

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 5TH MAY 2020
HELD ELECTRONICALLY DUE TO THE COVID-19 HEALTH RESTRICTIONS.**

1974. Under the Government COVID-19 regulations there is no Annual Parish Council Meeting, the existing Chairman to remain in post until May 2021.
1975. All council representatives to local organisations to remain in post until May 2021.
1976. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.
Cllr. Abbott declared non-pecuniary interests in all matters relating to ECC, and the BDLHP.
1977. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 7th April 2020.
The minutes were **approved** to be signed later by the Chairman.
1978. **Matters for Discussion:**
- i. To consider a possible funding provision for the proposed new PRoW along Church Road. The Chairman had previously circulated a memorandum via email to councillors for consideration.
It **was agreed** to defer this matter until later in the year when the financial position is clearer; in the meantime, the Chairman will continue to liaise with ECC regarding the application process.
 - ii. The Three Parishes Ward Meeting for June will almost certainly need to be postponed. [Subsequently this meeting has been deferred until October]
 - iii. Highway & PRoW matters
Some work has been undertaken by ECC regarding the Rickstones Road footways but it was less than requested. The Chairman has asked ECC to review the work done, which ECC has agreed to do.
 - iv. General Maintenance matters
The Chairman, as Ward District Councillor, has communicated to BDC concerns expressed by residents over the works to the trees at the junction of Henry Dixon Road and Oak Road. BDC has been requested to consider granting a TPO in order to prevent further unauthorised works to the trees; also BDC has been requested to investigate what appears to be dumping of concrete at that location.
1979. **1970. Planning Applications:**
New Applications:
20/00596/HH: Colemans Farm - Garden room extension etc.
Communication 'No Comments' sent to BDC.
20/00652/HH: 12 Foxden, Rivenhall End - Two-storey rear extension.
20/00667/HH: 11 Foxden, Rivenhall End - Part single part two-storey rear extension, single storey side extension & garage conversion.
Both of these applications were originally referred to Witham TC but upon contact by both the Chairman and Clerk they were subsequently referred to Rivenhall PC for comment.
In both cases members raised no objection, but the application form states that work started prior to consent being given. There appears to be access being taken off the A12 for one of these sites; is BDC aware of this and has Highways England agreed that access if it is being used?

Planning Results:

CC/BTE/101/19: SEND School, Rickstones Road - Application granted.

1980. Ongoing Planning Issues:

i. A12 & A120 Projects.

ii. BDC Local Plan.

iii. Bradwell Quarry.

ESS/35/20/BTE: Continuation of development permitted by ESS/03/18/BTE etc.

It **was agreed** to make no comment regarding this application.

iv. IWMF - EA Environment Permit.

v. Colemans Quarry.

vi. BDLHP.

The next Panel meeting is scheduled for 25th June 2020, at Causeway House. The meeting is being organised using a video conferencing platform.

1981. Finance matters:

i. To sign off the Final Accounts 2019/20

The final accounts for the year 2019/20 **were approved** to be signed by the Chairman.

ii. To agree accounts for payment.

With **full agreement** the following cheques were drawn:

1369	£890.08	Zurich Municipal	Insurance premium 2020/21
1370	£60.00	Ann Clarke	Audit Fee 2019/20
1371	£336.90	K. P. Taylor	Salary/expenses April '20
1372	£420.00	P. G. Groundcare Ltd.	Maintenance April '20
1373	£74.25	Karen Bridge	Litter picking April '20

1982. Information exchange and items for the June agenda.

To discuss if RPC meetings could be held via video conferencing. Local authorities are currently testing various platforms and the first BDC public meeting via video is to be held on 12th May 2020.

1983. Dates of future meetings.

Tuesdays 2nd June and 7th July, but due to the COVID-19 health restrictions, both will probably be convened electronically, co-ordinated by the Clerk and Chairman.

Further items for the June agenda to the Clerk by 22nd May at the latest

Signed:

Date: 2nd June 2020

CHAIRMAN

The Chairman could not sign the minutes at the June meeting due to the COVID-19 restrictions.