

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2ND MARCH 2021
HELD ELECTRONICALLY DUE TO THE COVID-19 HEALTH RESTRICTIONS.**

All councillors took part via email.

2069. 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 **did not participate** in any discussions re planning applications.

2070. To agree the minutes of the meetings held on 2nd February 2021.

The minutes were **approved**.

2071. Matters for Discussion:

i. APA & Annual Parish Council Meeting.

EALC have advised the Clerk that the APCM will be able to go ahead albeit electronically. Any advertising for the APA will have to include a caveat that it can only go ahead if legislation allows, at the moment it doesn't allow for gatherings until after 6th May 2021.

ii. Annual Report.

A draft is to be drawn up for approval at the April meeting.

iii. To confirm the Trustees of The Henry Dixon Hall Charity.

The following were confirmed as Trustees of The Henry Dixon Hall Charity:- Robert Turner; Dennis Clark; Elizabeth Acharyya and Carole McCarthy

iv. Highway Maintenance.

The loose drain cover outside Oak Barn, Oak Road has previously been reported to ECC Highways and the Chairman will remind ECC.

The Chairman has expressed concern that a closure for up to 4 days of Church Road was notified - to repair all the potholes on the submitted list in that road - and yet only one appears to have been done out of about 10. He has asked ECC as to what is going on with this and when the others in the parish that were listed some months ago are to be done - deadline for completion is 31st March.

v. General Maintenance.

The council notice boards will require repainting/repairs later in the Spring, the Clerk will arrange for a quotation to be presented at the April meeting.

2072. Planning Applications:

i. New Applications:

All applications are currently dealt with electronically.

21/00349/COUPA: Prior approval for the change of use of agricultural buildings to a flexible use within Shops (Class A), Financial and Professional, at Appleford Farm, Braxted Road, Rivenhall End,

The Parish Council has requested BDC that this be made the subject of a full planning been application.

21/00020/LBC: Replacement of 5 windows at front of Holly Cottage, 221 Oak Road. A 'No Comments' reply was returned to BDC.

ii. Results:

The following planning applications have been granted by BDC;

20/02059/HH: Extensions etc to Glebe Farm Cottage, Rectory Lane.

20/02032/HH: Extension to 5 Beech Road.

20/02113/HH: Extension etc to Park Gate Farm House, Park Road.

20/02130/HH: Extension to 4 Foxmead, Rivenhall End.

- iii. Appeals:
Nothing to report at this meeting.
- iv. Enforcement:
ECC is talking to a Rickstones Road resident regarding boundaries and linked to this BDC are also looking at planning enforcement in that same area.

2073. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. A12 to A120 widening.
The next meeting will be a joint parish workshop for Little Braxted, Great Braxted, Rivenhall and Witham on Thursday 18 March at 6pm, via Microsoft Teams. Highways England will be providing an update on the A12 widening project following the workshops late last year.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.
BDC has now formally Adopted the Section 1 Local Plan and has written to the Planning Inspectorate to ask if the Section 2 Examination can be brought forward from the current timetable of a start in July.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.
Nothing to report at this meeting.
- iv. IWMF
A site Liaison meeting was held on 26th February. The Chairman has subsequently written to ECC about a number of planning matters that arose at the meeting.
- iv. Colemans Quarry.
Nothing to report at this meeting.
- vi. BDLHP.
The next meeting will be held on 25th March 2021.

2074. Finance matters:

- i. To agree accounts for payment.

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

1415	£230.20	HMRC	PAYE 4 th ¼ year 2020/21.
1416	£699.64	Fishwell Ltd.	Bus shelter repair.
1417	£144.00	Andrew Wilson	Litter picking February '21.
1418	£396.56	K. P. Taylor	Salary/expenses February '21.

2075. Information exchange and items for the April agenda.

- * ECC confirms that it is still looking at the boundaries for the RPC tree planting project on land off Rickstones Road but confirm RPC will be able to progress the planting (which will be next Autumn) once they have defined boundaries.
- * BDC reports that the new sections of path to the rear of the Village Hall are due to be installed commencing later this month. Letters have been sent to nearby properties to notify them.

2076. Dates of future meetings.

6th April 2021 and 4th May but both may be convened electronically.
Further items for the April agenda to the Clerk by 26th March at the latest.

2077. Closure.

Signed:

Date: 6th April 2021

CHAIRMAN

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