

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 7 FEBRUARY 2017.**

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

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott

Also present: Parish Clerk, BDC Cllr. K. Bowers and 19 members of the public.

1399. To receive any apologies for absence.

There were no apologies received.

1400. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests relating to matters on this Agenda.

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

Cllr. Anderson declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 1404 (17/00106/FUL)

1401. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 January 2017.

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

1402. Public Forum including the A12 widening and A120 route options.

During an 'open' discussion various matters were raised relating to the A12 widening and A120 re-routing and these were further discussed under item 1405(i) below.

Other matters raised were as follows:

- Proposals for local level crossing closures
- Essex Police have taken some action against HGV drivers at the Oak Road railway bridge
- Surface water flooding at Rickstones Road below Stoverns Hall Farm.
- Mud deposits along Oak Road.

1403 Matters for Discussion

i. Co-option of new councillor.

As no election has been requested to fill the casual vacancy on the Parish Council, following the advertisement an application for co-option has been received from Mr. David Knubley, 11 Oak Road, Rivenhall End.

Proposed by Cllr. Abbott, seconded by Cllr. Anderson and unanimously agreed that Mr. Knubley be co-opted as a Councillor for Rivenhall Parish Council.

Mr. Knubley duly signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the other Members for the remainder of the meeting.

The Clerk will provide Mr. Knubley with all other documents, the Register of Members' Interests and full contact details, to be returned to the Clerk no later than at the March meeting.

ii. Broadband provision in Rivenhall

Members commented that the Broadband provision within the parish was very hit and miss.

The Clerk will contact BT regarding the damage to the box at the Village Green.

- iii. Annual Parish Assembly - format & Annual Report content.
 After discussion it **was agreed** for a similar format to last year with the following being invited to attend with a brief report:
 Essex Police, BDC, ECC Highways, local MP, Greenfields and the local School.
 The Clerk will format the Annual Report with a major contribution from the Chairman upon local issues.
 A draft Report to be ready for agreement at the April meeting, for distribution before the APA on 2 May 2017.
- iv. Highways Maintenance
 The Chairman has yet again reiterated to H.E. the necessity for remedial works at the A12 through Rivenhall End, including cleaning the areas near the exit slips.
 There has been a marked increase in the number of potholes reported within the parish with some marked for attention but others missed.
- v. General Maintenance
 The maintenance contractor has been requested to trim the brambles surrounding the Tarecroft Wood parking area off Rickstones Road and to trim back the growth along footpath 47, from Oak Road alongside the railway embankment; and to remove any litter.
 BDC has agreed to install a new litter bin in the Tarecroft Wood car park.
 The maintenance contractor will be requested to prune back the small Beech trees at the Oak Road recycling site.
 It was requested that a cover be provided for the salt, stockpiled at the Village Hall.
 The Clerk reported that the Hayter mower had been sold for £200.00.

1404. Planning Matters:

New Applications:

17/00106/FUL: 7 St. Mary's Road - erection of two storey side extension.
 Members raised no objection to this application (Cllr. Anderson abstained)

Planning Results:

16/02161/NMA: Increased height and footprint apartment block A - Land off Forest Road.

Application **approved**.

16/01769/FUL: Erection of car port etc - 321 Rickstones Road.

Application **granted**.

Planning Appeals:

The lighting at Rivenhall Oaks Children's area has been settled but BDC are still making enquiries regarding the car park lighting.

1405. Ongoing Planning Issues:

i. A12 & A120 Widening & Improvement Projects

Following the lengthy public participation at item 1402 above, it was **proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr. Anderson and unanimously agreed** to give support to Option 2 for the A12 widening scheme, with the proviso, previously agreed by HE, that much more detail will be provided for future consultations; then, **proposed by Cllr. Wright,**

seconded by Cllr. Turner and unanimously agreed to give support to Option A for the re-routing of the A120.

- ii. BDC Local Plan.
As per the January minutes, BDC has deferred their main meeting until June 2017.
- iii. Rivenhall Airfield - Bradwell Quarry.
Nothing to report at this meeting.
- iv. ECC & SBC Joint Replacement Waste Plan - Modifications.
It was agreed for the Chairman to circulate detailed comments prior to replying to this consultation document.
- v. Rivenhall Airfield - Waste Incinerator.
Gent Fairhead & Co Ltd have held a preliminary pre-application meeting with the E.A. regarding a new environmental permit application which may be submitted coincidentally with the proposed application to vary the IWMF's stack height. It's anticipated that the new permit application will be made within a few weeks.
- vi. Proposed Colemans Farm Quarry.
ECC has indicated that all the criteria have been met regarding this quarry development.
- vii. Braintree District Local Highways Panel.
The very latest information remains as follows:
 - a. *7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road* - The ECC Cabinet Member has decided to withdraw his decision to drop this scheme. This means it will NOT now go to the Scrutiny Committee. A new report will be drawn up and that will include further work on whether an exemption can be given to the landowner for access to his field.
 - b. *Extended 30mph limit along Church Road* - Discussions continue regarding a possible reintroduction of the original proposal for a 40mph "buffer" zone.
 - c. *Rectory Lane* - a new scheme to block the southern exit of Rectory Lane has been submitted. At the moment this has been rejected.
 - d. *Oak Road* - a new scheme submitted re HGVs ignoring weight and height warnings going down Oak Road to the railway bridge. Numerous residents have complained recently, police called, etc as HGVs try to reverse back causing chaos. The 2 suggestions to the BDLHP are to liaise with all satnav providers to detail the road as unsuitable for HGVs and to install some form of height warning system between the Rickstones Road junction and Hoo Hall Lodge to alert drivers to go no further if they are in over-height vehicles.
 - (e) Having received a request from a local resident, The Chairman will submit a new scheme - erection of "Beware Horses" warning signs along Rickstones Road.

The Chairman reported that due to lack of funding all schemes are being subject to delay.

1406. Correspondence received since the date of this Agenda.

There was no additional correspondence to be considered.

1407. Reports from PC Representatives.

Cllr. Wright reported that the finances of the RPPFA were at a providential level.

1408. Finance Matters;

To agree accounts for payment.

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

1147	Kempco Ltd	£32.64	Copy letters re A12
1148	Karen Bridge	£76.50	Litter picking Jan. '17
1149	June Bala	£72.00	Litter picking Jan. '17
1150	K. P. Taylor	£330.68	Salary/expenses Jan. '17

1409. Information exchange and items for the February Agenda.

- * The lack of efficient signage at the junction of Rectory Lane and Rickstones Road.
- * The Chairman reported yet another RTA along Church Road/Park Road.

1410. 10 Minutes Public Feedback.

- * Animals on the A12 near Burghey Brook
- * The poor condition underfoot along F/Path 4 from St. Mary's Road.
- * Lack of lighting behind the trees edging the footway opposite Rickstones Farmhouse along Rickstones Road.

1411. Dates of future meetings:

Tuesdays 7 March in The Henry Dixon Hall and 4 April in Rivenhall Village Hall, commencing promptly at 20.00 hours. Items for the March meeting to the Clerk by 24 February at the latest.

1412. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.57 hours.

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

CHAIRMAN