

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2015**

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

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

**Also present:** Parish Clerk and 3 members of the public.

**1060. To receive apologies for absence.**

There were no apologies for absence.

**1061. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests relating to matters on this Agenda.**

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

**1062. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 February 2015.**

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

**1063. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

The following matters were brought to the attention of Members:

- Reinstatement of hedges and verges in Rickstones Road subsequent to the completion of the roadworks.
- Proposed lay-by outside the Church (item 1066(v)(d)).
- Hedge requires trimming back at the entrance to the Albert Moss Playing Field. - Chairman will contact ECC.
- Possible provision of a litter bin at the rear of the Village Hall - April meeting.

**1064. Matters for Discussion:**

- i. Upkeep of War Memorial garden.  
**Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Prime and unanimously agreed** that the Parish Council undertake the upkeep/maintenance of this garden on a permanent basis.
- ii. Annual Report & Annual Parish Assembly agenda.  
The Clerk reported that the Annual Report was now ready for printing (330 copies) and will be available for distribution late April.  
To date Andy Wright, BDC Corporate Director and the acting Headteacher at Rivenhall School have agreed to attend and provide brief presentations. Essex Police will not be attending and there has been no reply from the Highways Agency (Andy Jobling).
- iii. RCCE Best Kept Village Competition 2015.  
**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.  
The entry form regarding the Churchyard will be passed to the local Churchwarden for completion and submission.  
**The deadline for entries is Friday 10 April 2015.**
- iv. BDC survey re parish open spaces, sports and recreational facilities.  
**It was agreed** that the document should be circulated to Members via the Circulation Box and an item placed on the April agenda for any discussion.
- v. Invitation to the Countywide Superfast Essex Parish Engagement Event.  
There were no Members available to attend this event on 18 March 2015.
- vi. Invitation to the Kelvedon Neighbourhood Plan public meeting.  
Cllr. Turner and possibly Cllrs. Abbott and Prime agreed to attend this meeting on 7 March 2015.

- vii. Bellway Homes - public consultation re Forest Road development.  
 Letters had been distributed locally giving information of the public consultation event on 4 March 2015 from 15.00 to 20.00 hours.  
 As many Members as possible agreed to attend the meeting for public representatives from 14.00 to 15.00 hours on 4 March 2015.
- viii. County Highway General Maintenance.  
 The bollards at the junction of Henry Dixon Road and Oak Road have been re-erected.  
 The Rickstones Road closure has been lifted and the Oak Road closure is now in force for two weeks while the footway at the Railway Bridge is widened.  
 Patch repairs were carried out recently in Oak Road but a number of potholes remain outstanding.  
 It was remarked that the ECC road closure signs are very vague as to the exact location of the roadworks to which they refer.
- ix. General Maintenance.  
 Consideration to be given for bulb planting in the new roadside verges along Rickstones Road.  
 The A12 steps and ramps to be cleaned.  
 The legality of the maintenance contractor litter picking outside the built up area of the village has been questioned and the Chairman will refer this to BDC.  
 There is a deposit of polystyrene to be cleared opposite the Church.  
 The Chairman has written to both McDonalds and KFC complaining about the amount of their packaging that is being dumped in the parish.  
 The Clerk will write to the RPFA asking for them to consider installing a barrier at the rear of the Village Hall that will prevent motor vehicles being driven up onto the grass area thereby being obscured from casual general view.

#### 1065. Planning Matters:

##### New Applications:

There were no new applications to be considered.

##### Planning Results:

**14/01539/FUL:** Change of use of building from B8 storage to B1 light industrial - Appleford Farm, Braxted Road, Rivenhall End.

Application withdrawn.

##### Planning Appeals:

There were no planning appeals to be considered.

#### 1066. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. BDC Local Plan. BDC Scoping consultation.  
**It was unanimously agreed** that the following representations be made to BDC:
- a. That the local areas of Rivenhall, Rivenhall End and Silver End already provide for a major future housing provision as a result of the sites currently being available for development within those Parishes.
  - b. That there is currently a total inadequate infrastructure provision within the area of Rivenhall and Witham - such as Medical provision; lack of parking at and around Witham Railway Station; peak time congestion in the northern area of Witham and the totally inadequate access to and from the A12 at Rivenhall End.
- ii. Rivenhall Airfield.  
 There was nothing further to report at this meeting.
- iii. ECC Waste Development Plan.  
 There was nothing further to report at this meeting.

- iv. ECC Minerals Plan. Colemans Farm Quarry Application.  
Additional information has again been received relative to the Colemans Farm Quarry application. It was **agreed** that the Chairman draft and circulate a suitable reply to ECC.
- v. Braintree District Local Highways Panel:
  - a. Rickstones Road drains and kerbing - **Scheme now delivered.**
  - b. Railway Bridge, Oak Road - **commenced Monday 2 March 2015.**
  - c. 7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road - The Chairman has requested a firm date for the implementation of this weight restriction from ECC.
  - d. Church Road layby at church - **Delivery now due by end of the school Easter holiday.**
  - e. Extended 30mph limit along Church Road - an extension now agreed for 100 metres north out of the village.
  - f. Extended railings outside the School entrance - **Scheme now delivered.**
  - g. Church Road/Oak Road highway signage - **Delivery date 02/04/2015.**
  - h. Grass verge outside 51-53 Oak Road - **agreed and funded at £1,500.**
  - i. A12 in Braintree District - Survey the PRow truncated by the A12 and draw up a plan of action. To be referred to Central Government for further consideration.

**1067. Correspondence received since the date of this agenda.**

- Information from BDC - Nomination packs for Parish elections are now available either on request from the Clerk or downloading from the BDC website. The Nomination period runs from 23 March 2015 until 4pm on 9 April 2015. Nominations must be hand delivered to BDC between the hours of 9am to 5pm for Parish Candidates. ***Nominations received before 23 March will be returned.***
- Community Clean Up Day - The Government has launched this first ever event on Saturday 21 March 2015. This was duly noted.

**1068. Reports from PC Representatives.**

- The next Passenger Transport meeting is scheduled for 12 March 2015 and Cllr. Prime will reiterate the local complaints regarding the charging regime for the shuttle bus during the closure of Rickstones Road.
- Cllr. Bills indicated that the RPFA visual/audio equipment will be fully installed in the Village Hall by the end of March 2015.

**1069. Finance matters:**

To agree accounts for payment.

**Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Bills and unanimously agreed**

that the following accounts be paid. Cheques were then drawn accordingly.

1012	B. A. L. C.	£18.00	Subscription 2015.
1013	RPFA	£30.00	Hall Hire.
1014	K. P. Taylor	£375.01	Salary/expenses Feb.
1015	A. Walsh	£103.50	Maintenance Feb.

**1070. Information exchange and items for the next agenda.**

- Additional buildings being erected at the Commodity Centre in Little Braxted - April meeting.
- Railtrack vehicle parking at the Railway Bridge in Oak Road - the Clerk will write yet again requesting future discussion/action to deter their parking on and blocking the footway. It is a Police matter if vehicles block the footway.

- BDC is to take action regarding the misleading and unauthorised advertising board, which displays direction signs along the A12.
- Fly tipping at the recycling site in Oak Road.

**1071. Dates of future meetings:**

Tuesdays 7 April and 12 May, both in Rivenhall Village Hall commencing promptly at 20.00hours.

Items for the April meeting to the Clerk by 26 March at the latest.

**1072. Closure.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.32 hours.

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

CHAIRMAN