

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 6 NOVEMBER 2018  
IN RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL.**

**Present:** Cllrs. Abbott, Wright, Anderson, Prime and Turner.

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

**1709. To receive any apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Clark who is still recovering from hip surgery, Cllr. D. Knubley who was working abroad, and BDC Cllr. K. Bowers.

**1710. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.**

Cllr Abbott declared non-pecuniary interests in all matters relating to ECC, the BDLHP. Also Cllrs. Prime and Turner non-pecuniary interests re item 1718 (cheque 1270) as members of the Millennium Committee.

**1711. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 2 October 2018.**

The Minutes were **unanimously agreed** and then signed by the Chairman.

**1712. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

The following matters were brought to Member's attention:

- \* HGVs and the Railway Bridge (see at item 1715(vi)).

**1713. Matters for discussion.**

i. Repair of damaged village sign.

The repairers report that it was hoped to have the sign re-erected before Christmas and they offer apologies for the time it has taken to complete the repairs.

ii. Possible provision of outdoor gym equipment.

**Proposed by Cllr. Abbott, seconded by Cllr. Wright and unanimously agreed** that the Clerk register an interest with BDC for the possible provision of such equipment within Rivenhall.

iii. Proposed 'Green Buffer' between Witham and Rivenhall.

Following the Clerk's enquiry to BDC their reply was as follows: *"The Witham, Rivenhall and Rivenhall end Green Buffer was identified on the Policies Map based on landscape, character and heritage evidence, and to prevent coalescence. The purpose of Green Buffers is to ensure that gaps are maintained between urban areas and the surrounding villages. We are aware that there are also unresolved outstanding objections on the policy, including several objections proposing to extend the Green Buffer to Rectory Lane. We are also aware that SHLAA site RIVE 366A, which lies in the land between the Green Buffer and Rectory Lane, is being actively promoted by the landowner. While regrettable that section 2 examination has been delayed, the Inspector for Section 2 will decide which matters to hold hearing sessions on for Part 2 Local Plan examination in due course."*

The Chairman has replied in detail, stating that...*"It is for BDC to explain why, when there is no justification in terms of land use allocation in the Draft Local Plan, or a parish boundary change etc. That it has set the Green Wedge back so far – other than what appears to be to allow a further phase of development even while that land was rejected from the Local Plan."*

The Chairman will continue to press BDC for satisfactory answers.

- iv. Highway & P. R. o W. matters.
- (a) *Church Road zebra crossing concerns.*  
**It was unanimously agreed** that the Chairman submit a request to the BDLHP for the inspection of this crossing in regard to pedestrian safety.
- (b) *Henry Dixon Road/Oak Road junction - ECC proposed works.*  
 ECC remained firm in their intention of installing a 2metre wide strip of grasscrete to replace the old bollards. Both the Chairman and the Clerk have expressed concerns for pedestrian safety. The Chairman met a highways officer on site to further discuss this. Following this meeting ECC appears to have come to the following solution..."*Install deflectors as originally agreed and have bollards at each end of the bend on the junction. Only have 1m of grasscrete (where the area of erosion currently is). Have the grasscrete on top of the verge at kerb height, not at road surface height. Angle the grasscrete slightly towards the road.*"  
**It was agreed** that the Chairman report back to ECC that this council are in favour of the original scheme for the installation of the deflector bells.
- (c) *ECC Devolution and Public Realm/Highway Services.*  
 There is to be an initial briefing on 15 November from 15.30 to 17.30 at County Hall, Chelmsford.  
 If possible either the Chairman or Cllr. Anderson agreed to attend.
- (d) *Rickstones Road 'Speedwatch' request.*  
 Cllr. Anderson has agreed to liaise with local residents in the Rickstones Road area to co-ordinate any action.  
 Arrangements are in hand for the relevant training of volunteers.
- (e) Following a whole parish survey, all defunct streetlights have been reported to ECC by the Chairman.
- (f) As requested by ECC, the Chairman has submitted a list of potholes etc within the parish that are overdue for repair.
- v. General maintenance.
- (a) *Maintenance of flower tubs.*  
 The maintenance contractor has agreed to submit an annual cost to maintain these tubs.
- (b) *Village Green posts.*  
 Following a request from the Clerk, BDC are prepared to discuss a one off arrangement for the repairs needed. The proposal is for BDC to offer a 60% contribution towards the total cost of repair, leaving the PC to fund the remaining 40%. This can be done either for BDC to complete the works and recharge the PC 40% or for BDC to contribute 60% of the agreed quotation to be obtained by the PC.  
**Proposed by Cllr. Abbott, seconded by Cllr. Wright and unanimously agreed** that the maintenance contractor be requested to replace 12 posts as per his quotation dated 01/06/18 (£67.93 per post) and the Clerk to request a 60% contribution from BDC towards this cost.

Painting the remainder of the posts will be treated as a separate issue in due course.

