

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3RD SEPTEMBER 2019
IN THE HENRY DIXON HALL, RIVENHALL END.**

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

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

1860. To receive any apologies for absence.

An apology was received from Cllr. Turner (holiday).

1861. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.

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

1862. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 6th August 2019.

The minutes were **approved** subject to a minor amendment at item 1851 and then signed by the Chairman.

1863. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

The following matters were brought to members' attention:

- Delay with the implementation of HGV 'Low Bridge' warning signs.
- Misuse of the Village Hall car park late at night.

1864. Matters for discussion.

i. BDC Local Plan: Technical Section 1 Examination 2019.

After considering all the evidence and representations and the discussion at the hearing sessions, the Inspector wrote to the North Essex Authorities (NEAs) on 8 June 2018. In his letter the Inspector identified those aspects of the Section 1 Local Plan and its evidence base which he considered required significant further work on the part of the NEAs. In that context the Inspector set out options for the NEAs to consider in determining its next steps in their Local Plan preparation. Of these options the NEAs chose to pause the Examination and carry out the necessary further work on the evidence base and Sustainability Appraisal, and to bring forward any resulting revised strategic proposals, for the Section 1 Local Plan examination to consider. On 10 December 2018 the Inspector announced a pause in the Examination to enable this further work to take place.

The NEAs are now carrying out a public consultation on the Additional Sustainability Appraisal, additional evidence base documents and the suggested amendments to the Section 1 Local Plan. These are the documents which have been prepared in response to the Inspector's 8 June 2018 letter. The consultation will run from 19 August to 30 September 2019.

After discussion **it was agreed** that Cllr. A'Lee draft a letter outlining the parish council's concerns relative to this consultation.

ii. The half-year report for approval.

THE Chairman and the Clerk had produced a draft report and **it was agreed**, subject to minor amendments and the inclusion of up to date financial figures, that 330 copies be printed ready for distribution by councillors before the October meeting.

- iii. Possible provision of CCTV cameras.
 The cameras BDC use do not have remote connection, BDC visit when fly tips are reported or at regular intervals, change the memory card and then go through the recorded footage.
 A newer version of the camera BDC use is available at £49.99. This will require 12 AA rechargeable batteries, plus another 12 so they can be changed. They come in packs of 16 at £19.99 per pack, a battery charger at £24.99 and 2 memory cards at £6.50 each. For 2 cameras, 48 batteries (for 2 cameras), 1 charger and 2 memory cards per camera, the cost will be £210.94.
 BDC can purchase these cameras on behalf of the parish council, retaining and maintaining them, plus monitoring the footage recorded.
Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by. Cllr. Prime and unanimously agreed that the Clerk place an order via BDC for the purchase of 2 cameras, plus equipment, as detailed above.
- iv. Possible provision of a SID speed monitoring sign along Oak Road.
 It was **unanimously agreed** that the Chairman request ECC Highways to undertake speed surveys along Oak Road, from the A12 to the junction of Henry Dixon Road, and Rickstones Road.
- v. Tarecroft Wood & car park.
 A meeting has been arranged between ECC, End to End nature Care and RPC to discuss this autumn's planned conservation management work in Tarecroft Wood. This meeting is scheduled for 15.00 hours on Tuesday 10th September, meeting at the Tarecroft Wood car park off Rickstones Road. It is hoped to include the question of restricted access to this car park following reports of alleged drug taking there.
- vi. Highways & PRow matters.
 (a) A12 maintenance issues have again been reported to HE for action.
 (b) Cllr. Cairns will liaise with the local landowner regarding the possible diversion of F/path 49 via Rivenhall Hall Farm and the creation of a new F/path along Church Road, north from the Church.
- vii. General Maintenance.
 (a) The maintenance contractor has replaced a dozen posts surrounding the large Village Green and BDC has been invoiced for the 60% agreed reimbursement £489.10.
- viii. EALC Conference & AGM - 19th September 2019.
 The AGM opens at 11.45 hours with the conference commencing after lunch at 14.00 hours.
 Cllr. A'Lee is the council's appointed representative and will contact the Clerk if able to attend.

1865. Planning Applications:

New Applications:

19/01434/DAC: Land south of Rickstones Road - Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 5 & 9 of approved application 18/00947/OUT.

