

RETTENDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at the the Hayes Community Club, Hayes Country Park, Burnham Road, Battlesbridge CM3 8DP on Tuesday 20th July 2021 at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr Sandie Cottee
Cllr Hazel Dale Evans
Cllr Denise Fleming
Cllr Mark Fleming
Cllr Roy Hart
Cllr James Knight
Cllr David Phillips (Chairman)
Cllr Ray Ride
Cllr Barbara Wright

There were 38 members of the public in attendance.

Chelmsford City Councillor Paul Clark also attended.

37-21/22 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

There were no apologies to receive.

38-21/22 Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda

Cllr Denise Fleming declared an interest in Item 45-21/22.

Cllr Ride said he would be amending his Register of Interests. He said in previous years he had declared a non-pecuniary interest in the decision to award a grant to Rettendon Primary School. He said he had resigned as a governor of the school three months ago and his Register of Interests would be amended accordingly.

Cllr Ride declared an interest in Item 45-21/22.

Cllr Wright declared an interest in Item 47-21/22 c) as a regular visitor to the school.

39-21/22 Public Forum – strictly 5 minutes only per speaker

A resident thanked the Council for meeting at Hayes. He said four years ago Cllr Denise Fleming had investigated streetlighting at the entrance to the Park and he asked for a progress report on this issue.

Cllr Knight said he had taken this matter on and asked for three quotes, receiving one response. He said he had spoken to the owners of Hayes who had said the ring of lights would be continued. He said he would rather

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approach the owners and have the lights installed at their expense. He said it was still on the Council's agenda.

A resident referred to the issue of signage at the entrance to Hayes and said there was difficulty crossing the road to the bus stop. She said the turn-in signs had been knocked over and not replaced.

Cllr Phillips said the signs had been reported to Essex Highways who had assessed and decided not to replace the signs as this presented no danger. He said the crossing. Signage and bus services had been delayed over the past year but were being pursued and would be picked up again this year.

A resident asked about the Council holding this meeting in licensed premises.

The Clerk said she would reply on this point in writing.

He asked what had happened to the Sonters Down Working Party.

Cllr Phillips said when the Play Area had been handed back to Chelmsford the Working Party had been disbanded on the understanding that councillors would monitor the situation and take any necessary action. He said he had approached Chelmsford City Council regarding improvements to the Play Area but had been told that no improvements could be made without taking back responsibility for the whole area.

The resident referred to the appointment of trustees to the Bell Fields charities. He asked if these would be councillors or other residents. He questioned the procedure to be employed.

Cllr Phillips said that this would be considered under the agenda item.

A resident referred to Item 45-21/22 c) and said the trustees need not be councillors. He said according to the 2011 Charities Act there was potential for staggering the appointment of new trustees.

40-21/22 To agree the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 29th June 2021.

The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 29th June 2021 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

41-21/22 To receive the Essex County Councillor and Ward Councillors' reports.

Essex County Councillor Ian Grundy had sent the following report:

"he new Primary School at St Lukes has been given planning permission and work on this should start next month with a completion in July next year. You maybe aware the development includes a 56 place nursery and 210 place for

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the Primary School and clearly will be an option for Rettendon families to consider in the future, particularly so as the local school is at full capacity.

You will be hearing a lot more on Climate Change and carbon reduction schemes in the coming months. Tomorrow afternoon the independent appointed commission appointed by ECC will be publishing their report and this will certainly include recommendations involving local residents.

There is a strong wish at Essex to devolve more responsibilities to Parish Councils and this is something you should be prepared for, not sure when but you will certainly be notified and opinion's sought."

Chelmsford City Councillor Paul Clark said operation was starting to return to normal at Chelmsford City Council. He said planning enforcement actions were continuing. He said the Sonters Down Play Area needed attention and that although regular safety inspections were carried out the equipment was tired. He said he had been advised there was no money in Chelmsford's budget for this and that the current year's budget had been set before the Play Area had been handed back to Chelmsford.

He said speeding vehicles and loud exhausts were an ongoing problem especially in the middle of the night. He said anti-social gatherings of young persons and substance abuse were also problems He said he had asked for a more visible police presence.

42-21/22 To receive reports from the following:

a) Village Hall Committee representative

Cllr Cottee said there had been no meetings of the Hall committee since the last Council meeting.

b) Bus Shelter Working Group

Cllr Cottee said the bus shelters were being cleaned as there had been a lot of rain and dust.

c) S-Type Security Working Group

Cllr Denise Fleming said the parish continued to benefit from additional patrols as S-Type were now patrolling South Hanningfield.

