, Rivenhall End.

Planning Permission Required.

15/00765/FUL: Proposed dropped kerb - Hoo Hall Lodge, Oak Road.

Application granted.

Planning Appeals:

An appeal has been lodged by Gent Fairhead with the Secretary of State against the ECC decision to grant only a 1 year extension not the 2 years applied for under planning application ESS/41/14/BTE. Namely condition 1 of the planning permission which required the planning permission to be implemented by 2 March 2016 (a 1 year extension of time) as opposed to the 2 year extension applied for.

Prior to the meeting the Chairman had circulated suggested comments relative to this appeal and any observations/comments from Members should be made within the week so that these can be forwarded to the Planning Inspector in due time..

1136. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. BDC Local Plan - 'Phase 3' proposal & suggested northern bypass.
Should any northern bypass be considered, it would very likely be routed via Rivenhall Parish - but any such suggestion has not been made at this stage. The BDC Local Plan Sub-committee is due to meet on 7 September 2015 with a full consultation process anticipated early in 2016. There is a request from BDC for any "Brownfield" Sites within parishes to be notified to them as soon as possible, therefore, Members were requested to pass this information to the Clerk before the September meeting.
- ii. Rivenhall Airfield - Bradwell Quarry.
There was nothing to report at this meeting.
- iii. Rivenhall Airfield - Waste Incinerator
As per item 1135 above - Planning Appeals.
- iv. ECC & SBC Joint Replacement Waste Local Plan
Letter sent to ECC with this Council's comments.
- v. ECC Minerals Plan.
There was nothing to report at this meeting.
- vi. Proposed Colemans Farm Quarry.
Any ECC Committee decision has been deferred pending a site visit by all members of the D & R Committee to inspect the local highway junction of the A12 slip road and Little Braxted Lane. This site visit hopefully to not coincide with the proposed closure of the Lane for patching works due to commence on 10 August for 5 days.
- vii. Tarecroft Wood.
ECC have made an application to the Forestry Commission for Woodland management Funding although it is understood that Tarecroft is not part of the submission. A reply regarding the future ownership/management of Tarecroft Wood should arrive in the near future.
- viii. Braintree District Local Highways Panel.
The very latest information remains as follows:

- a. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road - Fully approved at £46k less the £5k from RPC. There will be a public consultation period
- b. Extended 30mph limit along Church Road - Scheme agreed for an additional 125 metres (an amendment in order not to impede visibility of vehicles exiting Rivenhall Hall Farm).
- c. Church Road/Oak Road highway signage - Fully approved £8.5k; some cutting back of Church Road hedge will be required to improve visibility.
- d. Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - Scheme agreed.
- e. Rectory Lane traffic restrictions - submitted for approval.
- f. Safety assessments with a view to enhanced signage/lining and verge protection, Park Road - submitted for approval.
- g. Introduction of a speed monitoring loop on Rickstones Road, at the bottom of Stoverns Hill - submitted for approval.

1137. Correspondence received since the date of this agenda.

There was no correspondence to report.

1138. Reports from PC Representatives.

Cllr. Prime reported that he did not receive an agenda for the EALC Essex Rural Strategy meeting and, therefore, arrived late. However, he should receive a copy of the Minutes in due course.

1139. 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.

1040	Braintree District Council	£59.00	Election expenses
1041	K.P. Taylor	£337.58	Salary/expenses July '15
1042	A. Walsh	£242.00	Maintenance July '15

1140. Information exchange and items for the next Agenda.

- * A sewer leak has reoccurred at the bottom of Stoverns Hill, Rickstones Road and the AWA are aware.
- * Essex police are taking no further action regarding the criminal damage and associated crashed car reported on Park Road.
- * There has been yet another RTA at the junction of Church Road with Park Road.

1141. Dates of future meetings.

Tuesdays 1 September 2015, in The Henry Dixon Hall and 6 October in Rivenhall Village Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the September meeting to the Clerk by 21 August 2015 at the latest.

1142. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.11 hours.

Signed: Date:

CHAIRMAN