

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 3 JANUARY 2017.**

Present: Cllrs. Abbott, Wright, Anderson, Clark and Prime.

In the Chair: Cllr. Abbott

Also present: Parish Clerk and 5 members of the public.

1385. To receive any apologies for absence.

An apology was received from Cllr. Turner and BDC Cllr. Bowers.

1386. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests relating to matters on this Agenda.

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

1387. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meetings held on 6th and 14th December 2016.

Both sets of Minutes were **unanimously agreed** and then signed by the Chairman.

1388. Public Forum for 10 minutes.

No matters were brought to the attention of Members

1389. Matters for Discussion.

i. Casual vacancy.

The closing date for the receipt of requests for an election was 30 December 2016. There has been no request for an election, therefore, the council can co-opt a new councillor.

Proposed by Cllr. Abbott, seconded by Cllr. Prime and unanimously agreed that the Clerk advertise the vacancy on the notice boards during the remainder of January and for co-option to take place at the February meeting.

ii. Tarecroft Wood - footpath access & car park off Rickstones Road.

ECC have begun to undertake certain improvement works to this area but questions have been raised by the Chairman as to the quality of the work completed to date.

iii. To consider the use/sale of the council's unused mower.

From enquiries via EBay and other sources it would appear that the mower, as it stands, has a value circa £200-£300. The Clerk has received an enquiry of interest from one local person, but has not revealed any initial asking price. It was **unanimously agreed** that the Clerk advertise locally that the mower is for sale "as seen" with a guide price of £250.00.

iv. Highways maintenance.

(a) Amey/Highways England have given notice of the upcoming maintenance works on the A120 and A12 to commence on Monday 9 January until May 2017.

(b) The road surface indicator signs along Oak Road have again been reported to ECC for repainting.

(c) The warning sign in advance of Rectory Lane on Rickstones Road is still awaiting replacement by ECC.

(d) Dysfunctional lighting in Rivenhall End has been reported.

v. General maintenance.

(a) Litter picking.

The Clerk has arranged a meeting with both new litter-pickers for Thursday 6 January in order to further explain the work details and to issue HiViz vests and picker sticks. All necessary insurance has been confirmed as being covered by the council's existing policy with Zurich.

1390. Planning Matters:**New Applications:**

There were no new planning applications to be considered.

Planning Results:

16/01678/FUL: Extension etc. - Barley Croft, Oak Road, Rivenhall End.

Application granted.

Planning Appeals:

There were no new appeals to be considered, but the appeal re lighting at Rivenhall Oaks Golf Course is still ongoing.

1391. Ongoing Planning Issues:i. A12 & A120

Public consultation will commence re the A120 options on 17 January 2017 and will run for 8 weeks with residents being able to give feedback by filling in an online/hard copy questionnaire or by writing and sending their views via email and post. Information will also be available at 11 public information events, including, Rivenhall Motel (6 Feb.), Silver End Village Hall (30 Jan.) and Spring Lodge Centre Witham (11 Feb.)

ii. BDC Local Plan.

BDC has postponed the main Committee date until June 2017.

From the Local Plan meeting on 15 December 2016 it would appear that RPC's views have been noted in the agenda and both large sites - Cressing Road and further land at the golf course are **NOT** recommended by officers.

iii. Rivenhall Airfield - Bradwell Quarry.

Nothing further to report.

iv. Rivenhall Airfield - Waste Incinerator.

Environment Agency permit application refused.

The application to erect a plant to extract water from the River Blackwater was approved by ECC.

v. Proposed Colemans Farm Quarry.

Nothing further to report.

vi. Braintree District Local Highways Panel.

a. *7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road* - Following the decision of the ECC Cabinet Member to turn down the weight restriction scheme on the basis of one landowner complaining about access to one field, the Chairman submitted a Call-in request, which ECC have confirmed was successful. The next stage will be an informal hearing with the cabinet Member in early January 2017, after which it may go to Committee.

b. *Extended 30mph limit along Church Road* - Discussions continue regarding a possible reintroduction of the original proposal for a 40mph "buffer" zone.

- c. *Rectory Lane* - a new scheme to block the southern exit of Rectory Lane has been submitted.
- d. *Oak Road* - a new scheme submitted re HGVs ignoring weight and height warnings going down Oak Road to the railway bridge. Numerous residents have complained recently, police called, etc as HGVs try to reverse back causing chaos. The 2 suggestions to the BDLHP are to liaise with all satnav providers to detail the road as unsuitable for HGVs and to install some form of height warning system between the Rickstones Road junction and Hoo Hall Lodge to alert drivers to go no further if they are in over-height vehicles.
- (e) Having received a request from a local resident, The Chairman will submit a new scheme - erection of "Beware Horses" warning signs along Rickstones Road.

1392. Correspondence received since the date of this Agenda.

There was no additional correspondence.

1393. Reports from PC Representatives.

There were no reports for this meeting.

1394. Finance Matters;

- i. To formally agree the Budget and Precept figures for 2017/2018.
Proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr. Anderson and unanimously agreed that the Council's Precept for 2017/2018 be confirmed at £9,500.00 as per the minutes of the meeting dated 14 December 2016.
- ii. To agree accounts for payment.
Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Prime and unanimously agreed that the following accounts be paid. Cheques were then drawn accordingly.

1139	Stephanie Bills	£107.96	Website hosting 2016/17
1140	Kempco Ltd.	£2.80	Printing additional reports
1141	The Henry Dixon Hall Charity	£12.50	Hall hire
1142	Rivenhall & S. End PCC	£250.00	Mower donation
1143	R.P.F.A.	£30.00	Hall hire
1144	K.P. Taylor	£320.14	Salary/expenses Dec. 2016
1145	A. Walsh	£54.00	Litter picking Dec, 2016
1146	P. G. Groundcare Ltd.	£148.80	Maintenance Dec. 2016

1395. Information exchange and items for the October Agenda.

- The next meeting of the BDLHP is scheduled for 19 January 2017.
- The Annual Report should include information regarding the future Precepts in light of the BDC grant reduction.
- Albert Moss children's play area - follow up re BDC inspection and possible fencing.
- The Chairman reported two more RTAs along Church Road/Park Road.
- RPFA Cllr. Wright agreed to attend on behalf of the council at the AGM on 31 January 2017.
- The Chairman has requested BDC to clear the litter, including asbestos piping, around the lay-by on Henry Dixon Road.

1396. 10 Minutes Public Feedback - if necessary.

Members were informed of the death of Mrs. Phyllis Gurton who died just after Christmas.

1397. Dates of future meetings:

Tuesdays 7 February in Rivenhall Village Hall and 7 March 2017 in The Henry Dixon Hall, commencing promptly at 20.00 hours. Items for the February meeting to the Clerk by 27 January at the latest.

1398. Closure.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.52 hours.

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

CHAIRMAN