

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2 JUNE 2015**

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

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott

Also present: Parish Clerk and 2 members of the public.

1003. To receive any apologies for absence.

There were no apologies for absence.

1004. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests relating to matters on this Agenda.

Cllr. Abbott declared Non-Pecuniary Interests in all matters relating to ECC and the BDLHLP.

Cllr. Anderson declared a Non Pecuniary Interest in item 1007(i) and a Pecuniary Interest in item 1108 (15/00594/FUL) and will leave the meeting during any discussion.

1005. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 May 2015.

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

1006. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

The following matters were brought to the attention of Members:

- Traffic speeds along Park Road and the protection for residents. This will probably require a BDLHP submission bid, which the Chairman will document and the Vice-Chairman will submit on behalf of the Council. Cllr. Abbott had declared a Non Pecuniary Interest relative to this item.

1007. Matters for Discussion.

- i. Matters concerning the protected Rectory Lane.
 - (a) Following the public exhibition Bellway would like to make a brief presentation to the Parish Council to provide an update on the scheme for the development of land off Forest Road. It **was agreed** to invite Bellway to the July meeting, pointing out that the public have a right to attend also.
 - (b) **Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Prime and unanimously agreed** that the Clerk contact ECC, BDC, WTC and the BDLHP regarding the suggestion for vehicle restrictions along the length of the protected Rectory Lane.
- ii. ECC bus & passenger transport strategy - local network meetings in June.
The local meeting are to be held in Braintree on 3 June and Witham on 5 June 2015, both from 10.00 to noon and 13.00 to 16.00. Cllr. Prime will be attending on 3 June.
- iii. ECC Statement of Community Involvement - Public Consultation.
The consultation period runs until 17.30 on 25 June 2015.
Members agreed to send any comments to the Chairman, then for a draft response to be circulated prior to an official response being sent to ECC before the deadline.
- iv. County Highway Maintenance
Potholes repaired along Oak Road.
ECC to undertake a survey regarding the warning signage north of the Railway Bridge in Oak Road.
Highway patch repairs will be undertaken throughout the BDC area.
Various lighting stubs have still to be removed.
ECC are to be requested to trim back the verges along Rickstones Road together with the hedge and the bushes along the Academy boundary fence.
- v. General Maintenance
General maintenance continues as planned.

Bulbs to be planted in the new grass verge along Rickstones Road. July agenda. FP38 requires some attention at its access/egress as it links with Church Road. A request is to be made to BDC for a map indicating their land ownership within the parish.

1108. Planning matters:

New Applications:

15/00594/FUL: Erection of timber framed annexe building within the garden. Rickstones Farm House, 300 Rickstones Road.

Members raised no objection to this application.

15/00634/FUL: Erection of two-storey side extension. 318 Rickstones Road.

Members raised no objection to this application.

Planning Results:

15/00431/FUL: Rickstones Academy - erection of three canopies.

Application granted.

Planning Appeals:

There were no planning appeals to be considered.

1109. Ongoing Planning Issues:

i. BDC Local Plan

An initial BDC meeting is scheduled for 11 June 2015.

There have been reports in the local press of additional sites being included in the District as a whole; the Chairman will enquire if any of these are within Rivenhall Parish.

ii. Rivenhall Airfield - Bradwell Quarry

There is a liaison meeting scheduled for 25 June 2015.

iii. Rivenhall Airfield - Waste Incinerator

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

iv. ECC Waste Development Plan

ECC and Southend-on-Sea are working to prepare a Replacement Waste Local Plan and invite Members to attend an engagement event at 09.30 on Friday 19 June at St. Cedds Hall at the Chapter House in Chelmsford. This event is targeted specifically at Parish Councils and the main focus will be the Revised Preferred Approach, which will be available for public consultation in June 2015. Any Member wishing to attend must notify the Clerk as early as possible so that booking arrangements can be made.

v. ECC Minerals Plan

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

vi. Proposed Colemans Farm Quarry Application

The Chairman has requested clarity from ECC regarding the proposed access to the quarry and its junction with the A12 slip road, particularly bearing in mind the Maldon LHP proposed scheme to narrow the junction with the A12 slip road to help reduce HGV use of this narrow and historic rural lane. ECC Cllr. R. Bass has also expressed grave concerns regarding this.

vii. Tarecroft Wood

There is nothing further to report at this meeting.

viii. Braintree District Local Highways Panel

a. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road - Currently being re-assessed by ECC.

b. Church Road layby at church - Scheme completed

c. Extended 30mph limit along Church Road - Scheme agreed.

- d. Church Road/Oak Road highway signage - Scheme to be linked with (a) above.
- e. Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - Scheme agreed.

The next Panel meeting is scheduled for 25 June 2015 and it has been confirmed that the budget figure for 2015/16 is the same as that for 2014/15.

1110. Correspondence received since the date of this agenda.

There was no additional correspondence.

1111. Reports from PC Representatives.

The Chairman is enquiring regarding liaison relative to local public footpaths and the stock of equipment and supplies.

1112. Finance matters:

To agree accounts for payment.

Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Prime and unanimously agreed

that the following accounts be paid. Cheques were then drawn accordingly.

1027	Zurich Municipal	£657.72	Insurance Premium 2015/16
1028	P. Clark	£60.33	Planting at Rivenhall End
1029	HMRC	£215.00	PAYE Apr/June 2015/16
1030	SLCC	£103.00	Subscription 2015/16
1031	K.P. Taylor	£316.00	Salary/expenses May 2015.
1032	A. Walsh	£361.45	Maintenance May 2015

1113. Information exchange and items for the next Agenda.

- The Clerk will register the Council on the Essex Police "Action Fraud Alert" website.
- The grass surrounding the salt bin at the top of the roadway leading to the Beech Road garage site needs constant cutting - Greenfields have identified the problem.
- The Clerk will send a list of Parish Council meeting dates to the new District Councillor Mr. Bowers with an invitation for him to attend.
- Motor cyclists have again been reported using the fields off Rickstones Road and at certain other sites within the parish.
- HGVs using Oak Road and failing to negotiate the Railway Bridge remains a constant problem.

1114. Dates of future meetings.

Tuesdays 7 July and 4 August 2015, both in Rivenhall Village Hall commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the July meeting to the Clerk by 26 June 2015 at the latest.

1115. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.18 hours.

Signed: Date:

CHAIRMAN