

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2 SEPTEMBER 2014**

The Parish Council meeting was preceded by an 'Open Meeting', commencing at 18.30 hours, to inspect and discuss details appertaining to the sand and gravel extraction plans submitted for Colemans Farm, Rivenhall End.

There were 51 members of the public in attendance including representatives from other local Parish Councils and the Agent representing the applicant .

All persons present were given an opportunity to inspect copies of the plans and documents available.

The Agent representing the applicant gave a brief presentation as did the Chairman of the Rivenhall Parish Council following which there were various questions/comments from the floor of the meeting.

Many of these comments will be incorporated within the Parish Council's official response to ECC (see item 966 below).

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

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott.

Also present: Parish Clerk and 10 members of the public.

963 To receive apologies for absence.

An apology was received from Cllr. Brailey.

964. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests relating to matters on this Agenda.

Cllr, Abbott and BDC Cllr. Lager both declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 966.

965. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 August 2014.

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

966. Planning Application ESS/39/14/BTE - Sand & Gravel Extraction at Colemans Farm, Rivenhall End.

Following the discussions and opinions voiced at the 'Open Meeting' preceding this meeting, it was **unanimously agreed** that the Chairman and Clerk liaise together to include many of the additional comments raised at the Open Meeting within the Chairman's previously circulated comments, and that this document be circulated to all Members prior to submission to ECC.

967. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

The following matter was brought to the attention of Members:

- Outstanding high way repairs in Oak Road and Henry Dixon Road, Rivenhall End.
- There is still no news regarding the future use of the former Fox P.H.
- New 30mph restriction along Oak Road - there is a legal restriction that 12 months must elapse before additional speed enforcement signage may be erected following a change of speed limits. Cllr. Bills will liaise with the local police regarding enforcement.
- The Clerk will request that the agents for the allotments along Oak Road consider opening them up for use by local residents.

968. Matters for Discussion:

i. Purchase of 'Fido' Dog Waste Bin. -

The latest Glasdon catalogue price of providing this bin is £95.95, including post fixings. **Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Prime and unanimously**

agreed that such a bin be purchased and erected as a replacement for the damaged bin on Rickstones Road.

- ii. BDC Ward changes.
- (a) LGBCE - A reply from the local MP indicates that she is unable to assist the Council in regard to the name of the new Ward. The Clerk has written again to the LGBCE recommending their reconsideration of the Ward name so as to indicate the inclusion of Rivenhall but their reply was still negative.
- (b) Witham Town Council has given notice that they are considering requesting a local boundary change so as to incorporate the new Forest Road development site within Witham. The Chairman attended the WTC meeting and firmly stated the RPC view that all of this development site was within Rivenhall Parish and that it would be helpful for the two councils to maintain a dialogue should any change be proposed; which WTC agreed to.
The Clerk will obtain clarification of the procedure for requesting such a boundary change. This will be further discussed at the next meeting if those details are available.
- iii. Half-yearly report.
Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Prime and agreed with a vote of 3 in favour, 1 against and with 1 abstention to produce another half-year report during October 2014, along similar lines to that produced for October 2013, including an invitation for residents to request any future copy via email. All items for inclusion **MUST BE** with the Clerk by 30th September 2014.
- iv. EALC AGM 18 September 2014 at 1.30pm.
Cllr. Prime agreed to attend this AGM if possible.
- v. County Highway Maintenance.
- (a) The Chairman agreed to contact ECC Highways reminding them of the outstanding repairs in Oak Road and Henry Dixon Road.
- (b) **Proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr. Bills and agreed with a vote of 5 for with 1 against** that the Parish Council support the submitted scheme for the Little Braxted Lane/Colemans Bridge junction improvements originally submitted to the Maldon District LHP.
- vi. General Maintenance.
- (a) **Proposed by Cllr. Clark, seconded by Cllr. Prime and unanimously agreed** that the Maintenance Contractor be requested to in future undertake the annual maintenance of the planters in Church Road and at the bottom of St. Mary's Road
- (b) He is also to be requested to clean/clear the slopes and steps leading up to the A12 from Henry Dixon Road and to cut back the overhanging bushes at the lay-by just under the A12 underpass along Henry Dixon Road.

969. Planning Matters:

New Applications:

14/00590/FUL: Conversion of barn to dwelling, addition of windows and internal alterations - Barn at Ford Farm, Church Road.

Members raised the following observation relative to this application:

The applicant has scored through the part of the application relating to flooding and location in relation to any watercourses. In fact the barn is close to Rivenhall Brook at a point where it is a controlled watercourse (EA) and it is very close, possibly in the flood plain as stipulated on BDC maps - though that is difficult to be clear given the scale used.

