

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7 NOVEMBER 2017  
IN RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL.**

**Present:** Cllrs. Abbott, Wright, Knubley, Turner and Prime.

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Abbott

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

**1528. To receive any apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Clark and BDC Cllr. Bowers.

**1529. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.**

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

**1530. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2017.**

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

**1531. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

No matters were brought to Members' attention.

**1532. Matters for discussion.**

i. Grants - Improving Local Places.

The Clerk is currently formulating an application for a grant to help cover the additional costs relating to general maintenance during 2018/19. This will be further discussed at the **December meeting** and, if necessary at the Precept meeting.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the EALC regarding ECC's responsibility re the upkeep of public footpaths.

ii. Rickstones Road footway lighting opposite Rickstones Farmhouse.

The Chairman will once again report the street lighting problems to ECC. **Proposed by Cllr. Abbott, seconded by Cllr. Wright and unanimously agreed** that the maintenance contractor be requested to cut back bushes and shrubs in areas to be marked out by the Chairman. Also that costings are obtained for the purchase and installation of a post mounted solar powered LED timer controlled light, to further highlight this area of public footway.

iii. Network Rail Public Inquiry.

Notification has been received that this Inquiry has been adjourned until further notice.

iv.. Highway & PRow maintenance matters.

- (a) The bollards at the junction of Oak Road and Henry Dixon Road have again been demolished - this will be reported to ECC.
- (b) The Chairman will once again contact ECC re the PRow across the Rivenhall Oaks Golf Course and the one from Hoo Hall along to the Railway Bridge.
- (c) Highways England have undertaken some work on the A12 south slip road junction but have not cleared the silt from the gutters.
- (d) Appleford Bridge has once again been damaged.

- v. General Maintenance
  - (a) There is a need for additional litter picking around the recycling site on Oak Road.
  - (b) See under item 1532(ii) above re footway at Rickstones Road.

**1533. Planning Applications:**

**New Applications:**

**17/01730/OUT:** Land south of Rickstones Road.

Outline for 65 dwellings etc.

Members raised the following comments/objections to this application:

1. The site has not been included within the formally agreed BDC Local Plan for future development sites.
2. This area of land lies entirely within Rivenhall Parish and should never be shown as being located within Witham. The developer is still wrongly describing the site as 'Witham'.
3. The open spaces that are, at present, located between Witham and Rivenhall should be retained and classified as open countryside, thereby retaining a defined boundary for both parishes. This proposed development represents coalescence which is against National Government policy.
4. The stress being placed upon the local infrastructure hasn't been fully taken into proper consideration bearing in mind all the other planned future developments to the north of Witham. There is no local surgery in the area and the pharmacy shown on the plan for Rivenhall Park is simply a transfer from that existing on the Little Elms estate; the existing surgeries cannot cope with the ever-increasing patient needs; the local road network will become even more congested than at present, with, currently, congestion reaching at peak times back out of Witham towards both Rivenhall and Cressing.
5. The design plan shows that the main site entrance will be directly off Rickstones Road, which will necessitate the removal of the historic hedgerow to accommodate the required vehicular sight lines. The planning documents are confusing, saying the hedge will be retained but also saying it will be partly removed; in reality it will largely disappear and have a huge visual impact locally.
6. Is Rickstones Road itself wide enough to accommodate a site entrance?
7. The previous planning application, 15/00762/FUL; for the erection of just one new dwelling on land adjacent to Glebe Farm, Rectory Lane was dismissed on appeal to the Planning Inspector due to its countryside location; this current application should also be similarly refused.

**17/00359/TPO:** Work to trees affected by the Conservation Area - Rivenhall Place, Park Road.

Members raised the following comments/objections to this application:

1. It must be pointed out that the trees are covered by a TPO not by the Conservation Area as stated in the application.
2. The felled trees T1 to T6 should be replaced with new trees.
3. The application form is inconsistent regarding diseased trees - if the trees are diseased then evidence should be produced to substantiate this.

**Planning Results.**

**17/01407/FUL:** Bellingham Court - erection of first floor rear extension.

Application granted.

**Planning Appeals.**

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

**1534. Ongoing Planning Issues:**

- i. A12 & A120 Projects.  
A12 - Delay in implementation of possibly up to 2 years for the widening scheme.  
A120 - The decision regarding the rerouting is still pending.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.  
BDC reply to the FOI request re Forest Road & the Green Buffer that they hold no further information relating to this request.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.  
Public exhibition re Site A5 was held at Bradwell on 2 November 2017.
- iv. IWMF.  
Further consideration of the latest planning applications will be considered by ECC either in December or January.
- v. Coleman's Farm Quarry.  
The site operators have replied that the site doesn't open until 07.00 hours, they're not aware of any HGVs having been on site before 07.00 and say that it should be physically impossible. This was disputed and further observations will be undertaken.  
Retrospective application for the stockpiling of sand and gravel up to 31 December 2017 has been granted by ECC.
- vi. BDLHP  
Following the recommendations from the public meeting held in October, regarding the various issues relating to Rectory Lane, **it was agreed** that the Chairman submit a formal request to the BDLHP as follows: "For the erection of signs indicating 'Lane not suitable for HGVs'; signs indicating 'Road narrows'; and the introduction of a 20mph speed restriction along the entire length of Rectory Lane from Rickstones Road to Forest Road."

**1535. Correspondence received since the date of the agenda.**

- \* The Issues and Options Consultation, re the Colchester Braintree Borders Garden Community - known locally as West Tey, runs from Monday 13 November 2017 to Monday 8 January 2018 with exhibitions being held at various locations from Saturday 18 November to Thursday 7 December 2017. Members were given details of local exhibition dates and locations.

**1536. Reports from PC Representatives.**

There were no reports for this meeting.

**1537. 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.

1204	Karen Bridge	£112.50	Litter Picking October '17
1205	P. G. Groundcare Ltd.	£974.04	Maintenance October '17
1206	K. P. Taylor	£400.67	Salary/expenses October '17
1207	Royal British Legion	£45.00	Remembrance wreath.

**1538. Information exchange and items for the December agenda.**

- \* New residents are moving into properties on Rivenhall Park; will these feature in the Precept calculation by BDC for Rivenhall?
- \* An information pack re Rivenhall Parish would benefit the new residents within the parish. **December agenda.**
- \* Oak Stores has now re-opened daily from 06.00 to 22.00.
- \* There was a 'hit and run' incident in Beech Road recently.
- \* Strutt and Parker are interested in further development east of Silver End along to the junction of Park Road and Kelvedon Road.
- \* Custom made speed signs for display on wheelie bins. **December agenda.**
- \* People found hare coursing have been arrested locally.

**1539. Ten minute public feedback.**

There was no public feedback.

**1540. Dates of future meetings.**

Tuesdays 5 December 2017 in The Henry Dixon Hall and 9 January 2018 in Rivenhall Village Hall commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.  
 Items for the December agenda to the Clerk by 24 November at the latest.  
 Members were reminded that the annual Precept Meeting is scheduled for 13 December 2017 in Rivenhall Village Hall, commencing at 20.00 hours.

**1541. Closure.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.26 hours.

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

CHAIRMAN