

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2ND MARCH 2010.**

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

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott

Also present: Parish Clerk plus 3 members of the public.

284. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr. Bills and Cllr. Salmon.

285. Declarations of Interest relating to Agenda items.

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

286. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2010.

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

287. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

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

- Willow trees along Henry Dixon Road, which ECC have inspected.
- Minute 277(ii), dated 2nd February 2010 refers. The shop proprietor has no intention of closing the shop or re-assigning the lease in the foreseeable future. It is the desire of the Parish Council to see the shop and Post Office prosper.

288. Matters for Discussion:

i. Local Development Framework.

Parish Councillors attended the LDF meeting on 3rd February, the BDC Council meeting and had a meeting with Mrs. E. Dash (BDC) but all objections were totally overruled.

BDC have indicated that further Public Consultation will take place between 26th April and 4th June 2010, with any Public Inquiry proposed during November/December 2010. Witham Town Council are totally in agreement with RPC in opposing the inclusion of the land at Forest Road and will liaise in the distribution of BDC questionnaires.

The Clerk will request 500 copies of this questionnaire for delivery throughout the Parish in good time for representations to be made to BDC. A further Parish consultation, if necessary, will be undertaken prior to any Public Inquiry, possibly during September/October 2010.

Letters to BDC requesting information relative to the LDF process have not been answered, therefore, it was **proposed by Cllr. Brailey, seconded by Cllr.**

Wright and approved by a vote of 4 to 1 that the Clerk write again, this time as a Freedom of Information request.

If there is to be a Public Inquiry the Parish Council has set aside funds for legal representation and Witham Town Council has agreed the same approach and to share the same legal representation.

ii. Holland's Café/Restaurant, northern carriageway A12.

The Clerk reported that advertisement/direction signs had been removed from the Parish Council bus shelters although other signs are still in situ along the A12.

iii. Cost of advertising on the Parish Council website.

As Cllr. Salmon had sent his apologies for non-attendance this matter will appear on the agenda for the next meeting.

iv. Arrangements for the A.P.A. plus reports for the Annual Report.

The Clerk reported that contributions for the Annual Report are still awaited from Cllr. Bills (PC representation at Friday Coffee Morning) and Cllr. Salmon (Speedwatch and PC website).

Progress was being made to the compilation of the Community Information handout.

The Community Ranger will be invited to attend the Annual Parish Assembly.

v. Maintenance required within the Parish.

The 4 dog waste bins have been ordered from Glasdon UK Ltd and will be erected in due course.

There are concerns regarding the proposed felling of the Scots Pine tree in Church Road by the ECC. **It was proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr. Clark and agreed unanimously**, that the Clerk write to BDC requesting that an urgent Tree Preservation Order be placed upon this last remaining Scots Pine in Church Road.

Members were informed that certain mature trees had been felled at Durwards Hall and that BDC indicate that Essex Fire and Rescue arranged for a health and safety audit to be undertaken on the tree stock and engaged the services of a tree consultancy who reported these trees as being dying/diseased, hence their removal. According to BDC the trees were not covered by a TPO.

The following work is to be referred to the PC Handyman:

- Trimming back the overgrowth along the perimeters of the Rivenhall End play area and stabilising the goal posts.
- Clearing the glass alongside the Village Hall and the plastic remnants at the junction of Henry Dixon Road and the A12 slip road.
- Clearing the areas around the salt bin in Church Road and the recycling site in Oak Road.

The Clerk will request that ECC Highways ensure the grass seeding of the reinstatement along Braxted Road and the repair of various pot holes along Rickstones Road and at the junction of Oak and Rickstones Roads.

vi. Revised Council meeting dates.

Due to personal holiday commitments the September meeting has been changed to 31st August.

vii. BDVSA Free Big Lottery Fund Briefing Sessions - Friday 26th March.

Cllr. Prime agreed to attend these sessions.

viii. RCCE 2010 Essex Village of the Year & Best Kept Village Competition.

Proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr. Wright and agreed unanimously that Cllrs. Bills and Salmon complete the entry form on behalf of Rivenhall, that Cllr. Clark do the same for Rivenhall End and that the PCC be invited to complete an entry for the Best Kept Churchyard.

ix. BDC and future notification of Planning Applications.

By the end of 2010 BDC anticipate that paper plans will no longer be sent to Parish Councils. The Chairman will contact Kempco Ltd to enquire if, as necessary, they will print the required planning documents at an appropriate size for the PC.

289. Planning Matters:

Applications to hand:

There were no planning applications to consider at this meeting.

Planning Results:

There were no planning results to be reported to this meeting.

Ongoing Planning Matters:

- i. Rivenhall Airfield.
There was nothing further to report at this meeting.
- ii. New Rickstones Academy.
Cllr. Brailey reported that numerous trees had been felled on site, presumably in preparation for the commencement of groundwork.
The Chairman will request information from the Academy regarding the various questions raised during 2009 which, to date, has not been forthcoming.
- iii. ECC Minerals & Waste Development Framework.
There was nothing further to report at this meeting.

290. Correspondence to hand since the date of the Agenda.

- BDC notice of a Scrutiny Hearing re Section 106 Agreements on Wednesday 7th April at 19.15 in Causeway House. Cllr. Prime indicated his willingness to attend on behalf of the PC.
- Email from Atkins indicating a closure of the A12 footway crossing point at Durwards Hall.
- EALC Law & Procedures Course, Friday 23rd April at Gt. Dunmow 09.15 to 15.30 hours.
- BDC Specification/quotation for Playing Field grass cutting at £14.96 per cut (14 @£14.96 = 209.44). It was **unanimously agreed** to accept this quotation.
- Chairman's invitation to attend the ECC Ecumenical Civic Service on Wednesday 28th April at 19.30 hours in Brentwood Cathedral.
- The Chairman and Clerk had responded to Atkins' letter regarding the A12 Rivenhall End Junction Improvements.

291. Finance Matters:

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.

678	Kempco Ltd	£50.53	Business Cards
679	K. P. Taylor	£251.89	Salary/expenses (Feb.)
680	A. Walsh	£100.99	General maintenance (Feb.)

292. Information exchange and items for the next Agenda.

- The Chairman has spoken to BDC regarding the replacement of the Basketball nets at the Albert Moss Playing Field.
- BDC will be requested to consider erecting anti-vandal notices alongside the new play equipment on the Albert Moss Playing Field and to re-erect the chains which have been removed to facilitate the erection of the new play equipment.
- The Fox PH has been sold and will possibly be the subject of a planning application in due course for a change of use.
- The question of overnight parking of HGVs at the BP garage on the A12 remains.
- The Millennium Committee have still to report the damage to the Christmas Tree lights to the Police.
- Footpath crossing in Rickstones Road just below Stoverns Hall Farm.
- Possible purchase of Fir Trees within the Parish.
- From the Witham Traffic Liaison Committee, ECC are to undertake a one day survey of HGV movements from the A12 along Oak Road.

293. Dates of future meetings.

Tuesdays 6th April and 4th May, both in Rivenhall Village Hall commencing at 20.00 hours. 4th May is the Annual Parish Council Meeting when Members must review their Register of Interest.

The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on Tuesday 20th April in Rivenhall Village Hall, commencing at 19.30 hours.

294. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.33 hours.

Signed: Date:

CHAIRMAN