

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4 APRIL 2017.**

Present: Cllrs. Abbott, Wright, Knubley, Clark, and Prime.

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott

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

1427. To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Anderson (holiday) and Turner (sickness).
Also from BDC Cllr. K. Bowers.

1428. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests relating to matter on this agenda.

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

1429. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2017.

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

1430. Public Forum for ten minutes.

The following matters were brought to Members' attention:

- Broken glass on the footway along Oak Road - swept up by a member of the public.
- Increased number of HGVs travelling via Rivenhall.
- The Openreach broadband box still remains unrepaired near the Village Green.

1431. Matters for Discussion.

- i. Annual Parish Assembly & Annual Report.
Subject to minor amendments the draft Annual Report **was approved** and the Clerk will provide 330 copies for distribution at the end of April, before the Annual Parish Assembly on 2 May.
The Clerk will provide copies of the APA Agenda to be available at the Village Hall.
- ii. Police & Crime Commissioner's consultation.
Members **unanimously agreed** that it requires individual responses to be made in this instance.
- iii. BDC Community Governance Review.
Members **unanimously agreed** the following as a response to the request for recommendations to this review:
 1. How many Parish Councillors do you consider are needed to run your Parish? 7 as present.
 2. If your Parish is warded, are these still appropriate and reflective of the community or should they be reviewed? Not warded.
If the parish is not warded would you want this to happen? No
 3. Grouping: Would your Parish Council wish to maintain existing arrangements? Yes
 4. Boundaries: Do your current Parish Boundaries accurately reflect your Community/Parish? Yes
Are there any significant areas you would wish to have included in the review? Yes, Eastways Industrial Estate.

5. Naming: Does the name of your Parish and/or wards reflect your community? Yes

iv. Highways Maintenance.

- * ECC are to take no further action re The Drive maintenance.
- * The A12 surface sign on Oak Road has been repainted.
- * Concrete materials have been left on the verge along Henry Dixon Road.
- * There appears to be some confusion regarding the closure of the Potters level crossing. May agenda.

v. General Maintenance.

- * The Maintenance Contractor has provided a quotation for the reinstatement of Footpath 4, access from St. Mary's Road, in the region of £720.00 plus VAT.
It was **unanimously agreed** that this matter be not proceeded with due to the required closure of the footpath not being a possibility.
- * The Maintenance Contractor will be requested to reinstate the broken post on the Village Green at the junction of Beech Road and Rickstones Road.
- * BDC and Greenfields have commenced the local grass cutting.

1432. Planning Applications:

New Applications:

17/00518/NMA: Change of render finish - 16 Tusser Close.

Members raised no objection to this application.

Planning Results:

17/00106/FUL: Two storey side extension - 7 St. Mary's Road.

Application granted.

16/02181/ELD: Lawful Development Certificate - Fair Rest, Braxted Road.

Application granted.

Planning Appeals:

The major development site for 350 dwellings off Western Road, Silver End has been given approval on appeal.

1433. Ongoing Planning Issues:

i. A12 & A120 Projects.

Kelvedon PC indicated their preferred route for the A120 is route A.

Approximately 3,000 responses to the A120 consultation were received.

ii. BDC Local Plan.

There was nothing further to report.

iii. Rivenhall Airfield - Bradwell Quarry - ECC Planning Application

ESS/20/17/BTE.

Members raised no observations regarding this application.

iv. Rivenhall Airfield - IWME.

ESS/24/17/BTE/SPO & 17/00536/ECC: Change of stack height.

It was unanimously agreed that the observations outlined by the Chairman be notified to both ECC and BDC.

Following the Environment Agency consultations it **was agreed** that the Chairman circulate detailed comments prior to their submission to the Environment Agency.

v. Coleman's Farm Quarry.

A Liaison Group is to be initiated by ECC in due course.

vi. Braintree District Local Highways Panel.

The very latest information remains as follows:

- a. *7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road* - The ECC Cabinet Member has decided to withdraw his decision to drop this scheme. This means it will **NOT** now go to the Scrutiny Committee. A new report will be drawn up and that will include further work on whether an exemption can be given to the landowner for access to his field.
- b. *Extended 30mph limit along Church Road* - Discussions continue regarding a possible reintroduction of the original proposal for a 40mph "buffer" zone.
- c. *Rectory Lane* - the stopping up of this lane has been rejected. 'Quiet Lane' signs are to be erected at both entrances to Rectory Lane in due course.
- d. *Oak Road* - a new scheme submitted re HGVs ignoring weight and height warnings going down Oak Road to the railway bridge. Numerous residents have complained recently, police called, etc as HGVs try to reverse back causing chaos. The 2 suggestions to the BDLHP are to liaise with all satnav providers to detail the road as unsuitable for HGVs and to install some form of height warning system between the Rickstones Road junction and Hoo Hall Lodge to alert drivers to go no further if they are in over-height vehicles.
- (e) Having received a request from a local resident, The Chairman will submit a new scheme - erection of "Beware Horses" warning signs along Rickstones Road.
- (f) A new scheme for improvements to the junction of Rectory Lane and Rickstones Road has been submitted. (Suggested that the 2 current, out of date, bend warning signs be replaced with current standard 20mph advisory signs warning of bends plus concealed junction. Also that the road lining at the junction be looked at to make it as safe as possible with consideration given to make it safe for pedestrians crossing while using the John Ray Walk.

1434. Correspondence received since the date of this agenda.

- * Police Conference on 7 June 2017 in Foakes Hall, Dunmow from 10.00 to 15.00 hours. £25.00 per delegate.
- * The BDC Street Cleaning Grant for 2017/18 will be £1,832.71.

1435. Reports from PC Representatives.

There were no reports to be presented at this meeting.

1436. Finance Matters:

i. 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.

1157	E.ON	£15.97	Seasonal Illumination
1158	Kempco Ltd.	£10.75	Photocopying
1159	The Henry Dixon Hall Charity	£18.75	Hall Hire
1160	R.P.F.A.	£30.00	Hall Hire
1161	Karen Bridge	£65.25	Litter picking March '17
1162	June Bala	£90.00	Litter picking March '17
1163	P.G. Groundcare Ltd	£456.30	Maintenance March '17
1164	K.P. Taylor	£426.22	Salary/expenses Mar. '17

ii. To agree the final accounts for 2016/17 and for the Chairman to sign the Annual Return.

The Clerk/RFO produced the balanced and reconciled accounts.

Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Knubley and unanimously agreed that these accounts be accepted as a true and accurate record, the Chairman then signed Section 1 of the Annual Return.

1437. Information exchange and items for the May agenda.

* Possible installation of parking restrictions at the turning point in Foxden. For the May agenda.

1438. Ten minutes public feedback.

There was no feedback.

1439. Dates of future meetings:

Tuesdays 2 May in Rivenhall Village Hall and 6 June in The Henry Dixon Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00 hours. Items for the May meeting to the Clerk by 22 April at the latest.

Members are reminded that the Annual Parish Assembly will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 2 May, commencing at 19.00 hours precisely.

1440. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.24 hours.

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

CHAIRMAN