

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 4 NOVEMBER 2014**

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

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

**Also present:** Parish Clerk and 2 members of the public.

**990. To receive apologies for absence.**

There were no apologies for absence.

**991. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests relating to matters on this Agenda.**

Cllr. Abbott declared non-pecuniary interests in all matters relating to ECC and the BDLHLP.

**992. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 October 2014.**

The minutes were **unanimously approved** and then signed by the Chairman.

**993. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

The following matter was brought to the attention of Members:

- M/cycles along the John Ray Walk leading up to a fallow field used '*with owner's permission*'. Several complaints from residents about noise, particularly at weekends. Chairman to circulate e-mail to local landowners outlining the local problems and requesting assistance with stopping the nuisance.. The Police are aware of the situation and have attended on several occasions.

**994. Matters for Discussion:**

i. Oak Road culvert and ditch.

ECC indicate they will be jetting the pipe but no timescale can be given at this stage. They will also investigate the ownership of the ditch; if it belongs to ECC they will clear it as a matter of priority, if not they will inform the landowner of their responsibility to ensure it is cleared. The Chairman will notify ECC regarding the additional water that flows from the railway embankment near the bridge.

ii. To consider purchase of a barrow type rock salt spreader.

The cost of this equipment from Glasdon is approximately £225.00; similar equipment is available on the internet at approximately £70.00. **Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Prime and unanimously agreed** that the Clerk obtain this equipment via the internet.

iii. County Highway Maintenance.

Litter was churned up by the BDC grass verge cutting - this has been reported to BDC as they are supposed to litter pick prior to cutting..

A pothole in Oak Road near Hoo Hall Cottages has been reported.

There are various streetlights not working in Church Road, Rickstones Road and Oak Road, the individual numbers will be ascertained and then reported to ECC for action.

iv. General Maintenance.

(a) Access to Council sheds.

Riventots pre-school prevent access to the sheds during their sessions; the Maintenance Contractor is to liaise with Riventots/RPFA to arrange access.

(b) Storage of rock salt.

Due to the overall weight of rock salt, it is proposed, this year, to store it outside, palleted and weatherproofed in between the sheds at the Village Hall.

(c) The Maintenance Contractor will sweep up the leaves outside the village shop.

- (d) The grass cutting on the Village Green, and elsewhere, has been below standard this year, and the grass is still growing due to the mild and wet weather conditions.

**995. Planning Matters:**

**New Applications:**

**14/01383/ELD:** Application for an Existing Lawful Development Certificate - Use of land for storage and maintenance of land. Fair Rest, Braxted Road, Rivenhall End.

Members raised no objection to this application.

**14/00063/NMA:** Non-material amendment to exterior cladding. 3 Foxmead, Rivenhall End.

Members raised no objection to this application.

**Planning Results:**

There were no planning results to report

**Planning Appeals:**

There was no planning appeal information to report

**996. Ongoing Planning Issues:**

i. BDC Local Plan.

At the BDC Full Council it was reported that approximately 300 sites have to be considered over the whole district. Parish notification should be by the end of November.

ii. Rivenhall Airfield.

From the Waste Site Liaison Meeting it was reported that **ALL** vehicle movements will be via the main A120 haul road. A one-year (March 2016) extension has been granted re the existing planning permission.

iii. ECC Waste Development Plan.

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

iv. ECC Minerals Plan.

Nothing further to report upon the Colemans Farm application.

v. Braintree District Local Highways Panel:

- a. Rickstones Road drains and kerbing - **AGREED, FUNDED AND DESIGN COMPLETE**. Following site meeting with ECC Highways Cabinet Member, £75,000 central funds allocated so net cost to BLHP is reduced. Estimated total cost £130,772. **Delivery date 01/02/2015**.
- b. Railway Bridge, Oak Road - Final plans now signed off and agreed with the farmers (re width for agricultural machinery). **New delivery date 20/03/2015, but should be sooner based on information to hand**. ECC say that the works are expected to take up to 2 weeks to complete, subject to weather, and a complete road closure will be in force for the duration of the works.
- c. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road - Previously **AGREED** subject to surveys. Panel agreed at January meeting to put an additional £7,500 into detailed design. Main hold up is cost of signs on A12 and slowness of Highways Agency in responding. Good agreement of Panel members that the scheme needs to be delivered along with improvements to A12 junctions (Highways Agency future scheme). **Date for delivery has now been put back to 27/02/2015. Further urgent liaison is required between ECC and the Highways Agency.**
- d. Church Road layby at church - Panel previously **AGREED, FUNDED AND DESIGN COMPLETE**. Total cost £21,500. **Delivery due by end of march 2015**.
- e. Extended 30mph limit along Church Road - 40mph buffer northwards along Church Road - Speed survey conducted which showed average speeds above 30mph at War Memorial. ECC officers reluctant to agree scheme but after long discussion, Panel **AGREED** to recommend to Cabinet Member as an exception to policy. No delivery date yet known.

- f. Extended railings outside the School entrance - **AGREED AND FUNDED**. 22m of new Railing will be installed at a cost of £3,000. **Delivery date 10/12/2014**.
- g. Possible 20mph restriction outside the School entrance - A letter in support of the petition submitted to ECC was sent to ECC Cllr. Bass (Cabinet Member for Highways & Transportation). Cllr. Bass has since written to the Chairman (in his role as County Councillor) to announce that he has turned down the proposal.
- h. Church Road/Oak Road highway signage - **AGREED AND FUNDED**. **Delivery date 02/04/2015**.
- i. Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - **AGREED AND FUNDED**. £1,500

**997. Correspondence received since the date of this agenda.**

There was no correspondence to report.

**998. Reports from PC Representatives.**

Cllr. Prime re Passenger Transport meeting 23 October 2014.

There were no representatives present from First Bus and no apology was received. The minutes of the meeting will be circulated when available. First buses are not stopping at Kelvedon Park Fire HQ although Hedingham buses do still use the stops along the A12.

**999. Finance matters:**

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.

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| 995 | Ladywell Accountancy Services | £37.00  | Operating PAYE 2014/15 |
| 996 | Kempco Ltd                    | £39.00  | Printing Oct. report   |
| 997 | CPRE                          | £36.00  | Subscription 2014/15   |
| 998 | K. P. Taylor                  | £425.66 | Salary/expenses Oct.   |
| 999 | A. Walsh                      | £267.50 | Maintenance Oct.       |

**1000. Information exchange and items for the next agenda.**

- ECC indicate that all roadside posts etc, including footpath direction posts, must be subject to an underground survey prior to any reinstatement.
- Police surgery in Rivenhall End will be mentioned to the new PCSO.
- Chairman reported the loose drain cover in Church Road.
- Clearance of Rivenhall Brook by the Environment Agency.
- There was another RTA along Church Road at West Ford Farm Cottage.

**1001. Dates of future meetings:**

Tuesdays 2 December in The Henry Dixon Hall, and 6 January 2015 in Rivenhall Village Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00hours.

Items for the December meeting to the Clerk by 21 November at the latest.

Members are reminded that the annual Precept meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 December at 20.00 hours in Rivenhall Village Hall.

**1002. Closure.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.25 hours.

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

CHAIRMAN