

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 6 MARCH 2018  
IN THE HENRY DIXON HALL, RIVENHALL END.**

**Present:** Cllrs. Abbott, Wright, Knubley, Anderson, Turner and Prime.

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Abbott

**Also present:** Parish Clerk, and no members of the public.

**1593. To receive any apologies for absence.**

An apology was received from Cllr. D. Clark and BDC Cllr. Bowers.

**1594. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.**

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

**1595. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 6 February 2018.**

The Minutes were **unanimously agreed** and then signed by the Chairman.

**1596. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

Questions had been posed to Members outside meetings as follows:

- Difficulty/danger when opening the notice board at the glass bus stop
- Precept/Band 'D' council tax increase re dwellings at the Rivenhall Park development.

**1597. Matters for discussion.**

i. Winter salt distribution etc.

Members thanked everyone who spread salt during the recent storm/freeze.

ii. Repair to damaged village sign.

The Clerk has registered a claim with the council's insurers who will only replace like for like, therefore, the post/frame repairs will have to be in Oak not steel. The original providers of the post and sign are unable at this time to quote for any repairs; the Clerk has requested information re sign repairers/manufacturers via the EALC.

The sign itself, being painted iron, has deteriorated over the past 25 years as is in a rather poor condition when the damage is included.

**Proposed by Cllr. Turner, seconded by Cllr. Abbott and unanimously agreed** that the Clerk obtain quotes for the repairs including the repainting of the sign detail and then submit this to the council's insurers.

iii. BDC Community Governance Review.

The Chairman reported that there had been no new proposals submitted to BDC before the consultation deadline that the parish council was not already aware of.

iv. APA & Annual Report.

The Clerk requested that all content should be with him by 26 March 2018 so that a draft report can be considered at the April meeting.

v. Rat infestation under sheds.

The RPPFA purchased 2 humane rat traps plus cages at a total cost of £20.00. The Chairman subsequently agreed that the council would pay

50% of this cost. The RPFA Caretaker will monitor these traps and deal with the disposal of any dead animals.

- vi. ECC Highways Stakeholder Survey 2018.  
As ECC request that only 1 completed survey be submitted for each Council. Having closely perused the document, it was **unanimously agreed** that the Clerk submit the comments to ECC.
- vii. Highway & PRow matters.  
Members commented upon the outstanding issues as follows:  
Road surfaces damaged by the recent snow and ice.  
Henry Dixon Road/Oak Road streetlight alignment improved but not perfect.  
Rivenhall End bollards not yet replaced.  
Church Road/St. Mary's Road footway very badly repaired;.  
Many streetlights are still defunct.
- viii. General maintenance.
  - (a) *Replacement tree for Foxmead.*  
Deferred pending further consultation with Cllr. Clark.
  - (b) *Replacement signs for recycling site.*  
It was **unanimously agreed** that signs produced by the Clerk be laminated and erected on site. Also, that the Clerk contact BDC re additional warning signs with CCTV indicated.
  - (c) The broken wooden post at the recycling centre to be repaired/replaced by the maintenance contractor.

#### 1598. Planning Applications:

##### New Applications:

**17/01730/OUT:** Revised plans - Land south of Rickstones Road.

Members raised the following comments relative to this application:

To reiterate the objections made originally in the letter dated 8 November 2017.

- Also:
- To very strongly disagree with the comments on the BDC website that implied the hedgerow along Rickstones Road was of poor quality.
  - To again point out the lack of any NHS GP surgery in the northern area of Witham and Rivenhall, patients will need to travel into Witham for appointments at the already overstretched surgeries.
  - There **MUST** be provision made for a pedestrian crossing from the south to north of Rickstones Road for students to access the local schools in safety.
  - From the BDC website there is no evidence, **ONCE AGAIN**, that any S106 money will be allocated to Rivenhall.

As a separate matter it was **unanimously agreed** that the Clerk write to BDC questioning why, given all the new development that has/is taking place within the parish of Rivenhall that no S106 money has ever been allocated for facilities within Rivenhall.

##### Planning Results.

There were no results to be reported at this meeting.

##### Planning Appeals.

There were no planning appeals to be reported to this meeting.

**BDC Draft Planning Enforcement Strategy.**

It was **unanimously agreed** that the Clerk indicate to BDC that there doesn't appear to be enough District Council staff to undertake satisfactory enforcement action. Also that BDC should be consistent with enforcement when there is clear evidence in support of action.

**1599. Ongoing Planning Issues:**

- i. A12 & A120 Projects.
  - (a) A12 - The ECC route announcement to be made in March 2018; construction possibly commences September 2020 with a likely start at the Chelmsford end.
  - (b) A120 - Route announcement expected from ECC in June 2018; in 2019 Highways England and the Government decide whether or not they agree with that route and whether there is funding. Construction anticipated during 2023-2026.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.  
Nothing further to report at this meeting.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.  
Requests for the continuation of planning approvals were considered by the Chairman between meetings and there were no matters of concern to be raised.  
**ESS/03/18/BTE** - Extraction of 2 million tonnes of sand and gravel from Site A5.  
It was **unanimously agreed** that the Chairman circulate relevant comments so that a submission could be made to ECC by 26 March 2018, the final date for submissions.
- iv. IWMF.  
**Applications ESS/36/17/BTE & ESS/37/17/BTE** - Stack height & additional information re landscape & visual impact.  
Members reiterated their previous objections detailed in the letter to ECC dated 23 October 2017.  
Also: Pointing out the inaccurate landscaping assessment which minimizes the impact compared with reality. The only structure comparable is the local Radar Tower which is 12m lower than the proposed stack.
- v. Coleman's Farm Quarry.
  - \* There is no cycle/footpath along Little Braxted Lane as required - this has been promised for the end of March 2018.
  - \* The next liaison meeting is scheduled for mid April 2018.
- vi. BDLHP  
The Chairman reported a most disappointing meeting with ECC officers regarding various aspects surrounding the Rectory Lane/ Rickstones Road junction.  
ECC has admitted that new warning signs are required warning HGV drivers of the Railway Bridge hazard on Oak Road.

**1600. Correspondence received since the date of the agenda.**

There was no additional correspondence to be reported at this meeting.

**1601. Reports from PC Representatives (if any).**

There were no reports for this meeting.

**1602. Finance matters:**

*To agree accounts for payment.*

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

1224	HMRC	£215.40	PAYE 4 <sup>th</sup> ¼ 2017/18
1225	RPFA	£10.00	50% cost of rat traps
1226	Karen Bridge	£108.00	Litter picking Feb. 2018.
1227	K. P. Taylor	£364.87	Salary/expenses Feb. 2018.

**1603. Information exchange and items for the April agenda.**

- \* ECC financial inefficiencies - next agenda
- \* There has been yet another RTA at the junction of Church and Park Roads.

**1604. Ten minute public feedback (as required).**

There was no public feedback as there were no members of the public present.

**1605. Dates of future meetings.**

Tuesdays 3 April and 1 May 2018, in Rivenhall Village Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the April agenda to the Clerk by 23 March at the latest.

**1606. Closure.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.40hours.

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

CHAIRMAN