

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL.  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2011.**

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

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

**Also present:** The Parish Clerk and 13 members of the public.

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

An apology was received from Cllr. Salmon who was unwell.

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

Cllr. Abbott declared a Personal and Prejudicial Interest in Planning Application 11/00647/FUL and took no part in the subsequent discussion.

**458.. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2011.**

After the correction of one or two typos the Minutes were **unanimously approved** and then signed by the Chairman.

**459.. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

The following matters were brought to the attention of Members:

- The passageway from the Tusser Close garages is in need of some cleaning.
- The telephone boxes in Oak Road and Church Road both require some repairs - Cllr. Bills has reported these and repairs are awaited.
- Overhanging tree branches along Henry Dixon Road will be reported to ECC for attention.

**460.. Matters for Discussion:**

i. HGV use of Oak Road & ECC Highways' proposals.

Following a lengthy and informative discussion between Councillors and members of the public present at the meeting, the residents agreed by a majority vote that, although the HGV traffic along Oak Road was asymmetrical with the majority of HGVs coming off the A12 into Oak Road, the ECC proposed weight restriction in Henry Dixon and Oak Roads towards the A12 be accepted with the proviso that the preferred resolution would always be a 100% weight restriction for both Oak and Henry Dixon Roads.

It was subsequently **proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr. Wright and agreed with one abstention** that ECC Highways be requested to introduce a weight restriction as detailed above.

ii. Play area, Henry Dixon Road - repair to fence and continued viability of use.

The Clerk reported receipt of Mr. Shearman's revised quotation in the sum of £2,200.00. It was **proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr. Clark and unanimously agreed** that Mr. Shearman be requested to undertake the repairs according to his revised estimate.

It was also suggested that the local residents of Rivenhall End be surveyed regarding the continued retention and further improvement/development of this play area in the future. This matter will be included on the next Agenda.

iii. General maintenance required in the Parish.

The Clerk will request the Council's Maintenance Contractor to undertake the following:

- To clear the passage at the garages mentioned at Minute 459 above.
- To trim the overhanging branches along both Rickstones and Oak Roads.
- To sweep the gateways to the Henry Dixon Road play area.

Ownership of the steps from St. Mary's Road to the Church Road bungalows is to be ascertained and the brickwork/handrail repaired.

- iv. Big Society match funding for the development of Oak Stores.  
It was **proposed by Cllr. Bills, seconded by Cllr. Prime and unanimously agreed** that the Clerk send a letter to Essex County Council in support of the Big Society Grant Application being submitted by Neil and Victoria Tiley.
- v. Future of the Witham Recycling Centre.  
The Chairman reported that upon contacting ECC it was confirmed that the Witham recycling site is not at this time being considered for closure; however; it was **proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Clark and unanimously agreed** that the Clerk send a letter to Essex County Council requesting retention of the Witham Recycling Site.

#### 461.. Planning Matters:

##### Applications:

**11/00647/FUL:** Erection of conservatory style porch - The Acorns, Oak Road.  
To consider any planning applications, which have been received since the date of this Agenda.

Members raised no comments/objections regarding this application.

##### Planning Results:

There were planning results reported at this meeting.

##### Planning Enforcement:

Breaches of conditions at Appleford Farm.

The Chairman reported upon the enforcement action being taken by Braintree District Council.

##### Ongoing Planning Matters:

- i. Local development Framework  
The Chairman together with Cllr. Wright duly attended all the appropriate sessions relevant to Rivenhall and Rivenhall End at the Inquiry. The Inspector's report is due in July 2011 and will be binding upon all parties.
- ii. Rivenhall Airfield.  
There was nothing further to report at this meeting.
- iii. ECC Minerals & Waste Development Framework.  
There was nothing further to report at this meeting.
- iv. New Rickstones Academy.  
A meeting is to be held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2011 which will include a tour of the building - protective/high visibility clothing must be worn.

#### 462.. Correspondence received since the date of the Agenda.

- BDC's Community Safety Partnership's 1<sup>st</sup> Seasonal Workshop, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2011 at 09.15 in Witham Public Hall.
- The Chairman has written to BDC requesting clarification of the working of the ECC/BDC Highways Panel following the demise of the Traffic Liaison Panel for the local area.

#### 463.. Finance Matters:

##### To agree accounts for payment.

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

765	Solagen Ltd	£4314.60	90% of Church Road VAS
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766	K. P. Taylor	£313.18	Salary/expenses May 2011.
767	A. Walsh	£356.00	Maintenance May 2011.

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

- Mr. Brice to be contacted regarding repairs to the fence in Rickstones Road.
- Fly tipping by tenant of GreenfieldsCH - action being taken.
- BALC - it is reported that the PSG will remain for the next 3 to 4 years; BDC has announced a new £0.5m grant scheme.
- Fallen tree along the John Ray Walk - Cllr. Brailey to report this to ECC.
- Broken glass in Tarecroft Wood - the Clerk will report this to ECC.
- Pothole near streetlight 18 in Rickstones Road - the Clerk will report this to ECC.
- The Chairman will again contact ECC regarding the verge erosion along Rickstones Road.
- Concern was expressed regarding the onward transmission of the circulation box between meetings.

**465.. Dates of future meetings:**

Tuesdays 5<sup>th</sup> July and 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2011, both in Rivenhall Village Hall commencing promptly at 20.00 hours. Items for the July meeting to the Clerk by 25<sup>th</sup> June at the latest.

**466.. Closure.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.45 hours.

Signed: .....

CHAIRMAN

Date: .....