

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2013.**

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

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Abbott

**Also present:** Parish Clerk and 3 members of the public.

**746.. To receive apologies for absence.**

There were no apologies for absence.

**747.. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests relating to matters on the Agenda.**

There were no Disclosures made at this meeting.

**748.. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2013.**

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

**749.. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

The following matters were brought to the attention of Members:

- Allshots Farm - planning application (See item 751).
- A12 Bridge in Henry Dixon Road - new heavy duty trip switch installed at the pump (See item 750(vi)).

**750.. Matters for Discussion.**

i. Annual Parish Assembly proposed agenda and Annual Report.

The Clerk presented a draft Annual Report, which Members **approved** for printing, subject to a typo check, for printing and delivery prior to the APA.

The draft Agenda was also **approved**.

The Clerk reported that it had been difficult to obtain items for inclusion in the Community Information Leaflet this year; Members **approved** production as it stands and for copies to be available at the APA.

ii. Failures of the Bus Service 132: Witham/Braintree.

Following receipt of complaints regarding this inadequate Bus Service, the Clerk had previously written a letter of complaint to First Bus (letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> January 2013).

It was **unanimously agreed** that the Clerk should write again to both ECC and First Bus identifying yet again the appalling record of cancellations, lateness and missed stops on this route.

iii. Solar Farm application Little Braxted Hall.

The Chairman, as Braintree District Councillor has written to Lightsource Renewable Energy requesting their withdrawal of this application. The Clerk will endeavour to obtain further information from Maldon District Council and report back to the May meeting.

iv. Fast Broadband/Internet access in Rivenhall.

It was reported that this faster Broadband access had reached the outskirts of the parish at Rickstones Road but no further.

Cllr. Bills will investigate if any grants are available to PCs to assist with this connection in rural areas and for the item in the Annual Report be included on the PC website and on local notice boards.

v. Increase in dog faeces on local footways.

Complaints have been received from local residents. Cllr. Prime is to write an item for inclusion in the Parish Magazine and display on local notice boards.

The Clerk will request that the BDC Dog Warden empty the dog bins regularly.

- vi. Highway Maintenance.  
 Flooding under A12 Bridge in Henry Dixon Road reported to HA and ECC. HA contacted ECC requesting clearance of silt and investigating longer term solutions. Atkins sub-contractors attended site on 20<sup>th</sup> March to reset the pumps and ECC Highways Engineers also cleared the drainage system and the silt left on the road; the damaged footway was being repaired on 21<sup>st</sup> March. The road was subsequently flooded yet again with vehicles mounting the newly repaired footway to pass under the bridge. This was again reported to both the HA and ECC.  
 ECC Highways have been working to improve/maintain the footway under the Railway Bridge in Oak Road.  
 Various outstanding repairs to pot holes are to be undertaken during April 2013.
- vii. General Maintenance.  
 Maintenance Contractor indicates that grasscutting will recommence during April 2013.  
 Grass seeding is required along the verge in Rickstones Road, below Stoverns Hall Farm  
 The Clerk will report the broken water main outside 471 Rickstones Road.  
 Footpath 59 is now overgrown and had deep ruts.

#### 751.. **Planning Matters:**

##### **New Applications:**

**13/00255/FUL:** Proposed internal & external alterations and part conversion of existing stabling into office use - Hoo Hall, Oak Road.

Members raised no objections regarding this application.

**13/00256/FUL:** Change of use of agricultural barn/granary to be used in connection with veterinary surgery and retrospective planning permission for existing examination room to be used in connection with the veterinary surgery - Hoo Hall, Oak Road.

Members raised no objections regarding this application.

**12/01658/FUL:** Erection of building - Allshots Farm (Polish Camp), Woodhouse Lane, Kelvedon.

Members raised no objection regarding this application.

##### **Planning Results:**

**CC/BTE/02/13:** Extensions to Elm Hall Primary School - Permission granted.

**ESS/32/12/BTE:** Bradwell Quarry - Amended operational hours approved by ECC.

##### **Planning Appeal:**

Nothing to report at this meeting.

