

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1ST DECEMBER 2020
HELD ELECTRONICALLY DUE TO THE COVID-19 HEALTH RESTRICTIONS.**

All councillors took part via email.

2034. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.

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

2035. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd November 2020.

The minutes were approved.

2036. Matters for Discussion:

i. Highways England future diversion signage to avoid any repeat of the latest problems caused by the A12 closures.

During November the Chairman contacted both Highways England and ECC Highways. ECC has expressed concern regarding damage to their infrastructure caused by HGVs. HE, whilst responding, didn't indicate that their methods will change for future closures of the A12.

ii. Lack of Police intervention re Oak Road weight restrictions.

The Chairman reported that Essex Police did attend both during the recent problems caused by the A12 diversion and for an ad hoc visit where at least 8HGV drivers were stopped who were breaching the weight limit. The Chairman has since written to the police asking for a regular visit to Oak Road to deter HGV drivers who ignore the weight and height limits.

iii. BDC Planning Delegation Consultation.

A report and recommendations are to be considered at the BDC meeting on 7th December 2020. The RPC comments are included in the report.

iv. Planning Enforcement re the Bellway site on Rickstones Road.

BDC has taken initial enforcement action with a list of matters that Bellway need to address, including encroachment beyond the development boundary, floodlighting causing nuisance to nearby residents, unauthorised filling of a pond/ditch feature, unauthorised land raising, and inadequate drainage arrangements at Rectory Lane.

v. Highway Maintenance.

- (a) Little Braxted Lane is closed to vehicles, possibly for up to 5 weeks, subsequent to the damage to the bridge done by an HGV being driven in disregard to the prohibition signs.
- (b) The Chairman reported that the new HGV height warning signs are now working and that a site visit was held with the LHP officer where it was agreed to seek additional and clearer conventional HGV signage and to trim back vegetation that is partly obscuring signs.
- (c) ECC has confirmed that repair work to potholes in Rivenhall will recommence in January 2021, with a possible closure of Church Road.

vi. General Maintenance.

- (a) BDC has been requested to crown lift the trees on the Village Green.

2037. Planning Applications:

- i. *New Applications:*
20/01767/67/HH: Two-storey rear extension and first-floor side extension with parking undercroft - 461 Rickstones Road.
 This application was dealt with between meetings with 'No comments' forwarded to BDC.
- ii. *Results:*
 None to report.
- iii. *Appeals:*
 The Planning Inspector has dismissed the appeal re the land east of Church Road.

2038. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. A12 to A120 widening.
 Highways England will be consulting next year with the public and are still working on what that will look like in terms of the old A12 through Rivenhall End, which will become a county road (detrunked).
- ii. BDC Local Plan.
 There is nothing further to report.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.
 There is nothing further to report.
- iv. IWMF
 There is nothing further to report.
- v. Colemans Quarry.
 There is nothing further to report.
- vi. BDLHP.
 There is nothing further to report.

2039. Finance matters:

- i. To review the Clerk's salary and expenses.
 It was **unanimously agreed** that the Clerk's salary be raised to £408.50 per month, with effect from 1st April 2021 with basic expenses remaining at £30.00 per month, and for this to be reviewed again in December 2022.
- ii. To agree accounts for payment
 With **full agreement** the following cheques were drawn:

1403	£230.00	H. M. R. & C.	3 rd $\frac{1}{4}$ PAYE 2020/21.
1404	£469.88	B. D. C.	Purchase of CCTV equipment.
1405	£146.25	K. Bridge	Litter picking November '20.
1406	£336.70	K. P. Taylor	Salary/expenses November '20.

2040. Information exchange and items for the January agenda.

- * The Chairman reported for information that the new gates at the Tarecroft Wood car park have been installed but the CCTV pole, as originally designed, is yet to be erected. BDC has been asked to consider further improvements, including a second dog bin and new signage.
- * The new sections of path behind the Village Hall have now been fully agreed by all parties and work is set to go ahead.
- * For the January '21 agenda - to consider a potential 3 Parishes meeting in late January.

2041. Dates of future meetings.

5th January and 2nd February 2021, but both may be convened electronically.

Further items for the January agenda to the Clerk by 24th December at the latest.

Councillors are reminded that the Budget/Precept Meeting is scheduled for 16th December 2020 and will be held electronically.

2042. Closure.

Signed:

Date: 5th January 2021

CHAIRMAN

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