

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL  
DRAFT MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD 5 DECEMBER 2017.  
HELD IN THE HENRY DIXON HALL, RIVENHALL END.**

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

**In the Chair:** Cllr. Abbott

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

**1542. To receive any apologies for absence.**

An apology was received from BDC Cllr. Bowers

**1543. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.**

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

Cllr. Turner declared a pecuniary interest in item 1547 and left the meeting for that item.

**1544. To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2017.**

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

**1545. Public Forum for 10 minutes.**

The following matters were brought to members' attention:

- A12 litter picking has not happened of late - the Clerk will contact BDC accordingly.
- A12 delay in improvements is causing great local concern re housing blight.
- Henry Dixon Road to A12 steps are in need of lighting - this will be referred to Highways England.
- Defunct Rickstones Road street lights have been referred to ECC for appropriate remedial action.

**1546. Matters for discussion.**

i. Solar powered light for Rickstones Road footway.

The maintenance contractor has been requested to cut back the shrubbery close to the streetlights in an effort to shed more light on the footway.

The Chairman has requested information from ECC as to what action needs to be taken when installing any additional lighting at this and any other similar location.

ii. Information pack for new residents within the parish.

This matter has been deferred until the local parish boundaries have been finally agreed. (See item 1546(iv) below)

iii. Custom made speed signs for wheelie bins.

Members agreed to discuss this further at the January meeting and to agree a suitable wording for the signs.'

iv. BDC Community Governance Review.

BD Councillors considered all the representations at their meeting on 29 November 2017.

It was recommended that the status quo be retained along the current boundary with Witham, with the exception of the following: site RIV. 360 [Rivenhall Park] and sites RIVE. 362 and 363 [Industrial sites], be

transferred into Witham Parish. This may take effect from 2019 but will be subject to further public consultation in due course.

- v. BDC winter waste bin collection regime.  
BDC has suspended the green garden waste collections for the months of December 2017, January and February 2018.
- vi. Highway & PRow matters.
  - (a) A vehicle collision was reported out side 128 Oak Road between a resident reversing onto the driveway and a vehicle being driven at speed towards the A12. There is a need for 30MPH repeater signs along Oak Road, in both directions and another surface 'slow' sign before the first bend approaching the dwellings from Rivenhall main village. The Clerk will report these problems to ECC Highways, requesting an additional surface sign be introduced after the entrance to Hoo Hall and in advance of the Oak Road residential properties.
  - (b) Damage to street furniture by HGVs.  
The damaged/demolished bollards at the junction of Henry Dixon Road and Oak Road have been reported to ECC via the Highways reporting website.
  - (c) HGVs at the Railway Bridge, blocking back to A12.  
There is no reduction in the number of HGVs being unable to travel under this bridge; new 'blatant' warning signs are required at various locations approaching this hazard and the BDLHP are to, again, be made aware of this continuing problem.
- vii. General maintenance
  - (a) The maintenance contractor has provided an estimate in the sum of £1,497.00 for cutting all hedges that run along footpaths and footways during 2018/19.  
**Proposed by Cllr. Wright, seconded by Cllr. Prime and unanimously agreed** that the Clerk submit an application to the EALC for a grant to cover this additional expenditure.
  - (b) There is an increasing problem throughout the parish regarding litter, in the main from McDonalds and KFC - it was agreed that the Clerk contact both outlets to once again inform them of this problem and requesting assistance to combat this nuisance.
  - (c) A fly tip opposite Fair Rest, Braxted Road has been reported to BDC.

#### 1547. Planning Applications:

##### New Applications:

**17/02068/FUL:** 23 Church Road - Demolish existing dwelling and erect 2 replacement dwelling houses.

Members raised the following comments regarding this application:

The proposed development goes beyond the local parish envelope and a previous application was refused for this very same reason. The existing cottage, although in need of attention, is of considerable local historical interest.

##### Planning Results.

**17/00359/TPO:** Rivenhall Place has been withdrawn.

### Planning Appeals.

There were no planning appeals reported.

