

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 31ST AUGUST 2010.**

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

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott.

Also present: Parish Clerk plus 1 member of the public.

353.. To receive apologies for absence.

There were no apologies to record.

354.. Declarations of Interest relating to Agenda items.

Cllr. Prime declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in item 357(vi) as Secretary to the Millennium Steering Group.

355.. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd August 2010.

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

356.. Public Forum.

No matters were brought to the attention of Members.

357.. Matters for discussion:

i. Parish Council website.

It was reported that the registered address was in the process of being changed. A corporate email system, similar to the previous system is to be included on the site. Individual photographs of Members and the Clerk have been taken for inclusion on the site.

ii. Collection of heavy domestic items - October 2010.

Cllr. Bills has contacted BDC and agreed a Saturday collection date at the end of October (he will confirm the date) for a period of 2 to 3 hours at the following locations; Rivenhall Village Hall and the old coal yard in Rickstones Road plus the entrance to the play area in Henry Dixon Road at Rivenhall End (subject to confirmation). Local leaflets will be distributed within the parish giving all necessary information.

iii. ECC Speed Management Strategy 2010.

The new ECC criteria appear to strongly imply that Henry Dixon Road does now qualify for a 30mph limit and that Church Road/Park Road qualifies for a 50mph limit. **Proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr. Wright and unanimously agreed** that the Clerk write to ECC Highways requesting a 30mph limit along Henry Dixon Road and Oak Road in Rivenhall End to link up with that existing in Rivenhall, and a 50mph along Church Road and Park Road in Rivenhall with a 40mph replacing the countdown markers leading up to the 30mph along Church Road.

iv. General maintenance required within the Parish.

The Clerk will report the following to ECC Highways for attention:
The width restriction along the Oak Road footway from the end of the houses up to the railway bridge which required cutting back at ground level; the broken footway surface outside 16 St. Mary's Road and the overgrown hedge at 1 Oak Road, Rivenhall End which necessitates pedestrians stepping into the roadway when passing.

v. Albert Moss Playing Field & Play Area - Fence along north boundary & maintenance of play equipment.

It would appear that BDC have thrown some doubt upon their intention to reinstate the fence along the northern boundary of the Albert Moss Playing Field. The Clerk will contact BDC requesting that the fence along the northern boundary be reinstated.

Members agreed that the maintenance of the play equipment remain the responsibility of BDC.

- vi. Request for sponsorship/donation towards Millennium Steering Group Race Night.
Cllr. Prime left the meeting during the discussion of this item.

It was **proposed by Cllr Clark, seconded by Cllr. Salmon and agreed by a vote of 3 to 2** that the Council make a donation, under the Local Government Act 1972, Section 137, and the Charities Act 2006, Section 2(2j), of £25 to the MSG Race Night.

- vii. Village gateways - ECC proposals and costings.
ECC Highways report that the gateway costings have been referred back to their design team for further consideration and amendment as necessary.

- viii. BDC 'Green Heart Local Awards'.
The Clerk will arrange for copies of the scheme to be posted on the Parish Council notice boards and the New Rickstones Academy will be encouraged to apply for a grant towards the provision of litter bins along the edges of their playing field

358.. Planning Matters:

Applications:

To consider any applications received prior to the meeting.

Planning Results:

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

Application granted.

Ongoing Planning Matters:

- i. Local Development Framework.
Apparently, according to Mrs. Dash at BDC, no minutes were produced for the meeting between the developers and BDC held on 20th May 2009 where, at item 7 on the agenda, the subject of Rivenhall Parish Plan and objections received was included. Members officially requested the Chairman, acting as the BD Councillor for Rivenhall, to investigate this matter formally within BDC. Also, it was **proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Brailey and agreed by a vote of 5 to 1**, for the Clerk to send a formal Freedom of Information request to BDC requesting a thorough search for these minutes and the production of any notes and handwritten comments that relate to this matter.
- ii. Rivenhall Airfield.
An additional ECC report is due for publication during October 2010.
- iii. ECC Minerals & Waste Development Framework.
There was nothing further to report regarding this item.
- iv. New Rickstones Academy.
A letter has been received by the Chairman from the Academy Facilities Manager setting out details of the litter collection undertaken on a routine basis by the Academy. The Academy will be encouraged to apply for a BDC grant as mentioned under Minute 357 (viii) above.
- v. Planning enforcement at Holland's Café/Car Wash.
There was nothing further to report regarding this item.

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

- EALC Training Courses
Law & Procedures, 12th October 2010 - No applicants
Chairman's Day 1, 19th October 2010 - Chairman will attend this and subsequent dates if possible. To be confirmed with the Clerk.
'Election Day', 3rd November 2010 - Cllr. Wright will notify the Clerk if he can attend.

360.. 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.

714	Kempco Ltd	£14.00	LDF Leaflets
715	K. P. Taylor	£269.37	Salary/expenses August 2010.
716	A. Walsh	£332.00	Maintenance August 2010.

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

- Possible takeover of Flight Transport
- Cars parked in The Fox car park late on Friday and Saturday evenings
- Rabbit shooting at night to the rear of properties along Rickstones Road
- Work on driveways along Church Road without damage to the Scots Pine tree
- Police non-attendance at local council meetings
- Red Cross door to door collections
- Invitation for Members to visit Trafalgar Wood
- Burning at Rivenhall Thicks with resultant damage
- BDC reinstatement of the goal posts at Albert Moss Playing Field
- Litter including broken glass at Oliver's Hole
- The British Legion wreath and the parish Christmas Tree for inclusion on the next agenda
- Caravan Club site in Rickstones Road
- Major electrical fault at the Village School during the summer holiday
- The successful closure of Park Road during the ECC highway maintenance works

362.. Dates of future meetings:

Tuesdays 5th October and 2nd November in Rivenhall Village Hall, both meetings commence at 20.00 hours.

Items for the October meeting to the Clerk by 25th September at the latest.

The Parish Council Precept meeting is scheduled for Thursday 18th November in the Committee Room at The Henry Dixon Hall.

363.. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.40 hours.

Signed: Date:

CHAIRMAN