

RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3RD AUGUST 2010.

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

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott.

Also present: Parish Clerk plus 4 members of the public.

342.. To receive apologies for absence.

There were no apologies to record.

343.. Declarations of Interest relating to Agenda items.

There were no Declarations of Interest relative to Agenda items.

344.. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th July 2010.

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

345.. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

No matters were brought to the attention of Members.

346.. Matters for discussion:

i. The provision of a VAS in Henry Dixon Road, Rivenhall End.

The Clerk reported that the supply and erection of a suitable post has been ordered via ECC Highways and that the VAS has been ordered from Solagen Ltd., for erection once the post is in situ. The VAS will be with a 40mph speed limit. It transpired when ordering that an additional cost of £1,000.00 would be required, plus storage, for an extra 30mph face, this was not included in the order.

ii. Updating the Parish Council website.

The new Parish Council website is up and running and the Clerk has given all the basic information to Stephanie Bills for inclusion thereon. Members agreed that personal details of Members and the Clerk, plus email addresses, should be included on the new website. Photographs will be taken at the next meeting. The new website can be accessed at...

<http://www.essexinfo.net/rivenhallparishcouncil/>

iii. To consider a financial contribution towards reinstating the north fence at the Albert Moss Playing Field.

Proposed by Cllr. Bills, seconded by Cllr. Salmon and unanimously agreed that a £1,000.00 contribution be made to BDC towards the reinstatement of the fence and that the Clerk inform BDC that the farmer has attached some additional fencing to the existing BDC fence.

iv. General maintenance required within the Parish.

The main entrance gate to the Albert Moss Playing Field requires some adjustment to assist closure.

The path into the play area at Rivenhall End needs attention as does the play area generally.

The Parish Council notice boards need repainting.

Members gave a **vote of thanks** to the maintenance contractor, Tony Walsh, for his work throughout the parish.

v. Collection of heavy domestic items - October 2010.

Cllr. Bills will liaise with BDC regarding arrangements for the hire of this vehicle and the proposed collection points, together also with the provision of an

information leaflet for parishioners. The final details will be approved at the next meeting.

vi. Best Kept Village Competition - Merit Award.

The Clerk has received the Certificate of Merit awarded by the RCCE for the entry in the Essex Best Kept Village Competition 2010. Cllr. Bills volunteered to obtain a frame for the certificate and, with the approval of the R.P.F.A. for it to be erected in the lobby of the Village Hall.

The Clerk will contact RCCE requesting details of where the Parish fell short in the judges' opinion.

vii. ECC Speed Management Strategy 2010.

A copy of this document has been received and will be circulated to all Members. It will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

347.. Planning Matters:

Applications:

10/00938/FUL: Erection of temporary timber framed shed - Durwards Hall.

Members recommended a definition of the word 'temporary'.

10/00923/FUL: New car park etc - Durwards Hall.

Members reiterated their comments regarding the lighting issues and further recommended that if trees are found to be decayed but of a good stand, and they are not next to a path or driveway, then they should be retained in situ for use by local wildlife. Also that if trees are felled then replacements of identical species should be planted.

10/00994/FUL: Unit 7 Rosewood Business Park, Eastways - Change of use to A1 retail - Sale of fishing tackle.

Members recommended that an assessment be made of the impact this retail unit would have upon the existing fishing tackle outlet in Church Street, Witham. Also that if this application is approved then it should not be used as a precedent for future similar applications within a large business park.

10/00077/NMA: Non material amendments (03/02448/FUL) - 38 Oak Road, Rivenhall End.

No comments/objections were raised regarding this application.

10/00965/REM: Erection of modular nursery unit - New Rickstones Academy.

Members reiterated their previous comments regarding lighting.

NB: The above planning applications were dealt with in between meetings due to the urgency required for any replies to BDC.

10/01070/FUL: Erection of double garage - 38 Oak Road, Rivenhall End.