#### 752.. **Ongoing Planning Issues:**

##### i. Local Development Framework.

Details relating to proposed development of the Forest Road site are as follows:  
*"Developers will work on drawing up a draft masterplan, including infrastructure requirements; public consultation on the draft masterplan, including consultation with BDC, statutory bodies RPC and WTC; preparation of masterplan; approval of masterplan by BDC; application for planning permission and S106 agreement; planning approval; site construction. The masterplan is likely to be fairly straightforward for a site of 300 but it could take several months for the developers to prepare initial draft plans, they are likely to hold discussions with planning officers on these draft proposals. BDC have not been approached with any draft proposals yet and may not be approached for several years."*

##### ii. Rivenhall Airfield.

Nothing to report at this meeting.

- iii. ECC Waste Development.  
Nothing to report at this meeting.
- iv. ECC Minerals Local Plan.  
Nothing to report at this meeting.
- v. Braintree District Local Highways Panel.  
Rickstones Road - Investigation into flooding, drains and verge approved and funded and timetabled for June 2013. No date for actual work, which also remain unfunded.  
Oak Road Railway Bridge - Scheme fully approved and funded. Plans drawn up but inaccurate. Discussions with local farmers about need to get large machinery through - which can be achieved. New plan to be drawn up with correct dimensions. Traffic lights proposal dropped, priority system instead with priority from A12.  
Oak Road Weight restriction - With Cabinet Member for decision as still listed as Red (against policy). Listed as supported by £5k from RPC. ECC investigation into traffic diversion implications to be carried out and this is funded - will include liaison with HA.
- vi. Tarecroft Wood: Freehold Transfer.  
Freehold transfer costs to the PC are estimated to be in the region of £4 to £5K for legal fees and fencing reinstatement as follows: £1930.00 (supply only); £14,000K (supply and erect), both approximate figures subject to final measurement. These details to be included in the Annual Report and for open discussion at the APA.

**753.. Correspondence received since the date of the agenda.**

- (i) Details received from the Local Government Boundary Commission regarding the electoral review of Braintree. Details are included in the circulation box so that Members may respond individually
- (ii) Letter from Henry Dixon Hall Charity requesting confirmation of Trustees - Dennis Clark and Elizabeth Acharyya.  
**Proposed by Cllr. Turner, seconded by Cllr. Prime and unanimously agreed that both be confirmed as Trustees.**

**754.. Finance matters:**

- (i) To agree accounts for payment.  
**Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Bills and unanimously agreed that the following accounts be paid. Cheques were then drawn accordingly.**

888	Henry Dixon Hall Charity	£12.50	Hall hire
889	HM Revenue & Customs	£163.80	PAYE 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2012/13
890	K. P. Taylor	£318.35	Salary/expenses (March)
891	E.A.L.C.	£190.02	Affiliation fees 2013/14
892	A. Walsh	£253.15	Maintenance (March)

- (ii) Review 2012/13 budget statement and accounts.

The Clerk/RFO produced the balanced and reconciled accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013.

**Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Bills and unanimously agreed that these accounts be accepted as a true record and the Chairman signed the Annual Return.**

**755.. Information exchange and items for the next agenda.**

- Road sweeping along Rickstones Road undertaken on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013.
- Diversion of HGVs from Oak Road during local flooding proved a great benefit.
- Possible trespassers to the rear of St. Mary's Road properties.

- New doors are being fitted to the garages off Beech Road.

**756.. Dates of future meetings:**

Tuesdays 7<sup>th</sup> May in Rivenhall Village Hall and 4<sup>th</sup> June in The Henry Dixon Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the May meeting to the Clerk by 26th April at the latest.

Members are reminded that the APA will precede the May meeting in the Village Hall at 19.00hours

**757.. Closure.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.50hours.

Signed: .....

Dated: .....

CHAIRMAN