

RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 DECEMBER 2009.

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

In the Chair: Cllr. Bills - Vice-Chairman.

Also present: Parish Clerk plus PCs Heard and Hallworth.

250. Apologies for Absence.

An apology was received from Cllr. Abbott who was attending the BDC Planning Committee Meeting.

251. Declarations of Interest relating to Agenda items.

There were no Declarations of Interest registered.

252. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 November 2009.

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

253. To approve and sign the Minutes of the Precept meeting held on 19 November 2009.

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

254. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

During the Public Forum PC Hallworth gave a general report of local incidents including a foreign lorry reportedly stuck at the railway bridge; theft of fuel from the A12 service station and a local burglary in Church Road.

255. Matters for Discussion:

i. Blackwater Cluster Group.

Cllrs. Prime, Wright and Brailey agreed to attend this meeting on 14th January 2010 at Stisted and the following matters were suggested for inclusion on the agenda: Proposed gravel sites; A120 improvement and litter problems in general.

ii. Parish Council website.

Proposed by Cllr. Salmon, seconded by Cllr. Wright and agreed by a majority of 4 votes against 2 that the Parish Council website be open to include adverts and items reflecting a community/social aspect. It was further **unanimously agreed** that any community/social inclusion be free of charge but that a charge be levied for other advertising. This cost to be discussed at the next PC meeting.

iii. Maintenance required within the Parish.

It was agreed that the Village Signs be weatherproofed. Litter being blown from the recycling site across the field into the stream would be discussed at the next meeting.

iv. Confirmation of Trustee for The Henry Dixon Charity.

Following receipt of a letter from Mrs. Carole McCarthy, it was **unanimously agreed to** confirm her re-election as a Trustee of the Henry Dixon Charity for a further four years.

256. Planning Matters:

Applications:

There were no planning applications for consideration at this meeting.

Planning Results:

09/01012/FUL: New Rickstones Academy - Redevelopment works.

Application granted with conditions as requested by the PC.

09/00819/FUL: Appeal to retain vehicular access at 112 Oak Road.

The appeal has been dismissed by the Planning Inspector on the grounds of detriment to highway safety on the bend in Oak Road.

Ongoing Planning Matters:i. Local development Framework.

The Chairman had previously reported that it appears likely that the matter of the Growth Location off Forest Road/Rectory Lane would be decided at the Public Inquiry. It was **proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Bills and agreed by a majority of 4 against 2** to set aside funds in principle to retain a legal professional to argue a case on behalf of the PC.

ii. Rivenhall Airfield.

There was nothing further to report relative to this matter.

iii. New Rickstones Academy.

Cllrs. Wright and Brailey reported that there had been no contact regarding the Community Action Group.

iv. ECC Minerals & Waste Development Framework.

There was nothing further to report relative to this matter.

257.. Correspondence to hand since the date of the Agenda - for information only.

- A letter had been received from a local resident regarding the continued future of the Village Shop. This matter will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- The Clerk issued Members with details of the Mobile Police Station in Rivenhall, at the Village Hall during 2010. This information will be posted on each of the notice boards.

258. Finance Matters:To agree accounts for payment.

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

664	Kempco Ltd	£56.00	Printing Minerals letters
665	Diane Roberts	£24.00	Bulbs for planters
666	Braintree D. C.	£238.97	Grounds Maintenance
667	K. P. Taylor	£251.89	Salary/expenses (Nov)
668	A. Walsh	£101.00	General maintenance (Nov)

To formally agree the Budget and Precept amount for 2010/2011.

Despite the Chairman previously indicating there might be a U-Turn by BDC regarding the cessation of the PSG with its retention at the 2009/10 level, the Budget for the year 2010/2011 was **unanimously agreed**, as per the Minutes of the Precept Meeting, in the total sum of £12,900, producing after grant deductions and utilisation of existing balances, a Precept of £9,309.00, representing a Band D equivalent Council Tax of £32.23.

Rivenhall & Silver End PCC magazine.

It was **proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr. Clark and unanimously agreed** that the annual grant made to the Rivenhall and Silver End Parochial Church Council in support of the production of the Parish Magazine be continued for 2010/2011.

259. Information exchange and items for the next Agenda.

- Possible footpath diversion at Rivenhall Farm.
- BDC rubbish collection at Rivenhall Farm.
- School equipment (balls etc) on land adjacent to the school.
- The delay by ECC in agreeing the sites for the new dog bins.
- Possible tree and shrubbery planting at the recycling site for the next agenda.
- Provision of tree guards for the next agenda.
- Vehicles parking on pathway between Albert Moss Playing Field and the school.
- New play equipment did not include for teenagers, e.g. a meeting shelter.
- Basketball equipment reinstatement.
- Signage etc at the 4x4 garage on the A12; for the next agenda.
- Christmas tree erection on 12 December and the Carol Service on 22 December.
- Possible discontinuance of the Community Wardens.
- The proposed Village Gateways.
- BDC and the future of the local Village/Community Halls.

260. Dates of future meetings.

Tuesdays 5th January and 2nd February, both in Rivenhall Village Hall commencing at 20.00 hours.

Items for the January agenda to the Clerk by 21st December at the latest.

261. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.34.

Signed:

CHAIRMAN

Date: