

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2014.**

**Present:** Cllrs. Abbott, Bills, Wright, Prime, Brailey, Clark and Turner.

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Abbott.

**Also present:** Parish Clerk and 4 members of the public.

**881.. To receive apologies for absence.**

There were no apologies for absence.

**882.. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests relating to matters on the Agenda.**

Cllr. Abbott disclosed a non-pecuniary interest in all items relating to ECC and item 885(i).

**883.. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup>. February 2014.**

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

**884.. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

The following matters were brought to the attention of Members:

- Oak Road/Henry Dixon Road 30mph speed restriction should be introduced by end of March 2014.
- Removal of 'Children Crossing 'sign in Henry Dixon Road.
- Rickstones Road drains and verges.
- Grass verges near the Railway Bridge in Oak Road - Next Agenda.
- Memorial tree for Mr. Gibbons.

**885.. Matters for Discussion.**

- i. Local Government Boundary Commission Electoral Review of Braintree District.  
**Proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr. Bills and agreed with 2 abstentions** that the Clerk reiterate the Council's previous support for the retention of a 60 seat District Council and, if the ward is amended. for the ward name to include Rivenhall alongside Cressing and Silver End.
- ii. Overcrowded parking in St. Mary's Road/Tusser Close.  
**Members agreed** that there was no easy solution to this problem but that any disabled blue badge holders could be encouraged to apply direct to ECC for a designated on-street parking space. Cllr. Prime agreed to make the residents aware.
- iii. HGV use of Oak Road towards the Railway Bridge.  
 New proposed scheme submitted to the BDLHP for the replacement of the existing confusing signage with new clearer signage to reduce incidents of weight limit breach and oversized HGVs having to reverse back from the Railway Bridge.
- iv. Shed requirements.  
 The RPPFA is making enquiries regarding the purchase of a shed.
- v. BDC "Dog Day" 10<sup>th</sup> April 2014.  
 The BDC Dog Warden will be holding this event at Silver End Village Hall, to include Rivenhall also, offering free dog micro chipping and advice on other dog related matters. The Clerk will display some relevant notices on the local notice boards.
- vi. County Highways Maintenance.  
 Site meeting took place on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2014 in order to ascertain how ECC managed to make such a mess of Rickstones Road during the recent adverse weather conditions. The ECC Engineer present agreed to compile a report regarding the drains; this report is still awaited.  
 The Chairman has asked for Rickstones Road to be included in the list of 'flooding hotspots' being drawn up by BDC for any extra funding that might become available via ECC to deal with local flooding issues caused by drains and ditches overflowing resulting from the severe weather conditions during January/February.

Outstanding maintenance to grass verges and the demolition of the streetlight along Oak Road have again been referred to ECC together with the apparently blocked drain/ditch along Oak Road.

vii. General Maintenance.

**Proposed by Cllr. Brailey, seconded by Cllr. Bills and agreed unanimously** that the Maintenance Contractor be asked to inspect and repair the notice board outside the Village Hall. The Clerk will check as to how many notice boards are included on the Council's insurance policy and amend if necessary.

Also to continue maintaining all the local seats and the posts on the Village Green plus the steps and slopes from Henry Dixon Road to the A12.

There are some Public Footpath waymark posts that require attention - Cllr. Brailey agreed to inspect and programme remedial action in due course.

General clearance and maintenance of local ditches and watercourses to be discussed at the next meeting.

viii. RCCE Best Kept Village Competition 2014.

**It was agreed** to again enter both Rivenhall and Rivenhall End in this competition.

Cllr. Bills will submit the entry for Rivenhall and Cllr. Clark for Rivenhall End.

Cllr. Clark will pass the entry form regarding the Churchyard to the local Churchwarden for completion and submission.

ix. Annual Parish Assembly & Annual Report.

As per Minute 872(vii) from the last meeting, the Clerk has sent invitations to the various speakers; a positive response has been received from BDC, indicating that Andy Wright, Corporate Director, will attend as the Chief Executive will be on annual leave.

Any Members' reports should reach the Clerk before the end of March 2014.

**886.. Planning Matters:**

**New Applications:**

**14/00209/FUL:** Erection of ground and first floor extension with balcony to master suite and detached garage - Whitelands, London Road, Rivenhall End.

**Members had no objections/comments to raise regarding this application.**

**Planning Results:**

There were no planning results to report at this meeting.

**Planning Appeals:**

There were no planning appeals to report at this meeting.

**887.. Ongoing Planning Issues:**

i. Local Development Framework. Public engagement.

Members have an opportunity to visit the local exhibitions. Any comments or objections are to be circulated so that the Clerk can submit a reply to BDC by the last week in March.

ii. Rivenhall Airfield.

Bradwell Quarry - Proposed Scoping Opinion for sites A3 & A4.

A detailed response has been forwarded to ECC as per their letter dated 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

Golder Associates are holding a one-day public exhibition regarding these two sites on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2014, 14.00 to 20.00 hours at Coggeshall Village Hall.

iii. ECC Waste Development.

There was nothing to report at this meeting.

iv. ECC Minerals Local Plan. ECC proposed modifications.

It would appear that the modifications being considered by ECC for further submission to the Independent Planning Inspector are as follows: "Two of the

extensions at Bradwell Quarry, A6 and A7, are proposed to become reserve sites...the sites at Rayne and Colemans Farm, Rivenhall remain unchanged." There will be a 6 week public consultation commencing March/April 2014.

v. Braintree District Local Highways Panel.

- (a) Rickstones Road drains and kerbing. Still awaiting ECC final decision.
- (b) Railway Bridge, Oak Road. ECC are now consulting with UK Power Network.
- (c) 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road. A local landowner is now raising objections to this scheme.
- (d) Church Road layby at church. No further development.
- (e) Extended 30mph limit along Church Road. Speed survey being conducted.
- (f) Pedestrian access at Colemans Bridge junction. No further development.
- (g) Extended railings outside the School entrance. Still awaiting validation.
- (h) Possible 20mph restriction outside the School entrance. Local petition still to be finalised before submission to ECC for possible consideration at the ECC May meeting.
- (i) Church Road/Oak Road highway signage - new submission.

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

No correspondence received.

**889.. Reports from PC Representatives.**

There were no reports to be brought to this meeting.

**890.. Finance matters:**

To agree accounts for payment.

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

951	RPFA	£30.00	Hall Hire (April/May 2014)
952	HMRC	£170.80	PAYE 4 <sup>th</sup> ¼ 2013/14
953	K. P. Taylor	£262.29	Salary/expenses (Feb)
954	A. Walsh	£163.50	Maintenance (Feb)
955	Henry Dixon Hall Charity	£6.25	Hall Hire (Deposit)

**891.. Information exchange and items for the next agenda.**

- Inventory to be checked and updated as required.
- Cllr. Wright to inspect all relevant Council equipment.
- Preservation of flowers during early season grasscutting.
- The Chairman reported 2 more RTAs along Park Road.
- Contractors have repaired the damaged outlying roadside verges.

**892.. Dates of future meetings:**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April and Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014, both in Rivenhall Village Hall, commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the April meeting to the Clerk by 21<sup>st</sup> March at the latest.

**893.. Closure.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.34 hours.

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

CHAIRMAN