

RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1 SEPTEMBER 2009.

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

Also present: Parish Clerk.

208. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Wright and Salmon.

209. Declarations of Interest relating to Agenda items.

There were no Declarations of Interest reported.

210. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 August 2009.

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

211. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

No members of the public were present to raise matters with Members.

212. Matters for Discussion:

i. ECC Highways:

The Clerk will write to thank ECC Highways for the work completed at Oak Corner and raise again the outstanding issues together with the fact that certain willow trees along Henry Dixon Road have branches at dangerously low heights. Previously raised footpath matters remain outstanding together with another missing sign at the junction of Footpaths 41 and 38 and along Snivellers Lane between Footpaths 49 and 41.

ii. Councillor training:

This has been arranged for 19.30 hours on Thursday 26 November 2009. It would appear that all Members are free to attend the training session and the Clerk will notify EALC accordingly.

iii. General maintenance work required within the Parish.

Mr. Walsh has reported that the felt in the shed is not exterior quality. It was **unanimously agreed** that he be requested to purchase a roll of exterior quality roofing felt, plus adhesive and felt nails from Nordic Timber in Silver End, then re-felt the shed roof. The steps and slopes from Henry Dixon Road to the A12 need constant attention at this time of the year.

iv. RCCE - Communities Initiatives Fund.

Details of this scheme were placed in the circulation file.

v. BDC Local Strategic Partnership Assembly - 13 October 2009.

There were no volunteers to attend this meeting.

213. Planning Matters:

Applications:

09/01012/FUL: Redevelopment works - New Rickstones Academy.

Members raised no overall objection to this application, however, there are certain concerns which the Clerk will refer to BDC for further consideration, as follows:

- Details are requested for all site lighting.
- Information is required re the delivery/service access and exits from Rickstones Road, particularly assurances concerning the removal of part of the hedge and its reinstatement upon completion of the works.
- Information is required re lorry access during the redevelopment works.

- Confirmation regarding the reinstatement of the caretaker's house, will this be in Witham or Rivenhall.

09/01009/FUL: Erection of storage building - Builders Merchants, Glebe Yard, Forest Road.

Members raised no objection but request that all site lighting be switched off after working hours.

09/00938/FUL: Excavate fishing lake etc - Land opp. Colemans Cottages, Lt. Braxted Lane.

Members raised no objection but request that the bunding and planting be of good quality.

Planning Results:

09/00783/FUL: Office building - Builders Yard, Forest Road.

Application granted

09/00814/FUL: Allotments and sheds - adj. 321 Rickstones Road.

Application granted subject to the ECC required condition that a 90metre visibility splay be maintained at the entrance to the site. This would necessitate the removal of the mature hedge and the PC notice board. The Clerk is to write to both ECC and BDC requesting a site meeting to discuss this and in the meantime to request that no action be taken to remove the hedge.

09/00660/FUL: Dirt track - Rickstones Academy.

The Chairman reported that this application had been granted with conditions imposed as recommended by the PC.

Ongoing Planning Matters:

i. Local Development Framework

The next BDC meeting will be held on 2 September 2009. A possible Public Inquiry date will be during 2010.

ii. Rivenhall Airfield

The Public Inquiry will open on 29 September and will last for three weeks, but not sitting on Mondays. Proofs of evidence were despatched on 1 September 2009 and the next Local Councils meeting will be held on 16 September 2009.

iii. ECC Minerals & Waste Development Framework

ECC indicate that consultation documents will be sent out within the next 2 weeks with a consultation period from 17 September to 12 November 2009. This is potentially serious for Rivenhall Parish with proposed sites in Witham, Silver End and Rivenhall.

iv. New Rickstones Academy

See under Planning Matters: Applications above.

At this juncture Cllr. Prime was called away from the meeting due to work commitments.

214. Correspondence received since the date of the Agenda.

- A site meeting with the Highways Agency re the A12 at Rivenhall End is being arranged.
- Post Office Ltd have replied that the vacancy for the position of Sub postmaster at Rivenhall is currently advertised on their website. This advert clearly states that "*...alternative premises will need to be provided by the new sub postmaster...*"
The Clerk will write to BDC, RPFA and RCCE initially enquiring regarding a possible relocation of a Post Office within the Village Hall.

- A letter of thanks has been received from Rivenhall School for the grant towards the special oak table.
- EALC 64th AGM on 23 September 2009. Cllr. Prime usually attends this meeting on behalf of the PC

215. Finance Matters;

To agree accounts for payment.

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

649	The Audit Commission	£155.25	External Audit fee for 2008/09
650	K. P. Taylor	£294.65	Salary/expenses (August)
651	A. Walsh	£265.00	General maintenance (August)
652	Henry Dixon Hall Charity	£10.00	Hall Hire

Notice of completion of Audit for 2008/09.

The Clerk informed Members that the audit for the year ending 31 March 2009 had been concluded with no adverse comments made by the external auditors. The statutory notices have been displayed on all the notice boards.

216. Information exchange and items for the next Agenda.

- Rats in St, Mary's Road - being dealt with by the appropriate authority.
- VAS in Rickstones Road - a shared facility provided by ECC.
- VAS in Rivenhall End to be considered at the Precept Meeting.
- The complaints about the local service provided by BT - to be included on the next agenda.
- Fire at the lower end of the Playing Field.
- Possible provision of additional parking to replace the grassed areas in Tusser Close - the Chairman will investigate.
- A special safer parking initiative will be undertaken outside the school during October 2009.
- ECC land along Oak Road - to be included on the next agenda when the Clerk will have the previous documents to hand.

217. Dates of future meetings.

Tuesdays 6 October and 3 November, both meetings in Rivenhall Village Hall commencing at 20.00 hours.

The Precept meeting is scheduled for Thursday 19 November in the Committee Room of The Henry Dixon Hall, commencing at 19.30 hours.

218. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.55

Signed:

CHAIRMAN

Date: