

RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 8TH JUNE 2010.

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

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott.

Also present: Parish Clerk plus 1 member of the public.

320.. Apologies for absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Clark and Salmon.

321.. Declarations of Interest relating to Agenda items.

There were no Declarations of Interest reported at the meeting.

322.. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 4th May 2010.

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

323.. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

During the public forum the following item was brought to the attention of Members:

- Thanks for contacting BDC regarding emptying the clothing bank at the recycling site.

324.. Matters for Discussion:

i. The provision of village gateways.

The Clerk has again requested detailed costing from ECC for the supply and erection of the Gateways in Church Road. ECC confirm that the gateways are currently with the ECC Design Team.

ii. The provision of a VAS in Henry Dixon Road, Rivenhall End.

Provisional costings for this sign are:

£3995.00 for the supply and erection of the sign by Solagen.

£1500.00 for the erection of 2 posts (1 each side of the road) by ECC.

£176.00 each time Solagen relocate the sign across the road.

Total estimated cost of £5671.00 for 2010/11.

Proposed by Cllr. Bills, seconded by Cllr. Wright and unanimously agreed that orders be placed for the supply and erection of 2 posts and 1 VAS subject to an overall agreement on a suitable location along Henry Dixon Road. The Clerk will contact both ECC and Solagen regarding a site meeting to agree this location.

iii. Increased parking restrictions along Church Road.

Following delivery of explanatory letters to each property along Church Road, from the Village Hall to the School, replies received have all been in favour of increased parking restrictions.

It was unanimously agreed that ECC be requested to publish the required parking order for the stretch of Church Road from the War Memorial along to the Bus Stop, and install the additional signage within as short a timeframe as possible.

iv. Possible provision of heavy wooden picnic tables within the Albert Moss Play Area.

Cllr. Bills has received a verbal agreement from BDC for them to supply and install 2 such tables prior to the school summer vacation. BDC also confirmed that they will re-erect the basketball nets as soon as possible.

v. Possible hire of waste truck for disposal of residents' large unwanted items.

Proposed by Cllr. Bills, seconded by Cllr. Prime and agreed unanimously that the BDC 'Clean Team' truck plus driver and loader be hired twice each year,

during May and November, at an estimated cost of £160.00 each time, to collect large non recyclable items of rubbish from within the Parish.

vi. High-Speed Broadband Parish Need Survey.

It was agreed that the Clerk complete the survey form requesting a Parish Broadband survey.

325.. Planning Matters:

Applications:

ESS/13 & 14/10/10/BTE: Faulkbourne Farm, Cressing Road, Witham - Extension of time re gravel extraction and restoration to agricultural use.

Members raised no objections but recommended that this extension of time should be the last and that the site be fully returned to agricultural use within that year.

Both applications have been granted for the 1 year period.

Planning Results:

10/00418/FUL: Erection of single storey extension to existing pavilion (bait store and sales) - Land opposite Colemans Cottages, Little Braxted Road.

Application granted.

10/00457/FUL: Demolish English block and install nursery - New Rickstones Academy.

Application granted.

10/00467/FUL: Erection of extension - 333 Rickstones Road.

Application granted.

10/00482/FUL: Construction of new car park and erection of new plant room and cycle shed - Durwards Hall.

Application refused.

Ongoing Planning Matters:

i. Local Development Framework.

It was reported that at the Witham Town Council meeting on 1st June, WTC were 100% alongside this Council in opposition to the proposed inclusion of the Forest Road site.

All the appropriate leaflets and correspondence will have been delivered prior to 11th June.

Confirmation, via e-mail, had been received that the BDC consultation period had been extended by a further 2 weeks.

The next LDF Panel meeting is scheduled for 23rd June.

ii. Rivenhall Airfield.

The Chairman reported that, on 25th May, representatives from the Environment Agency had a positive meeting with the Community Action Group.

iii. ECC Minerals & Waste Development Framework.

There was nothing further to report regarding this item.

iv. New Rickstones Academy.

Having been informed by BDC that planning permission was required for the additional vehicular entrance opposite Rectory Lane, this has now been cancelled by the Academy.

It was reported that, at times, the local electricity supply has been cut off without any prior notification much to the annoyance and inconvenience of local residents.

The Chairman is to contact the Academies Enterprise Trust to see if the long overdue meeting can be arranged.

v. Planning enforcement at Holland's Café/Car Wash.

The Clerk had received notification from BDC Planning Enforcement that "...Mr. Holland has been invited to attend a formal taped interview under Caution on Monday 7th June 2010..."

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

- Introductory letter from Ms. Priti Patel MP indicating her willingness to meet with the Parish Council, offering help on local matters. The letter was received and noted for future reference.
- Due to ongoing ill-health at the moment, Cllr. Salmon has sent a letter of resignation from the Council. The Clerk has advised Cllr. Salmon to register his on-going ill health as a reason for his non-attendance as necessary over the next 6 months. At the expiry of this period, if Cllr. Salmon has not attended any meeting then the Council should declare a vacancy but not seek for it to be filled until the election to be held in May 2011.
Members unanimously approved this course of action.
- In the light of the previous item, the Clerk has contacted the Council's Bank with a view to changing the cheque signatories, replacing Cllr. Salmon with both Cllrs. Bills and Wright.
It was **unanimously agreed** that this action take place and both Cllr. Bills and Cllr Wright will complete the mandate forms accordingly.
- Cllr. Prime produced notes from his attendance at the BALC AGM which raised concerns regarding Section 106 monies, the future of Parish Clusters and the future of the PSG.

327.. Finance Matters:

To agree accounts for payment.

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

697	Kempco Ltd	£138.75	Annual Report documents
698	SLCC	£72.00	Clerk's subscription 2010/11
699	D. Clark	£193.44	Dog bin installation & consumables
700	K. P. Taylor	£289.27	Salary/expenses May 2010
701	A. Walsh	£352.00	Maintenance May 2010

Chairman's Allowance.

Due to the change of cheque signatories it was not possible to raise a cheque this month for the Chairman's Allowance.

It was proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Bills and unanimously agreed that, because of the very heavy workload during this financial year in regard to the LDF, Rivenhall Airfield and the ECC Minerals & Waste Development Framework, the Chairman's Allowance be increased by 50% to £600.00 for the year 2010/2011.

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

- Litter along the Academy boundary has still not been cleared and is rapidly being overgrown by shrubs and grass.
- Aggregate extraction at Colemans Fishery to provide additional lake.
- The car parking area at the old coal yard in Rickstones Road, ECC owned, is overgrown and required trimming back.
- The allotment land in Rickstones Road has apparently been sold once again.

- A complaint regarding an odour from the chicken plant affecting Fair Rest.
- The grey coloured boundary fence at the Academy site could be brightened up with a local mural (not graffiti).
- A rotten tree fell down opposite Rectory Lane and has been cleared away.
- There was yet another serious accident along Park Road when a speeding vehicle left the road.
- The Handyman contractor to be asked to trim along the path from the recycling site down to the Railway Bridge along Oak Road.

329.. Dates of future meetings:

Tuesdays the 6th July and 3rd August 2010, both meetings in the Rivenhall Village Hall, commencing at 20.00 hours.

Items to the Clerk for the July meeting by 25th June at the latest.

330.. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.40 hours.

Signed: Date:

CHAIRMAN