

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 6TH OCTOBER 2020  
HELD ELECTRONICALLY DUE TO THE COVID-19 HEALTH RESTRICTIONS.**

All councillors took part via email.

**2016. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.**

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

**2017. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020.**

The minutes were approved.

**2018. Matters for Discussion:**

- i. Proposed new F/Path along Church Road - possible expenditure.  
This has been deferred until early in 2021 as the Local Highways Panel (LHP) had to divert funding to complete the Crossing Temple junction scheme and the PRow scheme for Church Road was amongst several LHP schemes that have consequently been put back to the 2021/22 financial year.
- ii. Letter of thanks to volunteer litter picker from Silver End.  
It was agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to this volunteer litter picker.
- iii. Playing Field Tree Planting, including ECC Essex Forest Initiative.  
The RPFAs has raised objections to the tree planting proposal. By a majority decision it was agreed to seek an alternative site and to explore this being part of the Essex Forest Initiative.
- iv. RPC new website costings.  
By a majority decision it was agreed to proceed with new website hosting as this is now a statutory requirement.
- v. Additional CCTV cameras.  
By a majority decision it was agreed to liaise with BDC and to proceed with the purchase of 2 additional mobile CCTV units. Members reiterated their support of such measures to combat fly-tipping.
- vi. Highway Maintenance.
  - (a) Members raised a number of outstanding issues including the condition of the Beech Road footway; overhanging trees obscuring signage at The Oak junction and local potholes. The Chairman confirmed that the footway along Beech Road has again been reported to ECC Highways, with accompanying photographs; the overhanging trees have also been reported and it has been emphasised to ECC how important it is that the weight limit and height limit signs are clearly visible. The Chairman also reported on remedial work recently completed including repair of the footway in St. Mary's Road and the repair of the worst potholes on the approach to the zebra crossing in Church Road.
  - (b) The Chairman confirmed that as part of the "top 50" highway defects that each County Councillor has been asked to submit, and which ECC states will then be repaired without further need for reporting, he has included the potholes either side of the railway bridge, the remaining potholes in Church Road and the defects in Rickstones Road.

- (c) ECC has stated that although the new HGV height warning signs have now been installed, new parts are needed to correct a problem with the sensor equipment and so for the time being the signs are not operational.
- (d) The Chairman reported that several residents had raised concerns about the Bellway site off Rickstones Road. These have been reported to BDC, including concerns about potential flooding onto Rectory Lane from the new culvert that is draining into the roadside ditches, and all-night floodlighting of Rectory Lane from the site compound.
- vii. General Maintenance.
  - (a) To consider some replanting for the flower tubs along Church Road. By a majority decision it was agreed to carry out some replanting and to ensure that the plants were drought resistant and would be maintained.

#### 2019. Planning Applications:

- i. *New Applications:*  
No new applications at time of Agenda.
- ii. *Results:*  
**20/00948/HH:** Installation of vehicle crossover etc. - 459 Rickstones Road.  
Application granted
- iii. *Appeals:*  
Nothing to report.

#### 2020. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. A12 & A120 Projects.  
There was nothing further to report.
- ii. BDC Local Plan Consultation Documents.  
It was agreed by a majority decision to submit a representation on the Local Plan Section 1 Main Modifications consultation to state that RPC supports the removal of the 2 Garden Communities from the Draft Plan but also to reiterate the strong desire that Rivenhall should retain its identity as a village and not be subsumed into Witham through encroachment of still more housing areas and further boundary changes.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.  
There was nothing further to report.
- iv. IWMF  
There was nothing further to report.
- v. Colemans Quarry.  
There was nothing further to report.
- vi. BDLHP.  
The Chairman reported that there remains a total of 4 schemes on the LHP lists for Rivenhall, one of which is currently being delivered (HGV height warning signs).  
The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

#### 2021. Finance matters:

To agree accounts for payment.

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

1393	£50.00	Royal British Legion	Memorial wreath.
1394	£36.00	CPRE	Annual membership 2020/21.
1395	£126.00	Karen Bridge	Litter picking September '20.

1396	£745.03	P. G. Groundcare Ltd	Maintenance September '20.
1397	£336.90	K. P. Taylor	Salary & expenses September '20.

**2022. Information exchange and items for the November agenda.**

Discussions are ongoing with BDC to secure additional information about the design of the proposed new section of path behind the Village Hall; this information will be shared with Members and the RPPA when it becomes available.

**2023. Dates of future meetings.**

3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 and 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 ,but both will probably be convened electronically.

Further items for the November agenda to the Clerk by 23<sup>rd</sup> October at the latest.

**2024. Closure.**

Signed:

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

CHAIRMAN

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