14/01130/FUL: Conversion of outbuildings - The Old Rectory, Rectory Lane.
Members raised no observations relative to this planning application.

Planning Results:

There were no planning results to report.

Planning Appeals:

There were no planning appeals to report.

970. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. BDC Local Plan.
BDC has published a future programme for the receipt and consideration of new sites and this is being circulated to PC Members.
- ii. Rivenhall Airfield.
Planning application ESS/41/14.BTE - Extension of time of 2 years for commencement of planning permission for an Integrated Waste Management Facility. Date of commencement from 2 March 2015 to 2 March 2017.
It was **unanimously agreed** that the Chairman's circulated comments be forwarded to ECC.
- iii. ECC Waste Development Plan.
Nothing further to report.
- iv. ECC Minerals Plan.
Nothing further to report.
- v. Braintree District Local Highways Panel:
The next Panel meeting is scheduled for Thursday 9 October 2014.
 - a. Rickstones Road drains and kerbing - **AGREED, FUNDED AND DESIGN COMPLETE.** Following site meeting with ECC Highways Cabinet Member, £75,000 central funds allocated so net cost to BLHP is reduced. Estimated total cost £130,772. **New delivery date February 2015.**
 - b. Railway Bridge, Oak Road - Previously fully **AGREED** and **FUNDED.** Was due for delivery by end of March 2014. **New date for delivery November 2014.** Cost £45,000. Late due to ongoing investigations as to where cables run and dialogue with farmers about width for agricultural machinery. Still being wrongly described in the LHP lists as signal controlled [ECC were advised post the April meeting that it is not and have been again]. New plans produced and circulated at meeting - may need final tweaks as safety audit to take place.
 - c. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road - Previously **AGREED** subject to surveys. Panel agreed at January meeting to put an additional £7,500 into detailed design. Main hold up is cost of signs on A12 and slowness of Highways Agency in responding. Good agreement of Panel members that the scheme needs to be delivered along with improvements to A12 junctions (Highways Agency future scheme). **New date for design delivery is now December 2014.**
 - d. Church Road layby at church - Panel previously **AGREED** to commission design at cost of £1.5k. Estimated scheme cost £20k. **New date for design delivery is December 2014.**
 - e. Extended 30mph limit along Church Road - Speed survey now completed (loops set at the War Memorial) and shows that the majority of drivers are exceeding the 30mph limit. ECC officers still think this isn't strong enough for them to recommend a 40mph buffer but are willing for the PC Chairman to attempt to get it through as an exception to policy - Chair of the LHP has agreed this action.

- f. Extended railings outside the School entrance - **AGREED AND FUNDED**. 22m of new railing will be installed at a cost of £3,000. Delivery date not known as this was a verbal only item - it will be minuted though.
- g. Possible 20mph restriction outside the School entrance - A letter in support of the petition submitted to ECC was sent to ECC Cllr. Bass (Cabinet Member for Highways & Transportation). Cllr. Bass has since written to the Chairman (in his role as County Councillor) to announce that he has turned down the proposal.
- h. Church Road/Oak Road highway signage - **AGREED AND FUNDED**. Final drawings for new signs to be produced. Cost £4,500.
- i. Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - **New scheme submitted and awaiting validation** - 2 small areas of grasscrete in Oak Road near Railway Bridge to allow parking and protect verge from further damage.

971. Correspondence received since the date of this agenda.

There was no other correspondence received.

972. Reports from PC Representatives.

There were no reports from PC representatives due at this meeting.

973. 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.

981	Kempco Ltd	£13.60	Printing
982	D. Clark	£386.90	Posts/plants/bulbs
083	HM Revenue & Customs	£176.20	PAYE
984	K. P. Taylor	£269.10	Salary/expenses Aug. 2014
985	A. Walsh	£298.50	Maintenance Aug. 2014

974. Information exchange and items for the next agenda.

- Carillion/UKPN are in the process of closing the site compound on Church Road.
- The Clerk will again write to Railtrack regarding parking in Oak Road near the Railway Bridge.
- Payment for the RBL memorial wreath to be considered at the next meeting.
- Minor matters have been inspected in and around Tarecroft Wood, no action is required.
- The Chairman has sent written question to ECC regarding the apparent Highways Depot at Rivenhall Airfield.

975. Dates of future meetings:

Tuesdays 7 October and 4 November in Rivenhall Village Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00hours.

Items for the October meeting to the Clerk by 26 September at the latest.

976. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.30 hours.

Signed: Date:

CHAIRMAN