

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 9 JANUARY 2018
IN RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL.**

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

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott

Also present: Parish Clerk, BDC Cllr. K Bowers and 1 member of the public.

1565. To receive any apologies for absence.

There were no apologies received.

1566. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.

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

1567. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 5th and 13th December 2017.

The Minutes of 5 December 2017 were **unanimously agreed** and then signed by the Chairman.

The Minutes of 13 December 2017 were **unanimously agreed** and then signed by the Chairman.

1568. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

The following matters were brought to members' attention:

- * Proposed new housing development on Rickstones Road.
- * Litter problems at the rear of the Village Hall - the Clerk will request the litter picker to give this area some attention. At the February meeting to consider the employment of an additional litter picker.
- * An abandoned vehicle remains on the Village Hall car park - recommended that the RPFAs request BDC to get this removed.
- * Flooding had been reported along the footway opposite Rickstones Farmhouse after the recent heavy rainfall.

1569. Matters for discussion.

- i. Solar powered light for Rickstones Road footway.
This matter was deferred pending further investigation now that the shrubbery has been trimmed back. Any request for lighting by ECC will have to go via the BDLHP as a new scheme.
- ii. Custom made speed signs for wheelie bins.
Proposed by Cllr. Abbott, seconded by Cllr. Wright and unanimously agreed that 48 no., 30mph self-adhesive, reflective vinyl stickers be purchased and made available, free on request, to all suitable households within the parish at a cost of £15.99 per dozen, capped at a total expenditure amount of £100.00
- iii. BDC Governance Review.
BDC proposals are now subject to a further period of public consultation between 1 January 2018 and 28 February 2018.
It was agreed to hold a pre-meeting 'open' discussion at 7.30pm prior to the February council meeting to enable local residents to express their concerns regarding these proposals.

- iv. Annual Report and APA.
 The APA is due to be held on Tuesday 1 May 2018, in Rivenhall Village Hall; the Annual Report will be required for distribution toward the end of April 2018 in advance of the APA. Copies of the report will be required for those new residents of the Rivenhall Park development. The Clerk will formulate all the general information relative to the council, including the reduction/cessation of the BDC Localism Grant, which has necessitated a rise in the annual Precept. The Chairman will produce a report upon all other aspects of council activity and representations, including, if possible, an up to date report concerning the Rivenhall Airfield IWMF. Invitations to attend will be sent to the following: Rivenhall Primary School; Greenfields Social Housing; BDC and the Witham constituency MP.
- v. To consider whether or not agendas etc can be initiated via e-mail.
 As a small cost-saving measure the Clerk suggested that, in future, all meeting agendas and associated documents be forwarded to Members via e-mail.
Proposed by Cllr. Abbott, seconded by Cllr. Wright and agreed that, as far as possible, this system be adopted with immediate effect.
- vi. Highway & PRow matters.
- * Henry Dixon Road A12 underpass pump -HE and ECC are to hold a meeting to look at possible solutions.
 - * HDR bollards are to be replaced with cast iron half-bell bollards designed to deflect HGVs - anticipated during February 2018.
 - * The Chairman will be speaking with the ECC Cabinet Member for Highways early in the new year regarding both the HGV issues at the railway bridge And the weight restriction proposal along Oak Road to the A12.
 - * PRow RIV.60 will remain temporarily closed until 30 July 2018.
 - * Flooding occurred at the Rickstones Road and Oak Road junction due to blocked gullies, which have now been cleared.
 - * Streetlight damaged in Rivenhall End, possibly by a HGV.
 - * Damage to the footway outside nos. 1-7 Church Road and round the corner into St. Mary's Road represents a health and safety issue and will be reported to ECC.
- vii. General maintenance.
- * The Rowan Tree outside 1 Foxmead has been cut down. Cllr. Clark will try to ascertain by whom and for what reason. A replacement tree will be considered at the February meeting.
 - * The Beech hedge at the rear of the recycling site needs to be trimmed back - the Clerk will request the maintenance contractor to undertake this work.
 - * A larger litter bin is required at the recycling site - the Clerk will request that BDC provide and install this.

1570. Planning Applications:

New Applications:

There were no new planning applications to consider.

Planning Results.

17/02157/FUL: Empire Diner, London Road - Change of use to car hire/sales.
Application with drawn.

Planning Appeals.

There were no planning appeals reported.

1571. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. A12 & A120 Projects.
A12 - There will be a Community Forum meeting at Feering on 30 January 2018.
A120 - ECC recommendations are still awaited.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.
Nothing further to report at this meeting.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.
Nothing further to report at this meeting.
- iv. IWMF.
A public meeting, chaired by the local Witham MP, Priti Patel, is to be held at 19.30 hours on 12 January 2018 in Witham Spring Lodge.
- v. Coleman's Farm Quarry.
Nothing further to report at this meeting.
- vi. BDLHP
The latest information remains as per the December Minutes.
The next Panel meeting is scheduled for 18 January 2018.

1572. Correspondence received since the date of the agenda.

There was no additional correspondence for this meeting.

1573. Reports from PC Representatives (if any).

There were none reported for this meeting.

1574. Finance matters:

- i. To formally agree the Budget and Precept figures for 2018/2019.
Proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr. Wright and unanimously agreed that the Council's Budget for 2018/2019 be confirmed at £12,776.00 and the Precept for 2018/2019 be confirmed at £11,000.00, leaving a possible shortfall of £1,776.00 to be met from existing balances.

- ii. 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.

1215	J. E. Abbott	£30.47	Flower bulbs.
1216	Karen Bridge	£99.00	Litter picking Dec. '17.
1217	P. G. Groundcare Ltd.	£264.00	Maintenance Dec. '17.
1218	K. P. Taylor	£322.99	Salary/expenses Dec. '17.

1575. Information exchange and items for the February agenda.

- * Another RTA was reported at the Church Road/Park Road corner.
- * Winter salt bag scheme - consideration at the February meeting.
- * The RPPFA AGM is scheduled for 15 January 2018.

1576. Ten minute public feedback (as required).

* 30mph signs along Oak Road off the A12.

1577. Dates of future meetings.

Tuesdays 6 February 2018 in Rivenhall Village Hall and 6 March in The Henry Dixon Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the February agenda to the Clerk by 26 January at the latest.

1578. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.20 hours.

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

CHAIRMAN