

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 2019  
IN THE HENRY DIXON HALL, RIVENHALL END.**

**Present:** Cllrs. Abbott, Wright, A'Lee, Cairns, Elliott, Prime and Turner.

**Also present:** Parish Clerk and 1 member of the public.

**1902. To receive any apologies for absence.**

There were no apologies received.

**1903. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.**

Cllr. Abbott declared non-pecuniary interests in all matters relating to ECC, and the BDLHP, plus item 1906(iii) as a BDC Member.

Cllr. Prime declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 1906(iii) as a member of the RPPFA.

**1904. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019.**

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

**1905. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

There were no matters brought to members' attention:

**1906. Matters for discussion.**

i. Tarecroft Wood & Car Park.

ECC's Principal Consultant for Countryside Management has commented upon the Chairman's observations regarding the coppicing and has suggested a further meeting to discuss outstanding matters.

ii. Parish Council website.

A new host for the RPC website will have to be found due to unforeseen problems with the existing host company.

**It was agreed** that the Clerk continue to make enquiries after the Christmas period and, if necessary, for it to be further discussed at the February 2020 meeting.

iii. Part-funding of new footpath r/o Village Hall.

BDC has agreed to include a budget item of £30,000 for 2020/21 to build this new footpath, with a suggested cost share as follows: BDC £15,000, RPPFA £10,000, RPC £4,000 and BDC councillor grant fund £500 each from Cllrs. Abbott and Wright.

**Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. A'Lee and agreed** [vote 4 in favour, 1 against and 2 abstain] that the RPC contribution of £4,000 be met from Reserve Funds.

iv. **Highway & PRow matters.**

(a) At an ECC inspection it appeared that P/F 59 is being frequently used by golf course vehicles. Also that Bellway haven't completed the path to join up F/P 60 to nos. 58 and 59, it seems that Bellway might have persuaded ECC to accept the last section being left 'natural' to match the two cross-field paths.

(b) Land drains are discharging onto Oliver's Lane - John Ray Walk - the Chairman will report this again to ECC.

(c) Some streetlights are still not operational along Oak Road.

(d) There has been further property damage along Oak Road caused by HGVs turning before the Railway Bridge.

(e) The Chairman has again reported the A12 potholes and the Oak Road traffic island to H. E. for repair.

v. **General Maintenance matters.**

There was nothing outstanding that required the maintenance contractor's attention.

**1907. Planning Applications:**

*New Applications:*

**19/01949/FUL:** Retention of hard standing - Pulse & Cocktails, London Road.

**It was unanimously agreed** that the following comments be referred to BDC:

Contrary to what the applicant has stated, some trees and shrubs have been removed from the site and replacements should be planted in appropriate locations on the wider site.

The floodlights should be replaced by down lights and only lit during the site's operational hours, in accordance with the observations of the BDC Environmental Health Officer.

**19/02132/HH:** Two-storey rear extension - 451 Rickstones Road.

**It was unanimously agreed** that no comments be raised relative to this application.

**19/01967/HH:** Erection of a 3 bay cart lodge etc - Coleman's Farm, Little Braxted Lane,, Rivenhall End

**It was unanimously agreed** that no comments be raised relative to this application despite the fact that this application had not been referred to the Clerk.

*Planning Results:*

**19/01708/HH:** Retention of balcony - Bellingham Court, 25A Browns Row Cott.

Application granted.

**18/00947/OUT:** Land south of Rickstones Road, conditions 6 & 7. Archaeology & soil testing.

Permission given.

*Planning Appeals:*

There were no appeals to report.

**1908. Ongoing Planning Issues:**

i. A12 & A120 Projects.

The circulated comments by the Chairman regarding the A12 Chelmsford to A120 widening were forwarded to the appropriate authority and an acknowledgement received.

ii. BDC Local Plan.

The further hearing sessions by the Inspector will open at 09.30 hours on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020, at the JobServe Community Stadium, United Way Colchester, CO4 5UP.

iii. Bradwell Quarry.

The next liaison meeting is scheduled for 16<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

iv. IWMF

The applicant has not appealed the ECC planning refusal within the 6 month statutory period.

v. Colemans Quarry

The next liaison meeting is scheduled for 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

vi. BDLHP.

Following the ECC decision not to proceed with the Oak Road weight restriction, the Chairman has requested a fuller explanation from the Cabinet Member.

The designs for the reactive warning signs for the Railway Bridge are still under discussion.

**1909. Correspondence received since the date of this agenda.**

- \* Western Road, Silver End will be subject to a road closure for 2 days commencing on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2019.
- \* ECC will be commencing work on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2020 to renew the traffic signal equipment at the junction of B1389 Newland Street / B1018 Collingwood Road / Maldon Road, Witham. The work is anticipated to take approximately 4 weeks to complete, working hours are 8am to 7pm Monday to Friday and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays.

**1910. Reports from PC Representatives.**

There were no reports for this meeting.

**1911. Finance matters:**

To agree accounts for payment.

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

1343	£230.00	HMRC	3 <sup>rd</sup> $\frac{1}{4}$ 2019/20 PAYE
1344	£48.00	Ladywell Accountancy	PAYE operation 2019/20
1345	£344.00	Philip Little	Notice board repair
1346	£135.00	Karen Bridge	Litter picking Nov. '19
1347	£336.70	K. P. Taylor	Salary/expenses Nov. '19
1348	£200.00	Fred Smith	Christmas tree donation
1349	£90.00	P. G. Groundcare Ltd	Maintenance Nov. '19

**1912. Information exchange and items for the January 2020 agenda.**

- \* Cllr. Turner thanked the council for the donation towards the cost of the parish Christmas tree.
- \* There is a damaged post on the smaller Village Green - Greenfields' property - Cllr. Turner will report this to the Greenfields representative.
- \* Greenfields' representative is aware of the parking on the Village Green area and will be taking action to stop this recurring problem.

**1913. Ten minute public feedback.**

There was nothing raised.

**1914. Dates of future meetings.**

Tuesdays 7<sup>th</sup> January and 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 both in Rivenhall Village Hall, commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the January 2020 agenda to the Clerk by 27<sup>th</sup> December at the latest.

**Members are reminded that the Budget & Precept setting meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December in Rivenhall Village Hall, commencing at 20.00 hours.**

**1915. Closure**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.13 hours.

Signed:..... Date:.....

CHAIRMAN