

RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL.
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2ND AUGUST 2011.

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

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott.

Also present: The Parish Clerk and 5 members of the public.

478.. To receive any apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

479.. Declarations of Interest relating to Agenda items.

Cllr. Clark reported a Personal Interest in item 482(i).

480.. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th July 2011.

Minutes 474, cheque 774 was amended to read £342.00.

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

481.. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

The following matters were brought to the attention of Members:

- PC and RPFA website links.
- VAS Rickstones Road - variable dates for local Parishes.
- Potholes in Rickstones Road.
- HGVs in Oak Road and potential accidents.
- New Rickstones Academy roadside parking.
- Dropped kerb in Rickstones Road.
- The number of HGVs going via Rivenhall towards the A12.

482.. Matters for Discussion:

- i. Local survey regarding future improvement/development of the Henry Dixon Road play area, Rivenhall End.

Letters had been delivered to all residents of Rivenhall End to ascertain the level of interest for the continual development of this play area.

To date the Clerk has received just one reply favouring the surrender of the current lease.

It was **proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr. Clark and agreed by a majority vote** that another letter be circulated to the residents of Rivenhall End, setting out two proposals; either that the Parish Council retain and minimally maintain the play area in Henry Dixon Road or that the Parish Council formally hand the land back to the local landowner. A final decision will be taken at the September meeting which is scheduled to be held in The Henry Dixon Hall.

- ii. HGVs in Oak Road & Henry Dixon Road.

ECC have agreed a partial HGV restriction in Henry Dixon Road but there is no immediate funding available.

- iii. ECC Highways - Highways Localism Panel & Highway Rangers.

All the PC's submissions were covered in the agenda for the July 2011 Highways Panel. Sponsors of proposals may be approached to re-justify their submissions on a four point criteria basis and there is a large over-subscription for projects. Highway Rangers will, in future, be able to undertake some local minor repair works. Contact details are to be included on the PC website.

- iv. Public Footpaths - notification of problems.

Further glass has been left in Tarecroft Wood.

Footpath 21, leading into Western Lane, Silver End has been inspected by ECC and action is to be taken.

- v. RCCE Best Kept Village Competition.

It was gratifying to know that Rivenhall was the winner in Class 4 of the Best Kept Village 2011.

- A certificate and photograph is awaited and a cheque for £150.00 has already been received and banked.
- vi. Possible dog bin replacement at junction of Church Road/St. Mary's Road.
It was **proposed by Cllr. Bills, seconded by Cllr. Wright and unanimously agreed** that one Fido 25 and one Retriever 35 dog bins be ordered from Glasdon and that the Maintenance Contractor be requested to erect these at the sites allocated. The sites are at the end of the John Ray Walk opposite Rickstones Farmhouse and at the junction of St, Mary's and Church Roads.
- vii. Witham Recycling Centre.
ECC has recommended changes to the opening days and times of this centre with the intention to implement any changes by the end of 2011. Full details are published on the Parish Council website.
- viii. General maintenance required in the Parish.
The Clerk will request the Council's maintenance Contractor to undertake the following:
 - Fit new dog bins once supplied by Glasdon.
 - Continue to sweep entrances to Henry Dixon Road play area and the steps/slopes leading up to the A12.
- ix. BDC Localism Summit - 22nd September 2011.
The Chairman and Cllr. Wright will represent the PC.

483.. **Planning Matters:**

Applications:

11/00915/FUL: Removal/variation of condition 11 (access onto Oak Road) -The Fox Inn, Rivenhall End.

Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Salmon and unanimously agreed that the PC reiterate their previous recommendation that all vehicles turn left out of The Fox site as it was considered far too dangerous for vehicles to turn right in order to gain access to the A12, with vehicles exiting the A12 onto Oak Road at speed.

11/00887/FUL: Removal of condition 3 to enable use of clubhouse for weddings etc - Rivenhall Oaks Golf Course.

Proposed by Cllr. Bills, seconded by Cllr. Salmon and unanimously agreed that the PC recommend not to remove condition 3. Some local residents are already complaining of noise from the current use of the site far beyond the condition 8 recommendation of a 10.30pm closure.

11/00987/FUL: Erection of replacement dwelling - Ivy Cottage, The Drive, Rivenhall End.

No objections were raised by Members relative to this application.

Planning Results:

11/00647/FUL: The Acorns, Oak Road - Erection of conservatory style porch.

Application granted.

Planning Enforcement:

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

Ongoing Planning Matters:

- i. Local development Framework.
It would appear that the Inspector has endorsed BDC's Core Strategy. However, he has dismissed the late attempt to re-allocate the Eastways extension and dismissed attempts to bring forward the start date for land off Forest Road; it remains at 2021 so long as BDC maintains a 5 year supply of housing land.
- ii. Rivenhall Airfield - Waste site.
ECC has approved the application ESS/37/08/BTE, relating to Conditions 53 and 54.

iii. ECC Minerals & Waste Development Framework - Application re Site A2 - Bradwell Quarry.

It was unanimously agreed that the observations circulated by the Chairman be referred by letter to ECC with a copy to BDC for information.

iv. New Rickstones Academy.

Nothing to report at this meeting.

484.. Correspondence received since the date of the Agenda.

- BDVSA invitation to the AGM on 14th September 2011 from noon to 14.00. No members are free to attend.
- EALC Courses: Budget & Precept, 6th September
Advanced Councillor Training day 1, 8th September
No members attending these courses.
- Solagen attended to erect the VAS in Church Road only to find that the post was the incorrect circumference; there is a cost of £180.00 for this abortive visit.
The Chairman has referred this to ECC Highways, Rosa Tanfield, who apologised most profusely and agreed that ECC will pay the cost of the abortive visit by Solagen.

485.. Finance Matters:

To agree accounts for payment.

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

775	J. E. Abbott	£500.00	Chairman's allowance 2011/12
776	BALC	£18.00	Subscription 2011/12
777	CPRE	£29.00	Subscription 2011/12
778	K. P. Taylor	£253.61	Salary/expenses July 2011.
779	A. Walsh	£364.00	Maintenance July 2011.

486.. Information exchange and items for the next Agenda.

- Advertising hoardings along the A12 - reported to BDC for enforcement action.
- Forest Road Community Hall.
- Unemptied dog bin opposite the Thatched Cottage in Rickstones Road.
- Spilled grain on the road surface makes roads slippery during the harvest period.
- Fly tipping along public footpaths.
- Verges along Rickstones Road - numerous reports to ECC Highways.
- Bus crash in Park Road.

487.. Dates of future meetings:

Tuesday 6th September 2011, in The Henry Dixon Hall and Tuesday 4th October in Rivenhall Village Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00 hours. Items for the September meeting to the Clerk by 26th August at the latest.

488.. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.55 hours.

Signed: Date:

CAIRMAN