BDC Planning has been informed again that this site is **wholly within** Rivenhall Parish and BDC confirm this will be dealt with.

Following discussion it **was agreed** that the council strongly object to this application as follows:

- Bellway previously gave assurances verbally to the parish council subsequent to the approval of the original outline planning application that there would be no access to this site other than that previously agreed - via Rickstones Road.

- The use of Rectory Lane for HGV access is totally inappropriate in that this lane is officially recognised as having 'Quiet Lane' status, therefore, not being suitable for use by HGVs.
- That the exit from Rectory Lane onto Rickstones Road is very dangerous with a series of bends and a blind junction.
- The installation of the suggested buildings etc would seriously impinge upon the visual outlook from the existing properties situated along Rectory Lane.

19/01462/OUT: Land east of Church Road - Erection of up to 8 dwellings etc

Following discussion it **was agreed** that objections be expressed to this application as follows:

- This site was initially part of the original larger site rejected at the original BDC 'call for sites'.
- The proposed development consists solely of high end dwellings with no provision for affordable homes.
- The land in question is considered to be good quality agricultural land.
- This proposed development would have an adverse effect upon the view across the Rivenhall Brook valley from the existing dwellings along Beech Road and from the central Rivenhall Village Green.

Planning Results:

Nothing to report.

Planning Appeals:

Nothing to report.

1866. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. A12 & A120 Projects.
A12: Nothing further to report.
A120: Nothing further to report.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.
See item 1864(i) above.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.
Nothing further to report.
- iv. IWMF
Nothing further to report
- v. Colemans Quarry
Application **ESS/53/19/BTE/PRE** - Proposed quarry extension.
After discussion it **was agreed** to object to this application for the following reasons:
 - It is not acceptable to expand operational activities that include batching facilities and the importation of waste materials.
 - Serious concerns are raised in connection with the proposed extension in areas that would be very close to/within the proposed route for the future improvement of the A12, in particular with reference to the importation of waste material as infill.
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 - The adverse impact upon the River Blackwater catchment area.
 - The increased number of HGV movements to and from the site via Little Braxted Lane and the junction on the A12 slip road at Colemans Interchange.
 - The increased number of operational years beyond that previously agreed is totally unacceptable.
- vi. BDLHP.
The next meeting is scheduled for 25th September 2019 at Causeway House.

1867. Correspondence received since the date of this agenda.

- * ECC have confirmed the order prohibiting vehicles from making a left hand turn from Colemans Quarry into Little Braxted Lane - the order came into operation on 19th August 2019.
- * The Green & Independent Group on BDC have invited all parish councils to a Town & Parish Summit on Thursday 19th September at 19.00 hours in Gosfield Village Hall. The purpose of the Summit is to consider the emerging BDC Local Plan.
- * There's a meeting on Friday 6th September at 11.30 in the Village Hall to discuss the possible provision of anew connecting footpaths, to wheelchair access standards, linking the Village Hall car with the Albert Moss car park and the playing field around the back of the basketball court. Members **agreed in principle** to contribute on a shared funding basis with BDC and the RPFA and will consider this further at the October meeting.

1868. Reports from PC Representatives (if any).

There were no reports for this meeting.

1869. Finance matters:

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.

1324	£230.20	HMRC	PAYE 2 nd $\frac{1}{4}$ Year 2019/20
1325	£25.00	Essex & Herts Air Ambulance	Donation 2019/20
1326	£336.90	K. P. Taylor	Salary/expenses Aug. '19
1327	£121.50	K. Bridge	Litter picking Aug. '19
1328	£1458.19	P. G. Groundcare Ltd.	Maintenance Aug. '19

1870. Information exchange and items for the October agenda.

- * Was the recent straw bale fire the subject of arson activity?
- * Informal joint working between parish councils - the Clerk to Cressing parish council has agreed to act as liaison for these meetings, the first of which is to be scheduled toward the end of September.

1871. Ten minute public feedback (if required).

- * Damage to the Quiet Lane sign at Rectory Lane has been reported.
- * Could speed restriction bumps be installed along Rickstones Road?
- * The council's notice board outside the Village Hall requires repainting etc.

1872. Dates of future meetings.

Tuesdays 1st October and 5th November in Rivenhall Village Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the October agenda to the Clerk by 20th September at the latest.

1873. Closure

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.46 hours.

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

CHAIRMAN