

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2013.**

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

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Bills (Vice-Chairman).

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

The Chairman welcomed Mr. Cooper from the Highways Agency.

**734.. To receive apologies for absence.**

An apology was received from Cllr. Abbott who was attending a BDC Planning Committee.

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

There were no Disclosures made at this meeting.

**736.. To approve and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013.**

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

**737 Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

No matters were brought to the attention of Members.

**738.. Matters for Discussion.**

i. A12/Oak Road junction.

Mr. Cooper indicated that the Highways Agency (HA) had commissioned Atkins to undertake a study of the A12/Oak Road junction to be completed before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013. Any identified proposals will be subject to the availability of funding and set against other needs on the trunk road system.

Mr. Cooper reported that a site meeting had been held on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2013 between ECC Highways, Highways Agency, Essex Police and Atkins and a slightly revised plan had been produced showing a traffic island at the junction with some additional signage with an estimated costing of £80k.

Members of the public and Councillors asked various questions relating to this issue, including: Why not introduce a weight restriction in Oak Road and ban HGVs from using this road by directing them via the Kelvedon South slip and underpass; recent gas leaks along Oak Road and cracks appearing in people's houses; vibrations along the existing slip and the lack of crash barriers along the cycle track/footway; the lack of a junction number on the A12; the 90 degree turn off the A12 onto Oak Road and why wasn't a representative from the Parish Council invited to attend yesterday's site meeting.

Mr. Cooper agreed to look further into these questions wherever possible and report back via email.

Mr. Cooper was also asked if the Parish Council could hold a key to the pump room under the A12 on Henry Dixon Road to save the cost of HA staff having to travel out to simply reset the pump whenever the road floods. He agreed to liaise further with ECC regarding remedial action along Henry Dixon Road so that the filter in the pump does not become blocked by silt and grit.

ii. BDC's future plans for Parish financing.

**Proposed by Cllr. Prime, seconded by Cllr. Wright and unanimously agreed** that the council accept the BDC proposals for their future Localism Fund Grant Funding as defined by letter dated 4<sup>th</sup> February 2013. The Localism Fund Payment for Rivenhall in 2013/14 will be £2,958.00.

iii. To change the date for the Precept meeting from November to December.

In order to fall into line with item 738(ii) above it was **unanimously agreed** that the Precept meeting should in future be held during mid December of each year.

- iv. RCCE Best Kept Village Competition 2013.  
Cllr. Bills agreed to compile the entry for Rivenhall and Cllr. Clark to compile the entry for Rivenhall End; Cllr. Clark will forward a copy of the entry form for the Rivenhall Churchyard to the Churchwardens.
- v. Highways Maintenance.
- Overhanging trees in Henry Dixon Road: - The Clerk will contact ECC Highways accordingly.
  - The Church Road parking revisions are to be considered by the NEPP at their next meeting.
  - The demolished bollard at the junction of Henry Dixon and Oak Roads will be reported to ECC Highways.
- vi. General Maintenance.  
The following items will be referred to the Maintenance Contractor for his attention:
- Repair/repaint posts on the Village Green.
  - Identifying on a village map the location of flower bulbs.
- vii. EALC Training Courses:  
Freedom of Information Act & Data Protection: 19<sup>th</sup> April 2013. No attendee.  
Law & Procedures: 25<sup>th</sup> April 2013. Cllr. Clark will attend.  
The Localism Agenda - Planning: 1<sup>st</sup> May 2013. No attendee.

#### 739.. **Planning Matters:**

##### **New Applications:**

There were no new planning applications to consider at this meeting.

##### **Planning Results:**

There were no planning results to report to this meeting.

##### **Planning Appeal:**

**12/00611/FUL** - Change of use of existing vehicle parking to parking associated with Bartrums Road Services Ltd.

Appleford Farm Cottages, Braxted Road.

Members were satisfied that all previous representations have been forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate and will be taken into account by the Inspector.

#### 740.. **Ongoing Planning Issues:**

- i. Local Development Framework.  
The latest information from BDC regarding the proposed development off Forest Road is that the dates of 2021-2026 given in the Core Strategy is for **completions**, so the site could start as early as 2019. Further clarification of this is to be obtained from BDC.
- ii. Rivenhall Airfield.  
Nothing further to report at this meeting.
- iii. ECC Waste Development.  
Nothing further to report at this meeting.
- iv. ECC Minerals Local Plan.  
The Council's response was sent to ECC and its receipt has been acknowledged.
- v. Braintree District Local Highways Panel  
The Chairman has requested the latest information regarding the projects relating to Rivenhall in advance of the Panel meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2013.
- vi. Tarecroft Wood.  
Members are in receipt of the ECC Community Asset Transfer Document. It was agreed to defer this matter to the next meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2013 when all Members should be present.

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

- BALC Open Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2013 - 7.30pm Causeway House. There were no potential attendees
- Email from Witham TC re an application for an 84acre solar panel farm at Little Braxted Hall (Maldon DC) with the proposed route for construction traffic via Braxted Road. Further information is to be sought and details circulated as required before the end of the consultation period.

**742.. Finance matters:**

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.

883	Kempco Ltd	£19.24	Copying & printing
884	D. Clark	£17.99	Bow saw re tree maintenance
885	RPFA	£30.00	Hall hire
886	K. P. Taylor	£330.00	Salary/expenses (Feb)
887	A. Walsh	£270.00	Maintenance (Feb)

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

- The regular failure of Bus Service 132: Witham/Braintree. For the next meeting
- Identification of diseased trees. For the next agenda/APA.

**744.. Dates of future meetings:**

Tuesdays 2<sup>nd</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup> May in Rivenhall Village Hall, both commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

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

The APA will precede the May meeting, commencing at 19.00hours.

**745.. Closure.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.34 hours.

Signed: .....

CHAIRMAN

Date: .....