It was agreed by a vote that the Parish Council comment on the obstruction of the sightlines for drivers coming up Henry Dixon Road from the A12 and turning into Oak Road. Members also considered that the site would become overdeveloped by the erection of this garage.

Planning Results:

10/00851/FUL: Formation of crossover etc - 5 St, Mary's Road.

Application withdrawn.

ESS/13/10/BTE: 1 year extension re Witham Quarry, Cressing Road.

Application granted with conditions (details in circulation box).

10/00077/NMA: Non material amendments (03/02448/FUL) - 38 Oak Road, Rivenhall End.

Application granted.

Ongoing Planning Matters:

- i. Local Development Framework.
There were over 1,000 representations, of which the majority were objections to the Rivenhall Growth Location at Forest Road. BDC will be noting these responses at their meeting on 4th August 2010 but will defer any decision until its meeting on 22nd September 2010.
Some additional documentation provided by the developers is being circulated to PC Members.
BDC has provided some of the additional information requested by the PC, but excluded the important minutes of the meeting with the developers on 20th May 2009. The Clerk will request a copy of these minutes prior to the next PC meeting on 31st August 2010.
- ii. Rivenhall Airfield.
There was nothing further to report regarding this item.
- iii. ECC Minerals & Waste Development Framework.
The Chairman indicated that the ECC consultation will take place during October/December 2010.
- iv. New Rickstones Academy.
Members are still waiting for the meeting to be scheduled - the Chairman will chase for this to take place.
- v. Planning enforcement at Holland's Café/Car Wash.
There was nothing further to report regarding this action.

348.. Correspondence received since the date of the Agenda.

- i. ECC Highways have been requested to cut back the trees and bushes along Oak Road and to clear visual obstructions to the weight restriction signs at the junction of Oak and Rickstones Roads.
- ii. ECC Highways have given notice of a road closure at Western Road and Park Road on Friday 27th August 2010.
- iii. BDC have replied that Section 106 funding was used to construct a cycleway link from Cypress Road to Cut Throat Lane, Witham. The link is not within Rivenhall Parish, therefore, there was no benefit to the Parish.
- iv. BDC are offering battery recycling boxes, free of charge for use within parishes. The Clerk will contact Mr. Ward at Oak Stores to ask if he would be willing for such a box to be installed on his premises.
- v. BDC have written to all Parish Councils indicating that a financial challenge lied ahead over the next few years with the possibility that Chairmen and Clerks can attend a 'Parish Council summit' during the Autumn.
This document will be circulated to all Members and included on the agenda for the next meeting.
- vi. ECC have produced plans and diagrams of the Village Gateways at an estimated cost of £9,738.68 which members considered to be exorbitant. The Clerk will ask ECC if they would accept the PC providing the gateways to ECC specifications.
- vii. A request for sponsorship/donation towards the Millennium Steering Group Race Night, proceeds of which go to provide certain items for the elderly residents at Christmas. This will be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

349.. 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.

710	BALC	£18.00	Annual subscription 2010/11
711	CPRE	£29.00	Annual subscription 2010/11
712	K. P. Taylor	£285.85	Salary/expenses July 2010.
713	A. Walsh	£304.00	Maintenance July 2010.

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

- Litter accumulating on the Academy playing field.
- Greenfields Tusser Close garages in poor decorative order.
- Footpath No. 48 at Hoo Hall is overgrown and blocked.
- M/cycles were reported in the John ray Walk area late at night, the police were informed and promptly attended.
- The Police have not attended PC meetings lately.
- The legal status of any extensions to the parking restrictions close to the school must be ascertained when ECC advertise the amendments.

351.. Dates of future meetings:

Tuesday 31st August in The Henry Dixon Hall and Tuesday 5th October in Rivenhall Village Hall, both meetings commence at 20.00 hours.

Items for the 31st August meeting to the Clerk by 20th August at the latest.

352.. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.25 hours.

Signed: Date:

CHAIRMAN