

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 5TH NOVEMBER 2013.**

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

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott.

Also present: Parish Clerk and 6 members of the public.

820.. To receive apologies for absence.

There were no apologies received. Cllr. Clark was absent.

821.. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests relating to matters on the Agenda.

Cllr. Abbott disclosed a non-pecuniary interest in all items related to ECC.

822.. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st October 2013.

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

823.. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

The following matters were brought to the attention of members:

- Parking outside the school and speeding traffic along Church Road. A petition for a 20mph limit outside the school is ongoing.
- HGVs along Oak Road - see item 824(x) below.
- The RCCE Best Kept Village (Runner up) certificate to be displayed.
- Narrowing of the bellmouth junction of Little Braxted Lane and the Colemans Interchange - see item 824(x) below.

824.. Matters for Discussion.

- i. Tarecroft Wood - possible freehold transfer.
ECC has acknowledged receipt of the business plan submitted by this Council. The Clerk indicated that ECC were today clearing the overgrowth from the paths through the wood.
- ii. Reappraisal of the Village Plan.
Cllr. Prime had previous to this meeting circulated, via e-mail, details of his Review. Members thanked him for his efforts and **it was agreed** that any comments should be referred to Cllr. Prime and for the matter to be brought to the February 2014 meeting for final approval and implementation.
- iii. Agreement and acceptance of revised Standing Orders.
It was agreed that, subject to two amendments at Section 3(t) and (w), the revised Standing Orders be accepted and adopted by this Council
- iv. BDC Open Spaces Action Plan.
It was agreed that the Chairman and the Clerk indicate to BDC the following amendments:
 - No play equipment is required on the Rivenhall Village Green
 - Paths already exist in Tarecroft Wood
 - RPC is already looking for available allotment sites
 - The allotments at Henry Dixon Hall, Rivenhall End are privately owned
 - There is a need for public open space in Rivenhall End.
- v. Trees from the Woodland Trust.
Having been awarded a pack of 420 trees (large hedge/copse): 'Wild Harvest' the Clerk has been informed that delivery will be made to Cllr. Clark this week
- vi. Review of the ECC Local Bus Strategy.
Individual questionnaires were made available for Members to complete and send to ECC. Cllr. Prime reported that once all initial questionnaires have been reviewed a new strategy consultation period of 6 weeks will come into effect before any new strategy will be adopted in the spring of 2014.
The Home to School Transportation Consultation is only available online.

- vii. Rivenhall End Bus stops.
It has been confirmed that First Bus drivers have been instructed not to use the bus stops on the A12 at Rivenhall End, this with the approval of ECC. The Chairman has made a complaint to ECC and a reply is awaited.
It was agreed that ECC Highways be informed that as it is thought dangerous for buses to pull out from the bus stops onto the A12 there was also a danger when HGVs did the same from Oak Road.
- viii. Half-yearly report - compilation.
The report has been distributed throughout the parish.
- ix. ECC Children's Centre Consultation.
It was agreed that the Clerk reply via the online link that parents within the rural parishes such as Rivenhall are reliant upon the continuation of these services and that the proposed 50% reduction of hours at the Silver End Children's Centre would affect Rivenhall residents adversely.
- x. County Highway maintenance.
Damage to pavement in Beech Road reported to ECC.
Appleford Bridge repairs have now been re-scheduled for the period 12th to 23rd May 2014.
Repairs and reinstatements required within the parish are still outstanding.
A site meeting will be arranged to consider generally the signs warning HGV drivers of the restrictions along Oak Road.
It was unanimously agreed to support the scheme initiated by Little Braxted Parish Council for the narrowing of the bellmouth junction of Little Braxted Lane and Colemans Interchange.
The latest flood under the A12 on Henry Dixon Road was caused by a local power outage resulting from the storm although the HA warned of the debris collecting in the roadside gullies may cause future problems even when the new pump is installed later this month.
- xi. General maintenance.
The shed roof still requires replacement as do a number of posts on the Village Green. Resulting from the recent storm there are a number of tree branches requiring attention together with a number of Ivy clad trees that require close inspection.
- xii. EALC Course: Greens, Commons & Open Spaces; 14th November 2013.
No one was available to attend this course.

