

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2019  
IN THE RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL.**

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

**Also present:** Parish Clerk and 5 members of the public.

**1846. To receive any apologies for absence.**

There were no apologies to record.

**1847. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.**

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

**1848. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2019.**

The minutes were approved by a vote of 5 for 2 against and then signed by the Chairman.

**1849. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

The following matters were brought to members' attention:

- The RPPFA are in contact with BDC regarding the provision of a new footway from the Village Hall car park across to the car park at the Albert Moss Playing Field.
- The Chairman will contact BDC regarding the overhanging private garden hedge along Oak Road.
- The Clerk will contact the local landowner to request that the hedge along Oak Road from the railway bridge up to the houses be trimmed back.
- Drug use has been reported behind the Village Hall and at the Tarecroft Wood car park. The Clerk will arrange for reporting notices to be displayed on the council notice boards.

**1850. Matters for discussion.**

i. Wording of recent Minutes - a complaint.

A complaint has been raised by a local resident to the wording of Minute 1822(i), third paragraph - June 2019 meeting.

The Clerk will reply that these minutes, as with all the council minutes, were agreed by councillors before signature by the Chairman.

The production of the minutes is initiated by the Clerk, checked by the Chairman for accuracy then agreed by councillors at the next meeting. The Chairman then submits an abridged version of the minutes for inclusion within the End to End magazine.

ii. Request from local residents for a gate to the Tarecroft Wood Car Park.

Because of the misuse of this car park, drugs etc., ECC will be requested to install a lockable gate at the entrance to this car park on the left of the driveway up to Tarecroft Wood; local residents are prepared to open and close this gate overnight. ECC are also to be requested to cut back and thin out the hedge along the frontage onto Rickstones Road so that the car park becomes more visible.

iii. Possible provision of CCTV cameras.

The Clerk has obtained details of cameras ranging in price from £379.99 to £116.99, but only the most expensive has any remote connection via the O2

network. Details of the relevant website have been forwarded to BDC for further comment.

In the meantime, for the recycling site, the Clerk will check the existing parish council notices on site re dog fouling, fly tipping and CCTV coverage.

The Clerk will also obtain prices for the production of various warning signs to be considered at the September meeting.

It was also agreed the Clerk invite a member of the Essex Police to attend one of the regular council meetings.

iv. Possible production of a half-year report for circulation.

It **was agreed** that the Chairman liaise with the Clerk to produce a draft half-year report for final approval at the September meeting.

v. Highways & PRow matters.

(a) As requested by ECC Highways details of all the required footway repairs within the parish have been submitted.

(b) Some repair work has been completed along Oak Road from the A12 but the Henry Dixon Road/Oak Road junction will be done at a later date to be agreed.

(c) There are some initial proposals for a new footpath along Church Road for consideration at the September meeting.

(d) Further work is required relative to Footpaths 60 and 59 - Cllr. Cairns will liaise with the Clerk regarding further correspondence with ECC.

vi. General Maintenance.

(a) The Rickstones Academy boundary hedge requires cutting back and the maintenance contractor will be requested to undertake this work

(b) The maintenance contractor will be requested to cut back the overhanging tree branches at the Henry Dixon Road/Oak Road junction.

(c) The flower tubs along Church Road have not been sufficiently watered during the hot weather and this will be brought to the attention of the maintenance contractor.

### 1851. Planning Applications:

*New Applications:*

There were no new applications to be considered.

Cllr. Prime indicated that, on the BDC website, the land south of Rickstones Road is still being shown as being within Witham not Rivenhall

*Planning Results:*

**18/02076/FUL:** 116 Oak Road - sub-division of existing dwelling.

Application granted.

**19/00482/HH:** 3 waterfall cottages, Park Road - erection of rear garage.

Application granted.

*Planning Appeals:*

There were no appeals to be considered.

### 1852. Ongoing Planning Issues:

i. A12 & A120 Projects.

A12: Information emanating from the latest Forum meeting is as follows:

The work to the A12 will not start until at least 2023 and that date was described as "ambitious". (We were told originally that work was funded and would start in March 2020). It was confirmed that the proposed West Tey New Town of up to 24,000 houses is at least in part

responsible for the delays. There are no plans over the period until 2023 to carry out work to make safer the A12 junctions or improve the shoddy surface other than patching repairs, etc. There are also no plans for when the A12 is eventually moved and upgraded to include the "dedicated rapid transport" (bus/tram) lanes that BDC and the other councils promoting West Tey say will be provided. The cost for the A12 and A120 is now heading towards £2 billion combined. There may be a consultation on A12 route options (again) this autumn. It's not sure if one would be in Rivenhall End. Many at the meeting asked why the section from Witham to Kelvedon could not be done sooner as it did not affect West Tey. Highways England said they have to plan the whole scheme and cannot split it up. They did say that if the West Tey situation is not sorted by spring 2020 they will proceed with the route options previously consulted on but this would not bring forward the date before 2023.

A120: There was nothing further to report.

ii. BDC Local Plan.

It was reported that BDC have made some very minor amendments to their proposed submission to the Inspector but continue to maintain their objective of "Garden Communities". A new public consultation period is still to occur.

iii. Bradwell Quarry.

Planning Application ESS/03/18/BTE: Extraction of 2 million tonnes of sand and gravel from Site A5 has been granted.

iv. IWMF

It was reported that the Environment Agency decision regarding the 35 metre stack height permit application will not be forthcoming in the near future as the applicants have been asked to submit further information.

v. Colemans Quarry

There was nothing further to report.

vi. BDLHP.

There was nothing further to report.

**1853. Correspondence received since the date of this agenda.**

There was no correspondence to report.

**1854. Reports from PC Representatives (if any).**

There were no reports.

**1855. Finance matters:**

To agree accounts for payment.

**Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Abbott and unanimously agreed** that the following accounts be paid. Cheques were then drawn accordingly.

1320	£60.29	Braintree DC	Uncontested election expenses.
1321	£117.00	Karen Bridge	Litter picking July '19.
1322	£432.00	P. G. Groundcare Ltd.	Maintenance July '19.
1323	£336.00	K. P. Taylor	Salary/expenses July '19.

**1856. Information exchange and items for the September agenda.**

\* To consider the possible installation of a SID speed monitoring sign along Oak Road from the A12 at the September meeting.

\* BDC Planning are no longer taking telephone calls during the afternoons.

**1857. Ten minute public feedback (if required).**

By this time all members of the public had left the meeting.

**1858. Dates of future meetings.**

Tuesdays 3<sup>rd</sup> September in The Henry Dixon Hall and 1<sup>st</sup> October in Rivenhall Village Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the September agenda to the Clerk by 27<sup>th</sup> August at the latest.

**1859. Closure**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.12 hours.

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

CHAIRMAN