

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019  
IN THE HENRY DIXON HALL, RIVENHALL END.**

**Present:** Cllrs. Abbott, Wright, A'Lee, Cairns, Prime and Turner.

**Also present:** Parish Clerk and 1 member of the public.

**1818. To receive any apologies for absence.**

There were no apologies received.

**1819. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.**

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

Cllr. A'Lee declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 1822(iii).

**1820. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019.**

Minute 1808 was amended to show that Cllr. Wright was the council's liaison with Rivenhall School.

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

**1821. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

The following matters were brought to members' attention:

- A resident advocated that there should be some development within Rivenhall End with a varied mixture of housing types.
- The 'blight' situation within Rivenhall End resulting from the A12 improvement delay.
- To report to ECC the uneven surface of the footway along Beech Road due to loose paving slabs.
- It would appear that the Rickstones Road Speedwatch has lapsed into abeyance.
- The local planting tubs require urgent watering - maintenance contractor to be informed, and there is a dead tree on the Village Green - BDC to be informed re any removal and replacement.
- Continued parking on the Village Greens - some action is being taken by Greenfields and BDC.

**1822. Matters for discussion.**

i. Co-option consideration.

S. 21 of the Representation of the People Act 1985 provides that where an insufficient number of candidates have been nominated to fill the vacancies on the council, the council may co-opt any person to fill the vacancy without having to give public notice of the vacancy.

Interest in being co-opted as a councillor has been received from Roslyn Elliott and John McCrea who both live in Rivenhall End.

It was **unanimously agreed** that co-option should be dealt with at this current meeting and, after some discussion the voting was tied with the Chairman giving a casting vote in favour of Ros Elliott.

At this point Cllr. Turner left the meeting in high dudgeon and did not return. The Clerk will arrange for the other necessary documents to be completed by Cllr. Elliott in time for the July council meeting.

- ii. Possible provision of CCTV cameras.  
Currently BDC has a limited number of CCTV cameras for gathering evidence of fly-tipping but where used that have proved successful in relation to a number of detections of fly-tipping within the parish.  
**Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Cairns and unanimously agreed** that the Clerk approach BDC with offer on behalf of this council to purchase two CCTV cameras for use within Rivenhall Parish to extend the coverage at well known fly-tipping locations.
- iii. Kings Dene - Land at North Kelvedon.  
An initial meeting with potential developers of a large site submitted to the BDC Local Plan process was held on 24<sup>th</sup> May at Henry Dixon Hall; the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Cllr. Prime and the Clerk attended. No firm proposals were advocated at this stage although potential drawbacks to this speculative proposal were outlined by the councillors present.
- iv. Possible land for social housing at Stoverns Hall Farm, Rickstones Road.  
Fenn Wright, the agents for the owner of Stoverns Hall Farm, have indicated their client's willingness to discuss such a land allocation with the parish council.  
**Proposed by Cllr. Abbott, seconded by Cllr. Prime and unanimously agreed** that the Clerk arrange a meeting with Fenn Wright to discuss this matter further.
- v. Special needs school, Rickstones Road.  
Because of the limited time period, representations, circulated to all councillors for comment, were sent to ECC before the date of this meeting.
- vi. ECC Salt Bag Scheme 2019/20.  
It was **unanimously agreed** that due to the remaining stock of salt it was not necessary to register for this 2019/20 scheme.
- vii. Highways & PRow matters.
- (a) It would appear that ECC is giving urgent attention to the dangerous pothole at the Rickstones Road/Church Road junction.
  - (b) The damaged repair near the steps at the Village Green is to be reinstated.
  - (c) The overhanging hedge along Oak Road is now the responsibility of the new property owners.
  - (d) There is continual vehicle speeding along Rickstones Road between Rivenhall and Witham and police monitoring is required.
  - (e) ECC request from the Chairman, as ECC councillor, details of urgent high priority footway repairs required within Rivenhall parish, the main suggestion is the Rickstones Road footway.
  - (f) Public footpath 59 - the poor condition of the diverted route has been reported to ECC and is being inspected.
- viii. General Maintenance.  
The maintenance contractor will be requested to cut back the overgrowth obscuring all the warning signs at The Oak junction.

### 1823. Planning Applications:

#### *New Applications:*

**19/00844/PDEM:** 1&2 Durwood Cottages, London Road - Demolition.

Because of the limited time period, representations, circulated to all councillors for comment, were sent to BDC before the date of this meeting.

**19/00886/FUL:** Colemans Farm, Little Braxted Lane - Installation of ground mounted solar scheme.

Members raised no objection in principle to this scheme but questioned the siting relative to the proposed A12 re-routing; and further request BDC to impose a condition that no access to the site be allowed to the south of the Quarry access off Little Braxted Lane.

*Planning Results:*

There were no results to be reported at this meeting.

*Planning Appeals:*

There were no appeals to be considered at this meeting.

**NOTE:**

**18/02316/REM:** A meeting has been arranged with Bellway to discuss the outstanding matters relating to this application for land south of Rickstones Road. Meeting in The Henry Dixon Hall at 14.00 hrs. on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

**1824. Ongoing Planning Issues:**

- i. A12 & A120 Projects.  
Nothing further to report at this stage.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.  
The further consultation timetable has still not been determined by BDC.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.  
Nothing further to report at this stage.
- iv. IWMF  
Nothing further to report at this stage.
- v. Colemans Quarry  
Nothing further to report at this stage.
- vi. Braintree District Local Highways Panel (BDLHP).  
The next Panel meeting is scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 19.00 hrs.

**1825. Correspondence received since the date of this agenda.**

- \* Highways England have given notice that they will be carrying out works along the A12 between junctions 20b and 22 during mid July 2019, working hours overnight from 21.00 until 05.00.

**1826. Reports from PC Representatives (if any).**

Cllr. Cairns reported that the RPPA fete is to be held at the end of July. Questions were asked at the RPPA meeting relating to car parking and general insurance issues.

**1827. Finance matters:**

- i. The notice of appointment of date for the exercise of elector's rights to examine the accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 will be displayed from 7<sup>th</sup> June.
- ii. 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.

1307	£230.00	HMRC	PAYE 1st $\frac{1}{4}$ 2019/20
1308	£12.50	Henry Dixon Hall	Hall Hire 24/05/19

1309	£408.00	P G Groundcare Ltd	Maintenance May '19
1310	£117.00	K. Bridge	Litter picking May '19
1311	£354.69	K P Taylor	Salary/expenses May '19

**1828. Information exchange and items for the July agenda.**

- \* Replacement of posts on the Village Green - Next Agenda.

**1829. Ten minute public feedback.**

There was no public feedback.

**1830. Dates of future meetings.**

Tuesdays 2<sup>nd</sup> July and 6<sup>th</sup> August both in Rivenhall Village Hall, commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the July agenda to the Clerk by 21<sup>st</sup> June at the latest.

**1831. Closure.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.35 hours.

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

CHAIRMAN