

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL.  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2011.**

**Present:** Cllrs. Abbott, Bills, Brailey, Wright, Clark, Prime and Salmon.

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Abbott.

**Also Present:** Stephanie Bills (taking the minutes) and 4 members of the public.

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

There were no apologies for absence.

**490.. Declarations of Interest relating to Agenda items.**

Councillor Clark reported a Personal Interest in item 493(i)

**491.. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2011.**

A number of typos were amended.

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

**492.. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

The following matters were brought to the attention of Members:

- Residents raised many matters in relation to the future of the Henry Dixon Road play area and in addition the size and condition of the willows and other large trees surrounding the play area and fronting on to the road itself.

**493.. Matters for Discussion:**

i. The future of the Henry Dixon Road play area, Rivenhall End.

To date the Clerk has received five replies in response to the letter regarding the play area, one in favour of surrendering the lease, four in favour of retaining the play area with minimal maintenance.

It was **proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr. Clark and agreed by a majority vote** to retain the play area with minimal maintenance. Cllr. Abbott suggested that a proper inspection take place, involving BDC if possible, to ascertain what needs to be done in respect of the safety issues raised.

ii. Environmental improvements to grass area at top of St. Mary's Road.

A communication from GreenfieldsCH says that this area belongs to BDC and that the highway surrounding it is adopted by ECC, therefore, GreenfieldsCH is unable to undertake any environmental improvements to the site. Cllr Bills advised that a smaller refuse freighter is now being used for the top of St Mary's Road, and no further damage to the grass area has been observed.

iii. ECC winter salt bag scheme - Cllr. Bills provided details of the scheme.

It was **proposed by Cllr. Abbott, seconded by Cllr. Wright and agreed by a unanimous vote** that the scheme be taken up. Cllr. Bills and Cllr. Clark will formulate plans for Rivenhall and Rivenhall End respectively for location for storage and volunteers to distribute the salt.

iv. RCCE course re Introducing Community Led Planning, 11<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

Cllrs. Prime and Wright agreed to attend the course.

v. BDC & BDVSA: Meet The Funders Day, 6<sup>th</sup> October 2011.

No Members put themselves forward at the meeting. Information to be put in the circulation box.

vi. EALC 'Sharing Best Practice' Coffee Morning, 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

No Members put themselves forward at the meeting. Information to be put in the circulation box.

vii. EALC Awards Ceremony & AGM, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

No Members put themselves forward at the meeting. Information to be put in the circulation box.

viii. Gate at Albert Moss Playing Field.

Cllr. Bills has spoken to the blacksmith about a support leg with wheel. It was **proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr. Salmon and unanimously agreed** to go ahead immediately with the work if the quote did not exceed £150.00. If the quote exceeds £150.00 a chain and padlock should be purchased as an interim measure until a decision is made at the next meeting.

ix. General maintenance required in the Parish:

- The Council's Maintenance Contractor reported a broken concrete bollard at the Oak recycling area. The Chairman to report to ECC Highways.
- Cllr. Bills advised that the missing panel in the telephone box has been reported.
- The Council's maintenance Contractor reported that the grass verge at the top of Fox Mead has deep troughs where cars have been parking on it making it difficult to mow.

**494.. Planning Matters:**

**Applications:**

**11/01114/FUL:** 469 Rickstones Road - Construction of vehicular access.

No objections

**Planning Results:**

**11/00799/FUL:** Ford Farm, Church Road - Change of use of traditional building to a residential use etc.

Application granted with S106.

**11/00915/FUL:** The Fox Inn - Removal of condition 11 (access onto Oak Road).

Application granted with advice to applicant that suitable signage be erected encouraging visitors to turn left when departing the site.

**Planning Enforcement:**

Cllr. Abbott reported that he had emailed BDC Planning Enforcement regarding the Rivenhall Oaks Golf Club Planning Application, pointing out that the application is retrospective and previous events held at the club have been in breach of existing conditions.

**Ongoing Planning Matters:**

i. Local Development Framework

The Chairman had contacted BDC about the procedure for consulting parishes on the Allocations Document. BDC had said that in the case of smaller parishes such as Rivenhall, this would now be by exchange of letters, not a meeting, and that this would likely be sometime in October.

ii. Rivenhall Airfield

No further information.

iii. ECC Minerals Development Document

a. Report re briefing meeting 19<sup>th</sup> August.

Cllrs. Abbott and Wright attended the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> August and noted that the proposed site was the same as the old site but with different boundaries, and that previous correspondence from Council and residents will not be taken into consideration. It was **proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Brailey and agreed by a vote of 4 – 1** in favour of a letter to be sent out to all residents in Rivenhall and Rivenhall End informing them of how they can take part in the new consultation process.

b. Further report re Site A2.

Letter and information received from ECC.

c. ECC Drop-in Session at Henry Dixon Hall re future minerals extraction at Rivenhall End: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

- iv. New Rickstones Academy  
No date yet for next liaison meeting.

**495.. Correspondence received since the date of the Agenda.**

None.

**496.. Finance Matters:**

To agree accounts for payment.

It was **proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Bills and unanimously agreed** that the following accounts be paid. Cheques were then drawn accordingly.

780	Glasdon UK Ltd	£333.62	2 Dog Waste Bins
781	Solagen Ltd	£153.60	Call out and labour charges
782	K. P. Taylor	£250.06	Salary/expenses August 2011
783	A. Walsh	£326.00	Maintenance August 2011

**497.. Information exchange and items for the next Agenda**

- Communications in progress regarding Broadband.
- Mirror posts have been stolen.
- Vehicles being broken into.
- Cllr. Brailey can't drive due to upcoming operation so won't be able to attend next meeting.
- Workmen observed on footway under the A12 bridge.
- Speedwatch still not re-started.
- New Minister started in Parish - Paul Watkin.
- Post Office now open at Oak Stores.

**498.. Dates of future meetings:**

Tuesdays 4<sup>th</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> November 2011 in Rivenhall Village Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00 hours. Items for the October meeting to the Clerk by 23<sup>rd</sup> September at the latest.

Members are reminded that the annual Precept meeting is scheduled for the evening of Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2011.

**499.. Closure.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.35 hours.

Signed: .....

CHAIRMAN

Date: .....