

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 4TH DECEMBER 2012.**

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

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott.

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

698.. To receive apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

699.. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests relating to matters on the Agenda.

Cllr. Wright disclosed a Non - Pecuniary Interest in item 702(vii) as a Member of the BDC Licensing Committee; Cllr. Abbott disclosed a Non-Pecuniary interest as a member of the BDC Planning Committee.

700.. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th November 2012 and the Precept meeting held on 27th November 2012.

Both sets of minutes were **unanimously agreed** and then signed by the Chairman.

701.. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

The following matter was brought to the attention of Members:

- Stones and chippings along Rickstones Road - Clerk to contact BDC re clearance.

702.. Matters for Discussion.

i. New fly tipping notices at the recycling site.

Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Prime and agreed by a vote of 5 for, 1 against and 1 abstention to request BDC to renew the fly tipping notices at the recycling site.

ii. A12/Oak Road slip-road junction.

After continued pressure from this council, ECC has raised the collision pattern at this location with the HA who have informed ECC that they will investigate in order to determine what signing improvements can be made to alert drivers and to encourage reduced approach speeds on the approach to this junction.

iii. Ash dieback disease - identification of sites in the parish.

Members agreed for a Springtime notification programme majoring on Tarecroft Wood, Rivenhall Thicks and other hedgerows and copses; a notice to this effect will, in due course, be included in the Parish Newsletter.

iv. Highways Maintenance.

Broken roadside drains in Oak Road and Rickstones Road have been reported to ECC Highways along with a renewed request for the drains to be unblocked along Rickstones Road and Oak Road near the Railway Bridge.

v. General maintenance.

Nothing additional to report at this meeting.

vi. BDC Parish & Town Council Summit - 31st January 2013.

An invitation, limited to two persons per parish has been received from BDC. **It was agreed** that the Parish Clerk and Cllr. Abbott attend.

vii. Application to vary a Premises Licence.

Further to Minute 684 (November 2012) the application has been submitted to allow the erection of a marquee on the terrace area and permission to sell alcohol and play live and recorded music between the hours of 10.00 and 00.00 at Rivenhall Oaks Golf Club.

Proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr. Bills and unanimously agreed that general objections be raised as per the previous letter dated 3rd August 2011 together with the following specific additional objections:

- There are no specific days indicated and the operational hours are excessive and unacceptable
- A marquee does not have any sound-proofing qualities to deaden any sound and this would have a detrimental impact upon local residents and native wildlife.

703.. **Planning Matters:**

New Applications:

12/01495/FUL: Continued use of site for storage and distribution of security and safety fencing etc.

Former North Side BP Filling Station, London Road, Rivenhall End.

Members raised no objection to this application but would recommend the following:

- * That the 'Totem' sign on the approach along the A12 from Witham be removed
- * That the lighting that is now up lit be returned down lit flat to the ground and restricted to those operational hours previously agreed for this site
- * That the use of the toilet at the far end of the vehicle parking area closest to The Henry Dixon Hall be clarified.

Planning Results:

12/01346/PLD: Proposed Lawful Development Certificate - 302 Rickstones Road.

Application granted.

12/01268/FUL: Creation of vehicular access - 76 Church Road.

Application granted.

12/00715/FUL: Condition variation re vehicle movements - Appleford Farm.

Application refused.

Planning Enforcement:

Nothing known at the date of this agenda.

704.. **Ongoing Issues:**

i. Local Development Framework.

BDC has announced the formal consultation process will commence on 10th January 2013 for 6 weeks and that the Conrad Road site is not included.

ii. Rivenhall Airfield.

ESS/37/08/BTE/NMA/2 - Application has been approved despite local objections.

iii. ECC Waste Development.

Nothing to report at this meeting.

iv. ECC Minerals Development.

Nothing to report at this meeting.

v. Braintree District Local Highways Panel

From the panel meeting on 22nd November 2012 it was reported:

- a. Agreed to spend £3k on a detailed study to assess and draw up proposed works to regrade, kerb and move the drains along Rickstones Road below Stoverns Hall.
- b. Agreed provisionally to proceed with the widening of the footway, installation of a handrail and one way working with traffic light control at the Railway Bride in Oak Road, subject to adequate funding being available.
- c. Weight restriction Henry Dixon Road/Oak Road towards the A12. ECC officers raised objections as they said there were policy problems - but did not explain what these are. The decision was for the Panel Chairman to liaise with the ECC Cabinet Members regarding possible viable option.
- d. The revised parking restrictions along Church Road are to be considered by the North Essex Parking Partnership at the next meeting early in 2013.

vi. Tarecroft Wood.

Having received no further information from ECC regarding the Community Asset Transfer the current position is that the ownership of Tarecroft Wood remains with ECC with the Parish Council having expressed a desire to obtain the freehold in due course.

705.. Correspondence received since the date of the agenda.

There was no additional correspondence to report.

706.. Finance matters:i. Grant towards the Parish Magazine.

Proposed by Cllr. Clark, seconded by Cllr. Turner and unanimously agreed that a grant of £350.00 be paid to Rivenhall & Silver End PCC towards the printing of the Parish Magazine.

ii. 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.

866	Rivenhall & Silver End PCC	£350.00	Parish Magazine grant.
867	RPFA	£30.00	Hall Hire.
868	Stephanie Bills	£248.20	Hi-vis vests etc.
869	A. Walsh	£251.50	Maintenance etc (Nov.)
870	K. P. Taylor	£315.49	Salary/expenses (Nov.)
871	D. Clark	£86.37	Purchase of trees & guards.
872	Cheque cancelled		
873	F. Smith	£200.00	Purchase of Christmas tree

iii. To formally agree the Budget and Precept amount for 2013/2014.

Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Prime and unanimously agreed that the Parish Council Precept upon BDC in the sum of £9776.00 for the year 2013/2014 subject to any Government imposed restriction. The appropriate form will be signed by the Chairman and Clerk at the January meeting.

707.. Information exchange and items for the next agenda.

- Confirmation was received from the Passenger Transport Liaison meeting that, between Rivenhall and Silver End, buses will stop for passengers upon request.
- Cllr. Bills confirmed that the bags of salt were now ready for distribution.
- Further HGV movements were reported along Oak Road.
- Two further RTAs were reported along Park Road.
- The estimated approximate net saving resulting from the ECC street light turn off in the parish was given at £500.00 per annum.

708.. Dates of future meetings:

Tuesdays 8th January and 5th February 2013 in Rivenhall Village Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the January meeting to the Clerk by 28th December at the latest.

709.. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.16 hours.

Signed: Date:

CHAIRMAN