

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY 2019  
IN THE RIVENHALL VILLAGE HALL.**

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

**Also present:** Parish Clerk and 1 member of the public.

**1832. To receive any apologies for absence.**

There were no apologies received.

**1833. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.**

Cllr. Abbott declared non-pecuniary interests in all matters relating to ECC, and the BDLHP, and a pecuniary interest in items 1837(19/01005/HH) and 1841 (Chairman's allowance).

**1834. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2019.**

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

**1835. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

The following matters were brought to members' attention:

- \* Grass cutting on the Albert Moss Playing Field is required early during week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> July prior to the RPFA fete on 27<sup>th</sup> July.

**1836. Matters for discussion.**

i. Replacement of posts on the Village Green.

The maintenance contractor has agreed that he can replace a dozen posts at the same price as last year, £67.93 plus VAT. BDC has agreed to reimburse 60% of this cost once again.

**Proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr. Wright and unanimously agreed** that this action be taken.

ii. Possible provision of CCTV cameras.

An approach has been made to BDC for the possible purchase 2 CCTV cameras for use within Rivenhall Parish. BDC officers are hoping to secure a discount for the parish council via suppliers Manfrotto.

This matter will be further considered at the August meeting, or when a reply is received from BDC.

iii. Possible land for social housing at Stoverns Hall Farm, Rickstones Road.

An informal meeting with a local Land Management Agents was held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2019, 14.00hrs. in The Henry Dixon Hall. This was an informal discussion regarding the possible, potential availability of land within Rivenhall for a limited number of 'Socially' affordable residential dwellings which would be of benefit to the parish. No decisions or formal proposals were made by either party.

iv. Co-option procedures.

The Clerk had produced a briefing document relative to this subject and a copy had been given to each councillor prior to this meeting.

The co-option procedure followed at the June meeting was in accordance with the relevant legislation, Section 21 of the Representation of the People Act 1985.

Cllr. Turner asserted that both the Chairman and the Clerk had misled the council regarding the co-option procedure adopted at the previous meeting and

insisted that, despite he having earlier voted to approve the minutes of that meeting, the recorded order of decision making had been incorrectly recorded. The Chairman stated that the co-option procedure had been checked to ensure it was correct before it was used and that other local parish councils had co-opted in a similar way recently following the May elections where several of them had vacancies. Cllr. Turner accused the Chairman of being in collusion with other councillors to 'play the system'; but on being asked for evidence of that he did not elaborate further.

v. Possible joint working with Silver End & Cressing Parish Councils.

This suggestion has come from SEPC with the idea that joint liaison meetings, other than the normal council meetings, could possibly be held every six months. **Proposed by Cllr. Abbott, seconded by Cllr. A'Lee and agreed with one abstention** that this informal liaison meeting be initiated, if possible, commencing Autumn 2019.

vi. Highways & PRow matters.

(a) Proposed diversion of F/path 60, Rivenhall.

It was agreed that Cllr. Cairns report to the Clerk all the footpath issues surrounding the Bellway developments so that these can be referred to them for comment/rectification.

(b) H. E. report that they have technology that alerts them when the HDR/A12 pump fails and they deploy resources accordingly to investigate/rectify the issue.

(c) The following other issues were mentioned and appropriate action will be taken:

- The Oak junction potholes - some have been repaired but others left.
- Essex Police ran a speed check in the village recently and identified transgressors.
- The overgrown hedge along Oak Road has been cut back.
- The Rickstones Road footways have been submitted to ECC for vital improvement work.
- Diverted public footpath 59 improvement - defects are to be reported to ECC.
- Oak Road/Henry Dixon Road improvements are still to be programmed by ECC.

vi. General Maintenance.

- The maintenance contractor will be requested to repair the broken chain along the Village Green boundary with Church Road.
- Cllr. Turner is in contact with Greenfields regarding the damaged post on the small Village Green.

**1837. Planning Applications:**

*New Applications:*

**19/01005/HH:** 1 Waterfall Cottages, Park Road - Single storey conservatory.

*(The Chairman left the meeting during the discussion of this item and the Vice-Chairman took the Chair.)*

Members raised no objection to this application.

**19/01036/HH:** 128 Oak Road - Two storey rear/side extension.

Members raised no objection to this application.

*Planning Results:*

**19/00644/HH:** 1<sup>st</sup> floor rear extension etc - 4 Foxmead, Rivenhall End. Application granted.

**19/00844/PDEM:** Prior notification re demolition of derelict building - Kelvedon Park, London Road. Prior approval not required.

*Planning Appeals:*

There were no appeals to be considered.

**1838. Ongoing Planning Issues:**

- i. A12 & A120 Projects..  
There was nothing to report at this meeting.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.  
A further public consultation process is anticipated to commence during Autumn 2019.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.  
There was nothing to report at this meeting.
- iv. IWMF.  
There was nothing to report at this meeting
- v. Colemans Quarry.  
There was a site liaison meeting late in June at very short notice; longer notice of such future meetings has been requested.
- vi. Braintree District Local Highways Panel (BDLHP).  
Resulting from the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019:
  - The Colemans Bridge 30mph scheme was rejected.
  - The re-alignment of the Morrisons r/about was rejected with the request that money saved be used to provide for a zebra crossing near the Conrad Road/Rickstones Road junction.
  - ECC now fully recognise the need for, and agree to the installation of two interactive HGV signs warning of the low bridge along Oak Road, Rivenhall End. One sign along Church Road and another along Rickstones Road.

**1839. Correspondence received since the date of this agenda.**

- \* BDC has initiated a consultation process regarding its Corporate Strategy 2020/2024; posters have been displayed and residents are requested to take part in the online consultation process.
- \* The RCCE 2019 AGM will be held on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, commencing at 19.00 at the Chelmsford City racecourse.
- \* A request has been received from a local resident that a Tree Preservation Order be requested on a mature Walnut Tree approximately 3 metres into the field from the northbound A12 highway boundary fence (OS grid ref: 837164).  
**It was unanimously agreed that BDC be requested to grant this TPO.**

**1840. Reports from PC Representatives.**

There were no reports for this meeting.

**1841. 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.**

1312	£72.60	RCCE	Membership fee 2019/20
1313	£675.00	J. E. Abbott	Chairman's allowance 2019/20
1314	£26.25	HDH Charity	Hall Hire
1315	£106.00	SLCC	Membership fee 2019/20
1316	£40.00	RPFA	Hall Hire
1317	£141.75	Karen Bridge	Litter picking June 2019
1318	£468.00	P. G. Groundcare Ltd.	Maintenance June 2019
1319	£407.79	K. P. Taylor	Salary/expenses June 2019

**1842. Information exchange and items for the August agenda.**

No matters were raised.

**1843. Ten minute public feedback (if required).**

No matters were raised.

**1844. Dates of future meetings.**

Tuesdays 6<sup>th</sup> August in Rivenhall Village Hall and 3<sup>rd</sup> September in The Henry Dixon Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the August agenda to the Clerk by 26<sup>th</sup> July at the latest.

**1845. Closure.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.25 hours.

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

CHAIRMAN