### 1548. Ongoing Planning Issues:

- i. A12 & A120 Projects.  
A12 - ECC recommendations should be agreed by the end of this winter.  
A120 - Of the initial route options assessed only 2 broad options corresponding to the central (routes B and C) and southern corridors (routes D and E) will now be pursued in greater detail to determine the best overall performing route. Work continues to present a full set of route option appraisals to Government in accordance with HE processes. The final ECC recommendation will be determined by the Cabinet Member.
- ii. BDC Local Plan.  
There was nothing to report at this meeting.
- iii. Bradwell Quarry.  
Applications ESS/07/16/BTE/22/2 & 22/3: Continuation of development - permissions granted.
- iv. IWMF.  
There was nothing to report at this meeting.
- v. Coleman's Farm Quarry.  
A new planning application is to be submitted to increase the site footprint due to increased stockpiling requirements.  
The Little Braxted Lane access is expected to come into use by 15 December 2017.
- vi. BDLHP  
The very latest information remains as follows:
  - a. *7.5T weight restriction, Oak Road* - The Chairman has met with the ECC Cabinet Member who indicated that there are now three statutory objections, plus the fact the ECC are not minded to take any further action until such time as the route of the A12 has been determined.
  - 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* - the stopping up of this lane has been rejected although discussions continue. 'Quiet Lane' signs are expected to be erected at both entrances to Rectory Lane before the end of 2017/2018.
  - 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. ECC has to date advised that they are not aware of a suitable height warning system that could be used in that location and that a signage review is being undertaken. The Chairman has suggested to ECC that at a minimum a prominent height warning sign

should be erected between the recycling area and the Hoo Hall turn on the left hand side going down Oak Road towards the railway bridge in order to try to stop HGVs from going any further than that point.

e. Having received a request from a local resident, The Chairman has submitted a new scheme - erection of "Beware Horses" warning signs along Rickstones Road.

f. A new scheme for improvements to the junction of Rectory Lane and Rickstones Road has been submitted. (Suggested that the 2 current, out of date, bend warning signs be replaced with current standard 20mph advisory signs warning of bends plus concealed junction. Also that the road lining at the junction be looked at to make it as safe as possible with consideration given to make it safe for pedestrians crossing while using the John Ray Walk.

g. A new scheme is to be validated re the bend on Church Road close to the northern bound bus stop opposite where the wall has been damaged outside the residential property.

h. The request for a 30 mph limit along the Colemans Bridge A12 slip road has been formally submitted to the BDLHP.

i. A new scheme has been submitted re Rectory Lane as follows: For the erection of signs indicating 'Lane not suitable for HGVs'; signs indicating 'Road narrows'; and the introduction of a 20mph speed restriction along the entire length of Rectory Lane from Rickstones Road to Forest Road."

**1549. Correspondence received since the date of the agenda.**

There was no additional correspondence.

**1550. Reports from PC Representatives.**

There were no reports for this meeting.

**1551. Finance matters:**

To agree accounts for payment.

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

1208	S. Bills	£107.96	Website hosting 2017/18.
1209	H.M.R. C.	£215.00	PAYE 3 <sup>rd</sup> ¼ 2017/18.
1210	Fred Smith	£200.00	Christmas Tree contribution.
1211	Riv. & S. End PCC	£350.00	Grant for Parish Magazine.
1212	Karen Bridge	£101.25	Litter picking November 2017.
1213	P. G. Groundcare Ltd.	£291.00	Maintenance November 2017.
1214	K. P. Taylor	£316.70	Salary/expenses November 2017.

**1552. Information exchange and items for the January agenda.**

- \* Three RTAs were reported in the vicinity of Park Gate Farm and another at the junction of Park Road and Church Road.
- \* The council expressed their condolences to Tracy at the loss of her mother Dot Taylor.

**1553. Ten minute public feedback.**

- \* The adequate provision of 'bunds' in any future planning applications for the Witham Industrial site alongside the A12.
- \* There was a HGV strike to the Railway Bridge which resulted in the slow movement of trains in both directions.

**1554. Dates of future meetings.**

Tuesdays 9 January and 6 February 2018 in Rivenhall Village Hall commencing promptly at 20.00 hours.

Items for the January agenda to the Clerk by 29 December at the latest.

Members are reminded that the annual Precept Meeting is scheduled for 13 December 2017 in Rivenhall Village Hall, commencing at 20.00 hours.

**1555. Closure.**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.17 hours.

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

CHAIRMAN