825.. Planning Matters:

New Applications:

13/01172/FUL; Erection of two storey extension - 3 Foxmead, Rivenhall End.

Members raised no objections to this application.

13/01223/FUL; Erection of a water tank to serve the sprinkler system for the new extension - Essex Fire & Rescue Service HQ, Kelvedon Park, London Road.

Members raised no objections to this application.

Planning Results:

No results to report at this meeting.

Planning Appeals:

All appeals relative to Appleford Farm have been dismissed by the Planning Inspector and the Chairman has requested BDC to take enforcement action as necessary.

826.. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. Local Development Framework.
Nothing to report at this meeting although it may be necessary to obtain a professional appraisal of Little Braxted Lane in due course.
- ii. Rivenhall Airfield.
Nothing to report at this meeting
- iii. ECC Waste Development.
Nothing to report at this meeting.
- iv. Colemans Farm - Scoping - ESS/45/13/BTE/SPO
This Council's comments have been forwarded to ECC since the last meeting.
- v. ECC Minerals Local Plan.
The Inspector's Examination commenced on 5th November and the issue of Colemans Farm will be examined on 14th November and the Chairman urged as many Members as possible to support the Parish Council position with him at this examination.
- vi. Braintree District Local Highways Panel.
New submissions:
Lay-by/parking area outside the Church.
Extension to railings outside the School.
Dropped kerbs with tactile paving at Colemans Bridge.
Previous submissions:
Rickstones Road kerbing and drains scheme drawings completed with estimated cost of £131k. Actual works to be agreed - Amber rating.
Oak Road weight restriction - officers waiting for HA response - Red rating.
Oak Road Railway Bridge - still awaiting revised drawings but scheme approved at estimated cost of £45k with a completion date of 31st March 2014.
New bus stop in Church Road supposed to have been erected by June 2013 but still awaited. Latest date by end of November 2013.
Extension of the 30mph along Church Road - Currently rejected by ECC. The Members agreed the Chairman's recommendation for a future joint approach with all interested parties in the village to ECC in line with the comment under item 823 above.

827.. Correspondence received since the date of the agenda.

- Site compound - Church Road.
UK Power Networks indicate that this compound is temporary while the following works are being carried out: Refurbishment of the overhead lines between Braintree Grid Substation and Witham Primary Substation.
- Details have been received of the BALC AGM on Thursday 14th November 2013. Cllr. Prime agreed to attend.

828.. Reports from PC Representatives.

See item 624(vi & vii) above.

829.. Finance matters:

- i. 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.

928	Royal British Legion	£45.00	Memorial wreath etc.
929	P. Clark	£41.89	Plants & compost.
930	Kempco Ltd.	£167.87	Printing.
931	CPRE	£29.00	Membership fee.

932	Henry Dixon Hall	£6.25	Hall hire.
933	Essex Air Ambulance	£25.00	Grant (S.137).
934	K. P. Taylor	£257.70	Salary/expenses (Oct).
935	A. Walsh	£323.00	Maintenance (Oct).

ii. BDC Localism Fund Grant 2014/15.

BDC indicate that this grant will be reduced by 13.5% (£399.00) in 2013/14 with a further reduction of 15% in 2014/15.

830.. Information exchange and items for the next agenda.

Cllr. Prime reminded Members of the invitation for the Council to attend the RPFA Village Hall lease signing.

831.. Dates of future meetings:

3rd December in The Henry Dixon Hall and 7th January 2014 in Rivenhall Village Hall, both meetings commence promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the December meeting to the Clerk by 22nd November at the latest.

The Precept Meeting will be held on Wednesday 18th December in Rivenhall Village Hall, commencing at 20.00 hours.

832.. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.40 hours.

Signed: Date:

CHAIRMAN