

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

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

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Abbott

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

**295.. Apologies for Absence.**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. Brailey.

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

Cllr. Prime declared a Personal Interest in item 299(ix) being a member of the Millennium Committee.

**297.. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2010.**

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

**298.. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

During the public forum the following matters were brought to the attention of Members:

- Grass reseeding at the recycling site - Cllr. Clark indicated that this area was to be treated against weeds and a hedge subsequently to be planted.
- Damage to the surface of the play area in St. Mary's Road.

**299.. Matters for Discussion:**

i. Local Development Framework.

Witham Town Council and Rivenhall Parish Council agreed to share the cost of appointing consultants to advise regarding the up-coming Inquiry process. A quotation of £1,000 had been received and accepted. (See Minute 302(iii) for further information).

Questions have been raised as to whether or not BDC will defer further consultation until after the General Election.

ii. Rivenhall Airfield.

The Environment Agency are to be meeting with the local Community Group in the near future.

iii. Future provision of allotments within the Parish.

The PC has not yet received any written request from parishioners for the provision of allotments within the Parish although this has been promised.

The Clerk will write to the agents for the owners of the allotments in Oak Road expressing the desire within the Parish for such facilities to be made available to parishioners and whether or not the owners would be prepared to have this site reopened for use.

iv. Maintenance required within the Parish.

A quotation for grass cutting for the current year is required from Mr. Walsh.

The new dog bins have been delivered and will be erected in due course.

The padlock for the entry gate to the Albert Moss Playing Field has broken; Cllr. Salmon will contact BDC for a replacement.

v. Litter problems at various locations within the Parish.

Tarecroft Wood has been cleared of litter.

Litter remains along the John Ray walk, alongside the fence to the New Rickstones Academy; this will be cleared by volunteers at an arranged photo-shoot to be arranged by the Chairman/Vice Chairman.

The Clerk will purchase 5 additional litter grabbers for this purpose and for future use.

The New Rickstones Academy has an increasing amount of litter along the boundary fence in Rickstones Road and the Clerk will write to the Academy requesting they clear this rubbish.

The Holland's Café on the A12 appears to have dumped heaps of rubbish over the rear fence onto land near the local brook; there is also a new car wash facility on site which has a possible discharge into the local brook. The Chairman will report this to BDC for enforcement action.

- vi. Action re Scots Pine tree in Church Road.  
Both ECC and BDC are re-thinking their action regarding the roots and felling of this tree.
- vii. Temporary road closure at Church Street, Kelvedon level crossing.  
ECC have given notice that this crossing will be closed from 23.30 hours Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010 to 06.30 hours Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010.
- viii. Annual Report and Annual Parish Assembly.  
The Clerk reported that all documents were ready for printing; 375 copies of the Annual Report (to be delivered to Cllr. Salmon) and 50 copies of the Community Information handout (available at the meeting).  
Cllrs Bills and Wright agreed to co-ordinate the refreshments from 19.00 hours on the night.
- ix. Christmas Tree provision for 2010.  
**Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Bills and agreed 5 to 1 in favour** that the Clerk write to the Millennium Committee requesting that the Christmas Tree lights be temporarily loaned to the Parish Council, who will then assume responsibility for them and the tree during the time that the Christmas tree is decorated. The erection and decorating of the tree will continue to be undertaken by the Millennium Committee as normal. Members expressed their appreciation and thanks to the Millennium Committee for continuing such a fine Christmas display each year.
- x. Fencing of Play Area in Albert Moss Playing Field  
BDC would like to replace the post/chain line separating the car park from the play area to prevent accidental access by motor vehicles.  
The Clerk will refer back to BDC as to what would be their preferred option.
- xi. Training Courses:  
Advanced Cllr. Training Day 2, 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010 - Cllrs. Bills and Salmon to attend.  
Council Finance, 18<sup>th</sup> May 2010 - no attendees.  
Risk Management, 26<sup>th</sup> May 2010 - Cllrs Bills, Salmon and Wright to attend.

### 300.. Planning Matters:

#### Applications to hand:

**10/00292/AGR:** Erection of agricultural building for grain storage at Appleford Farm, Braxted Road.

Member's comments were as follows:

- Are the grain stores still operational at Park gate Farm?
- Given the planning history at this site; as the proposed building would be adjacent to existing buildings used by Flight Transport, is there the possibility that when the grain storage facility is not in use for that purpose it will be used by Flight Transport to house vehicles.

**10/00418/FUL:** Erection of single storey extension to existing pavilion (bait store & sales) at Land opp. Colemans Cottages, Lt. Braxted Lane.

Members raised no objections to this application.

**Planning Results:**

**10/00105/FUL:** Durwards Hall - extension to lift etc.

Application granted.

**10/00106/FUL:** Durwards Hall - new car park and plant machinery building.

Application refused.

**Ongoing Planning Matters:**

i. New Rickstones Academy

BDC indicate that the start date has moved back because of issues regarding the relocation of the nursery on site; therefore, there are no details yet of the temporary access.

BDC are to chase progress on the trees and will contact the AET as soon as possible.

ii. ECC Minerals & Waste Development Framework

There was nothing further to report at this meeting.

**301.. Correspondence to hand since the date of the Agenda:**

- Proposed Vodafone base station installation at Clerks Farm, Snivellers Lane (Cranes Lane), Kelvedon. Members raised no objections to this proposal.
- Grants Opportunities for Committees - details to be available at the Annual Parish Assembly.

**302.. Finance Matters:**

i. To agree accounts for payment.

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

682	Glasdon U.K. Ltd	£463.51	Dog bins + fixings
683	Henry Dixon Hall Charity	£10.00	Hall hire (31/08)
684	R.P.F.A.	£20.00	Hall hire (5/01 & 2/02)
685	A. Walsh	£142.00	General Mtce. (March)
686	E.ON	£15.76	Supply to Xmas tree lights
687	E.A.L.C.	£174.26	Affiliation fee 2010/11
688	K. P. Taylor (Clerk)	£358.77	Salary/expenses (March)

ii. To review the final accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.

The Clerk produced the balanced and reconciled accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010.

With income totalling £12,548.27 and expenditure at £15,589.35, the balance carried forward into 2010/2011 is £23,166.80.

The Clerk will write to the bank asking if there is another account, which will give greater interest for the money on deposit.

iii. Financial contribution towards cost of planning consultant re LDF.

**It was proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Prime and agreed unanimously** that the sum of up to £1,000 be set aside for this purpose.

iv. To approve Section 137 payments to the CAB and Stop Stansted Expansion.

**It was proposed by Cllr. Clark, seconded by Cllr. Wright and agreed by 4 to 2,** that £10 be paid to support each organisation.

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

- Village gateways - for inclusion on the next agenda.
- 'No Cold Caller' notices are to be distributed throughout the Parish.
- RPFA now have keys to the sheds at the Village Hall.
- The Village Hall boiler programmer has now been fixed.
- VAS in Oak Road, Rivenhall End - for inclusion on the next agenda.
- Best Kept Village Competition entry has been submitted.
- BDC response to Parish Appraisals etc.
- Damage to contractor's vehicles.

**304. Dates of future meetings.**

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010 commencing at 19.30 hours with light refreshments served from 19.00 hours.

Parish Council meetings will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> May in the Village Hall and 8<sup>th</sup> June in The Henry Dixon Hall, both commencing at 20.00 hours. The meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> May will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting when Members must review their entry in the Register of Interests.

**305. Closure.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.57 hours.

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

CHAIRMAN