

**RIVENHALL PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 7TH JULY 2020
HELD ELECTRONICALLY DUE TO THE COVID-19 HEALTH RESTRICTIONS.**

All councillors took part via email.

1992. Disclosure of any Pecuniary Interests relating to this agenda.

Cllr. Abbott declared non-pecuniary interests in all matters relating to ECC, the BDLHP and item 1997 re Chairman's allowance.

1993. To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd June 2020.

The minutes were **approved** to be signed later by the Chairman.

1994. Matters for Discussion:

i. To consider an earlier start of the normal RPC meetings.

It was the **majority agreement** that future council meetings would be convened for 19.30 hours.

ii. Gate for Tarecroft Car Park.

It was agreed that this should be progressed and the Chairman, in his role as the local ECC Member has requested a site meeting with ECC officers to progress this matter together with the previous RPC requests for maintenance work at the car park.

iii. Possible addition of 2 extra CCTV cameras.

It was **agreed** to request BDC to order 2 additional CCTV cameras and necessary equipment on behalf of RPC, as previously RPC will pay when invoiced by BDC.

iv. Clerk's membership of SLCC.

It was **agreed** that the Clerk, if he so desired, to remain a member of the SLCC and for the membership fee to be paid by the council.

v. Highway Maintenance.

ECC indicate that no further work will be done in response to Chairman's concerns (in his role as ECC Member) re minimal work completed by ECC on the 7 Member-led footway schemes. Chairman will continue to press for more work to be done on Rickstones Road footways and is also chasing ECC re potholes - ECC has agreed junction of Rickstones Road and Church Road will be repaired and is re-inspecting the cluster of defects near the zebra crossing in Church Road. The Chairman also reported that he and residents had asked ECC to urgently repair the serious defects in the footway near 20 St Mary's Road which appeared once again to have been caused by a heavy vehicle driving over the footway.

vi. General Maintenance.

The maintenance contractor has been asked to replace/repair the damaged posts around the Village Green and to sweep and clean around the metal/glass bus shelter and the steps leading to the bungalows.

He will also be asked to trim back the trees and hedges on the raised section of the footway along Rickstones Road between number 301 and the entrance to the John Ray Walk, and to trim back the overhanging vegetation along Oak Road footway in the area opposite Hoo Hall Cottages.

1995. Planning Applications:

New Applications:

20/00948/HH & 20/00947/HH: 459 & 457 Rickstones Road - Vehicle crossovers with dropped kerbs and tarmac drives.

Members raised no objections relative to these applications.

No comments/objections were raised re the renewal of the sex establishment licence for Pulse & Cocktails, London Road, Rivenhall End.

Results:

19/01947/OUT: Erection of three dwellings - Land adjacent Glebe Farm, Rectory Lane. Application Granted.

20/00499/HH: Extension to 451 Rickstones Road.

Application granted.

Appeals:

19/01462/OUT: Erection of 8 dwellings - land east of Church Road.

Members' majority view is to abide by their original decision to oppose this application and support BDC in its refusal.

1996. Ongoing Planning Issues:

i. A12 & A120 Projects.

Nothing further to report at this meeting.

ii. BDC Local Plan.

BDC has now received the list of Modifications from the Local Plan Inspector that he considers are needed to make the Local Plan Section 1 Sound. The Modifications will be discussed at BDC in 2 meetings in July and then if agreed will go out to public consultation.

iii. Bradwell Quarry.

Nothing further to report at this meeting.

iv. IWMF

Nothing further to report at this meeting.

v. Colemans Quarry.

The next liaison meeting is scheduled for 11.30 hours on Monday 13th July 2020.

vi. BDLHP.

The Chairman's latest report is as detailed in the Clerk's General Report dated 20th June 2020,

1997. Finance matters:

To agree accounts for payment

With **full agreement** the following cheques were drawn:

1378	£72.60	RCCE	Membership fee 2020/21
1379	£700.00	J. E. Abbott	Chairman's allowance 2020/21
1380	£336.90	K. P. Taylor	Salary/expenses June '20
1381	£456.00	P. G. Groundcare Ltd.	Maintenance June '20
1382	£99.00	Karen Bridge	Litter picking June '20
1383	£109.00	SLCC	Clerk's membership 2020/21

1998. Information exchange and items for the August agenda.

To decide at August meeting on purchase of plants and bulbs for autumn planting.

Residents suggestions plus member's view is to purchase 2 shrubs/small trees to replace the tubs at St Mary's Road and to plant snowdrops around them; to purchase daffodils to go along the section of Rickstones Road where the new drainage was put in a few years ago; to organise a planting afternoon in October and invite residents to take part.

1999. Dates of future meetings.

4th August and 1st September 2020, but both may be convened electronically.
Further items for the August agenda to the Clerk by 24th July at the latest.

Signed:

Date: 4th August 2020

CHAIRMAN

The Chairman could not sign the minutes at the August meeting due to the COVID-19 restrictions.