**1714. Planning Applications:**

***New Applications:***

**18/01916/COUPA:** Notification for prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural buildings and land to offices and/or storage.

Park Gate Farm, Park Road.

**Proposed by Cllr. Turner, seconded by Cllr. Abbott and unanimously agreed** that the following observations be forwarded to BDC.

That any approval should be for office use only and subject to the BDC conditions contained within the consultation response by the Public health and Housing Team (dated 02/11/18) in regard to operational hours and lighting. Also that the site should not be open to receive HGVs and that access must only be onto Park Gate Road.

***Planning Results.***

**18/00937/FUL:** Demolish existing building and erection of 2 dwellings - 23 Church Road.

Application granted.

**18/00192/FUL:** Removal of dead hedge etc. - 47 Oak Road, Rivenhall End.

Application granted.

**18/01404/FUL:** Single storey rear infill extension - 362 Rickstones Road.

Application granted.

***Planning Appeals.***

Nothing new for this meeting.

**1715. Ongoing Planning Issues:**

i. A12 & A120 Projects.

(a) A12 - The A12 Forums are to recommence with a new consultation period on route options subject to more clarity over the West Tey proposal.

(b) A120 - Nothing further to report at this meeting.

ii. BDC Local Plan.

BDC have communicated with the Planning Inspector in regard to the proposed garden Communities.

iii. Bradwell Quarry.

There is a liaison meeting scheduled for 13 November 2018.

iv. IWMF.

The owners have made an application to the EA seeking a variation to its Environment Permit. The owners propose to implement an advanced form of the emission abatement technologies, along with lighter operational controls that are widely used on similar European facilities, to reduce the height of the stack from 58m to 35m and align its Environment Permit to its existing planning permission. The EA indicate that once validated they will treat the permit variation application as a High Public interest proposal and, therefore, in accordance with national procedures, will undertake public consultations; during which time the public will be able to view the applications and submit comments.

There is a liaison meeting scheduled for 12 November 2018.

v. Coleman's Farm Quarry.

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vi. BDLHP

The Chairman reports that the £6,000 for Rectory Lane Quiet Lane signs actually came in at £2,000.

It has now been agreed that there will be new signage either side of the Rectory Lane junction and officers are now looking at a reactive warning system for the Oak Road Railway Bridge plus improved advance signage.

**1716. Correspondence received since the date of the agenda.**

- \* The ECC Highways Liaison Officer has written requesting comments upon the outcome of the Rectory Lane 'Quiet Lane' scheme.

**Proposed by Cllr. Anderson, seconded by Cllr. Turner and unanimously agreed** to reply that the council support Rectory Lane as a Quiet Lane but with the vast number of new houses being erected at the far end of the Lane and it's use as a cut through at speed it makes a mockery of a 'Quiet Lane'. Rectory Lane ought to be made into a cul-de-sac if it is ever to become effective as a truly Quiet Lane.

- \* Information has been received that Witham TC has proposed that voters who live in Rectory Lane and Rickstones Road (Rivenhall) should be allocated to a polling station in Witham. Upon enquiry, BDC indicate that any comment/representation regarding this should be channelled via local District Councillors who will have the opportunity to make representations at BDC full council.

**Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Turner and unanimously agreed** that the Clerk write to Witham Town Council (copy to BDC) expressing RPC's grave concern at the outrageous effrontery of the WTC to ever conceive of such a course of action, let alone proposing it to BDC for active consideration. The Witham/Rivenhall Parish boundary currently travels along Conrad Road and Forest Road with ALL residents north east of that boundary being within Rivenhall Parish and have historically been so.

The Chairman will make enquiries and hopefully be able, as the local RPC Ward member, verbally, to support this council's opposition to the WTC proposal.

**1717. Reports from PC Representatives (if any).**

The Passenger Transport Committee minutes were circulated during the meeting.

**1718. Finance matters:**

To agree accounts for payment.

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

1270	£25.00	R. Turner	Agreed grant (Millennium Ctte)
1271	£200.00	Fred Smith	Parish Xmas Tree.
1272	£94.50	Karen Bridge	Litter picking October 2018.
1273	£322.62	K. P. Taylor	Salary/expenses October 2018.
1274	£427.80	P. G. Groundcare Ltd.	Maintenance October 2018.

**1719. Information exchange and items for the December agenda.**

- \* There have been 2 more RTAs along Church Road, one serious enough for the road to be closed for some hours.
- \* The requirement for Local Authority housing provision.

**1720. Ten minute public feedback (as required).**

There was no feedback.

**1721. Dates of future meetings.**

Tuesdays 4<sup>th</sup> December in The Henry Dixon Hall and 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019 in Rivenhall Village Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the December agenda to the Clerk by 24 November at the latest.

***Members are reminded that the Precept/Budget meeting is scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> December in Rivenhall Village Hall.***

**1722. Closure**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.37 hours.

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

CHAIRMAN