

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2010.**

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

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

**Also present:** Parish Clerk plus 3 members of the public.

**331.. Apologies for Absence.**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. Salmon due to ongoing illness.

**332.. Declarations of Interest relating to Agenda items.**

There were no Declarations of Interest reported at the meeting.

**333.. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2010.**

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

**334.. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

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

- The continued use of the Rivenhall Parish website.
- The work of Village Agents.
- Telephone cold calling.
- Future requirement for changing facilities at the Village Hall to enable lettings of the football pitch.

**335.. Matters for Discussion:**

- i. The provision of a VAS in Henry Dixon Road, Rivenhall End.  
A site meeting was held with Members and officers from ECC Highways and David Blenkinsop from Solagen. A suitable location was agreed for the installation of 1 post which will enable the VAS to be reversed in direction from time to time also that the VAS include a variable speed indicator (40 to 30mph) should Henry Dixon Road subsequently have a reduced speed limit.  
**In the light of previous Minutes 324(ii) the Clerk will place an order with ECC Highways for the supply and erection of 1 post and with Solagen for the supply and erection of 1 VAS; both as agreed on site. The estimated cost in total of £4695.00. Proposed by Cllr. Clark, seconded by Cllr. Brailey and agreed unanimously.**
- ii. Increased Parking restrictions along Church Road.  
ECC Highways have confirmed that when they next advertise parking restrictions in the local press, these will be included.
- iii. General maintenance required within the Parish.  
Clearing the path alongside the basketball court at the rear of the Village Hall. Trimming back the overhanging trees and bushes close to Hoo Hall Cottage along Oak Road.  
The Clerk to write to BDC regarding the poor quality of grass cutting to the play area in the Albert Moss Playing Field.
- iv. BDC Parish Support Grant.  
**It was agreed** that at the Precept Meeting in November 2010, the Budget be prepared as usual with two Precept figures being agreed, one with the PSG deducted and one without. The final submission for Precept depending on whether BDC choose to cut the PSG or let it remain as current.
- v. Vandalism within the Parish.  
The surface at St. Mary's Play Area has been repaired by BDC.

Vigilance by Members and others will be required during the summer vacation period to combat general vandalism within the Parish.

- vi. Changes to the PC Website.  
With an ongoing working liaison between the Clerk and Stephanie Bills the PC Website will, in future, be registered with ECC. A general short description is required as an introduction to the website which the Chairman undertook to write.
- vii. Cheque signatories of the PC Bank Account.  
The Clerk reported that, despite numerous problems with the Bank, it would appear that the cheque signatories have now been satisfactorily amended.
- viii. ECC Notice of Road Closure.  
Notification has been received that ECC Highways will be closing Braxted Road from 12<sup>th</sup> July for 3 weeks in order to undertake repairs to Appleford Bridge. Suitable diversions will be advertised in the local press.

### 336.. Planning Matters:

#### Planning Applications:

**10/00851/FUL:** Formation of new crossover and vehicle hardstanding for registered disabled user - 5 St. Mary's Road.

Members raised no objection to this application.

**10/00861/FUL:** Removal of agricultural occupancy condition - 27 Oak Road, Rivenhall End.

Members raised no objection to this application.

#### Planning Results:

**10/00545/FUL:** Change of use of land for vehicle parking - Appleford Farm.

Application refused.

#### Tree Preservation Orders:

TPOs have been confirmed relative to the remaining trees on the Rickstones Academy site and at Rivenhall Thicks.

#### Ongoing Planning Matters:

- i. Local Development Framework.  
The Clerk reported that no reply has yet been received from BDC to the letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> June 2010, requesting additional information pertinent to the LDF process. BDC will be requested to reply and submit the documents requested. It was reported that a good number of local, personal representations have been submitted to BDC in favour of the removal of the Forest Road site from the LDF proposals.  
The Parish Council's submission has been completed by the Chairman, and agreed by Members, so that the Clerk will sign the representation form at the close of this meeting so that Cllr. Wright may deliver the documents by hand the next day.  
It was reported that the Witham TC meeting at Forest Road on 14<sup>th</sup> June was well attended and the Clerk will write a letter of thanks to WTC for granting access to that meeting for RPC Members and parishioners.
- ii. Rivenhall Airfield.  
There was nothing further to report regarding this item.
- iii. ECC Minerals & Waste Development Framework.  
There was nothing further to report regarding this item.

- iv. New Rickstones Academy.  
The Chairman has been in contact with the Academy and a date for a meeting is awaited.
- v. Planning enforcement at Holland's Café on the A12.  
BDC Enforcement are considering further action regarding the unauthorised depositing of waste materials.

**337.. Correspondence received since the date of the Agenda.**

- BDC indicate an estimated cost of £4,850 for the replacement of the fence between the Albert Moss Playing Field and the farmer's field to the north.  
The Clerk reported that under the Public Health Act 1875 s. 164 it was possible for the Parish Council to make a contribution towards the reinstatement of this fence. **It was agreed** this item to be placed upon the Agenda for the next meeting.
- EALC Courses etc.
  - i. 'The Dawning of a New Era' plus AGM on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2010. Cllr. Prime to attend.
  - ii. Roles & Responsibilities Course 9<sup>th</sup> September 2010. Cllrs. Bills and Brailey asked to attend.
  - iii. Budget & Precept Course 16<sup>th</sup> September 2010. It was considered unnecessary for anyone to attend this course.

**338.. 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.

702	Kempco Ltd	£56.09	LDF Consultation documents
703	Witham Town Council	£500.00	Agreed contribution re legal advice relating to LDF
704	Henry Dixon Hall Charity	£15.00	Hire of Hall & Committee Room
705	RCCE	£55.00	Subscription for 2010/11
706	K. P. Taylor	£342.48	Salary/expenses June 2010.
707	A. Walsh	£363.00	Maintenance June 2010.
708	J. E. Abbott	£600.00	Chairman's allowance 2010/11.
709	RPFA	£10.00	Hall Hire (May)

**339.. Information exchange and items for the next Agenda.**

- Possible reinstatement of the fallen tree along the John Ray Walk - the Clerk will enquire of ECC.
- The John Ray Walk is also overgrown with brambles for long stretches and this will also be reported to ECC with a request for remedial action.
- The Clerk will write to BDC re clarification of the reference in the letter dated 25<sup>th</sup> May 2010, to the use of Section 106 monies towards 'the cycleway that eventually links up to Rickstones School'
- The Clerk will contact BDC regarding the overnight parking of HGVs at the A12 Service Station (South).
- Cllr. Prime indicated that the Millennium Committee will be organising events to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.
- In the light of current trends the comment was made that, in the future, the Parish Council could become less dependent upon 'paper' and rely more upon computer technology.

**340.. Dates of future meetings.**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> August in Rivenhall Village Hall and Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August in The Henry Dixon Hall, Rivenhall End. Both meetings commence at 20.00 hours.  
Items for the 3<sup>rd</sup> August meeting to the Clerk by 23<sup>rd</sup> July at the latest.

Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30 hours.

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