

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 6 JUNE 2017.**

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

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott

Also present: Parish Clerk and 6 members of the public.

1459. To receive any apologies for absence.

An apology was received from BDC Cllr. Bowers.

1460. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.

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

Cllr. Knubley declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 1464 (New Applications).

1461. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held 2 May 2017.

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

1462. Public Forum for ten minutes.

The following matters were brought to Members' attention:

- * The entrance to F/Path 38 off Church Road is blocked by overgrown vegetation.
- * The possibility of the entrance to F/Path 38 being relocated to meet up with the existing roadside footway.
- * F/Path 48 is blocked by overgrown vegetation and could well be relocated.
- * A private hedge along Oak Road has overgrown to obstruct the footway and will be reported to ECC for maintenance.
- * Vehicle parking along Oak Road is causing pedestrians to walk into the road in order to pass.
- * Drivers are ignoring the give way signs at the railway bridge on Oak Road.
- * Surface pads are missing at the Potters railway crossing subsequent to the Network Rail maintenance work.
- * The footway along Oak Road is being encroached by grass etc and the maintenance contractor will be requested to cut this back to the bottom of the hedgerow.
- * The steps and slopes up to the A12 from Henry Dixon Road require clearing.
- * There appears to be a slippage in the BDC grass cutting programme.

1463. Matters for Discussion.

i. Increasing number of HGVs crossing Appleford Bridge.

It was **unanimously agreed** that the Clerk will contact Maldon District Council Planning Services to reiterate the problems that occur with the increasing numbers of HGVs crossing Appleford Bridge, particularly at peak rush hour times and requesting that, when any consideration is given to future planning applications relating to the Commodity Centre further along Braxted Road, this problematic issue be given serious attention so that additional problems can be avoided.

- ii. American Diner advertising along the A12.
It was **unanimously agreed** that the advertising attached to the council's bus shelter be removed and returned to the owner of the diner.
- iii. Confirmation of Henry Dixon Hall Trustees.
It was **unanimously agreed** to confirm the re-election of the following trustees:
Mr. Dennis Clark; Mrs. Elizabeth Acharyya; Mr. Robert Turner and Mrs. Carole McCarthy.
- iv. Warning sign on the approach to the Albert Moss children's play area.
During the BDC annual playing fields inspection there was no concern raised by the inspector regarding children running from the play area onto the parking area. However, it has been suggested by BDC that a sign 'Slow children playing' could possibly be erected on the approach to the car parking area.
It was **unanimously agreed** that the Clerk arrange to discuss this matter in more detail with BDC.
- v. Potters level crossing - Public Local Inquiry.
The department of Transport has notified that the application for the permanent closure of this level crossing, and the re-routing of local footpaths, will be the subject of a public local inquiry. The date and venue have still to be agreed.
- vi. Highways Maintenance.
- * The Chairman is to raise again with ECC the creation of a new footpath from the Church on Church Road along to link up with footpath 25 towards Silver End
 - * The Chairman is to research costing for the possible purchase and installation of a solar powered portable streetlight opposite the entrance to Rectory Lane.
 - * The flooding under the A12 on Henry Dixon Road will be reported to Highways England, with the request that local arrangements be made for the re-setting of the pump when the filter is blocked and surface water cannot be pumped away.
 - * The eroded drain at the bottom of the A12 slip road near the Rivenhall Hotel will be reported to ECC.
- vii. General Maintenance.
- * It was **unanimously agreed** that an estimate be obtained from the maintenance contractor for cutting the grass on the right of the entrance to Foxmead.
 - * The Chairman is arranging for the Perspex frontage to be replaced at the notice board outside the Village Hall.

1464. Planning Applications:

New Applications:

17/00991/FUL: Erection of first floor front and rear extensions incorporating elderly relative/annexe accommodation.

Bellingham Court 25A Browns Row Cottages, Oak Road, Rivenhall End.

By a vote of 5 for 1 against members raised no objection to this application.

Planning Results:

17/00642/NMA: French doors with balcony - 16 Tusser Close.
Application refused.

Planning Appeals:

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

1465. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. A12 & A120 Projects.
The ECC preferred route for the A120 is expected to be announced in the Autumn of 2017.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.
BDC notices advertising the consultation period of 16 June to 28 July have been displayed.
BDC is draft allocating a large additional area of land at Kelvedon Park in the local plan.
The 'Green Buffer' for Rivenhall remains offset from the edge of the Rivenhall Park development area.
It was **agreed** that this matter will be further discussed at the July meeting.
Concern had been expressed at a recent BDC meeting regarding the lack of S106 monies being received by smaller parishes.
- iii. Rivenhall Airfield - Bradwell Quarry
There was nothing to report at this meeting.
- iv. Rivenhall Airfield - IWMF.
Apparently ECC has given a comprehensive reply to the application for scoping report relative to the change of stack height etc..
- v. Coleman's Farm Quarry.
The initial liaison meeting will be held on 27 June 2017 and Cllr. Abbott will chair this meeting with Cllr. Wright also attending on behalf of the council. Cllr. Abbott will ask whether additional local representatives can attend future meetings.
- 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. The Chairman has requested that the new ECC Cabinet Member review the current position of this scheme.
 - 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 before the end of 2017/2018.
 - 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 has submitted 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.
- (g) A new scheme is to be validated re the bend on Church Road close to the northern bound bus stop opposite where the wall has been damaged outside the residential property.

1466. Correspondence received since the date of this agenda.

A site meeting has been arranged with the NEPP in Foxden on Monday 19 June 2017 at 13.00 hours re the problems associated with congested parking.

1467. Reports from PC Representatives.

There were no reports to be presented at this meeting.

1468. 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.

1172	HMRC	£215.00	PAYE 1 st ¼ 2017/18
1173	SLCC	£93.00	Subscription 2017/18
1174	Zurich Municipal	£768.31	Premium renewal 2017/18
1175	Karen Bridge	£83.25	Litter picking May '17
1176	June Bala	£135.00	Litter picking May '17
1177	K.P. Taylor	£316.70	Salary/expenses May '17
1178	P.G. Groundcare Ltd.	£318.00	Maintenance May '17

1469. Information exchange and items for the May agenda.

- * Repairs to Colemans Bridge - Chairman to check with ECC re delays.
- * Fly-tip on Park Road full details notified to BDC for enforcement action.
- * Local scam re tree/garden maintenance.
- * Wall damage again to property at junction of A12 with Oak Road.

1469. Ten minutes public feedback.

- * Disappointment at Rectory Lane not being blocked off at the Forest Road end.

1470. Dates of future meetings:

Tuesdays 4 July and 1 August both in Rivenhall Village Hall, commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the July agenda to the Clerk by 27 June at the latest.

1440. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.33 hours.

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