43-21/22 Finance

- a) To agree to authorise invoices for payment, receive copy Bank statements and details of expenditure to date.

Invoices were agreed as listed below and copies of bank statements were received.

K. Kane	July salary	£730.76
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RCCE	Subscription	£72.60
Wave	Water – Playing Field	£24.75
S-Type Security	Security Patrols	£455.00

44-21/22 To agree the response to the planning applications listed in Appendix 1 to the agenda

21/01202/FUL - Site At Oak Tree Farm Burnham Road Battlesbridge Rettendon - Demolition of existing dwelling and barn and construction of two new dwellings.

It was **agreed** that the Council objected to this application as with more traffic associated with new dwellings the access to and from Burnham Road was not suitable. It was also a concern that this would add to existing traffic problems along that road.

21/01272/ADV - Unit 2 Muggeridge Farm Maltings Road Battlesbridge - 2 x non-illuminated fascia signs.

It was **agreed** that the Council would support this application.

45-21/22 Appointment of trustees to the Bell Fields charities

Cllr Wright requested a recorded vote.

a) To agree to appoint for a maximum tenure of 4 years starting 25 July 2021 as trustees of registered charity 271479 ("Allotment for the Labouring Poor") all the current members of Rettendon Parish Council who explicitly confirm their agreement.

Cllrs D Fleming, M Fleming, Knight, Phillips and Ride voted for the motion.

Cllrs Dale Evans and Hart voted against the motion.

Cllrs Cottee and Wright abstained from voting.

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Members explicitly confirming their agreement to be appointed as a trustee of registered charity 271479 were Cllrs Cottee, D Fleming, M Fleming, Knight, Phillips, Ride and Wright.

b) To agree to appoint for a maximum tenure of 4 years starting 25 July 2021 as trustees of registered charity 271480 ("Allotment for Exercise and Recreation") all the current members of Rettendon Parish Council who explicitly confirm their agreement.

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Cllrs D Fleming, M Fleming, Knight, Phillips and Ride voted for the motion.

Cllrs Dale Evans and Hart voted against the motion.

Cllrs Cottee and Wright abstained from voting.

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c) To agree that any further appointments shall be exclusively of members of Rettendon Parish Council.

This Item was withdrawn.

46-21/22 To consider and possibly agree the cost of replacement pads for the G3 defibrillator attached to Rettendon Memorial Hall at a cost of approximately £50 including VAT and delivery.

The cost of replacement pads for the G3 defibrillator attached to Rettendon Memorial Hall at a cost of approximately £50 including VAT and delivery was **agreed**.

47-21/22 To agree the amount of the following precepted donations:

a) All Saints Church, Rettendon, for maintenance of the churchyard (up to £1,000)

The donation of £1,000 to All Saints Church, Rettendon, for maintenance of the churchyard was **agreed**.

b) Battlesbridge Free Church, Battlesbridge, for maintenance of the churchyard (£750)

The donation of £750 to Battlesbridge Free Church, Battlesbridge, for maintenance of the churchyard was **agreed**.

c) Rettendon Primary School, towards the cost of providing swimming lessons for pupils at the school.

The motion was **defeated**.

It was agreed to suspend Standing Order 3(x) for the duration of this meeting.

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48-21/22 To consider and possibly agree to set up a Working Group to consider and present fully costed suggestions to the Council as to how the people of the parish of Rettendon can participate in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

This motion was withdrawn.

49-21/22 The Parish Survey Report

a) To consider and possibly agree the circulated document for publication on the Parish Council website.

b) To consider and possibly agree to print paper copies of the Parish Survey Report (details circulated prior to the meeting)

The motion was withdrawn.

50-21/22 To review the existing contract with S-Type Security and Solutions and agree any proposed amendments.

The existing contract with S-Type Security and Solutions was reviewed. It was noted there were no material changes to the terms and that the Clerk would revert to S-Type with the signed updated contract.

51-21/22 To consider and possibly agree that the Parish Council organise litter picks and footpath clearance within the Parish, inviting residents to participate where appropriate.

This Item was **deferred**.

52-21/22 To consider and possibly agree the layout and colour of the Parish Council website.

This Item was **deferred**.

53-21/22 Reports from Councillors on Council activities since the last meeting

Cllr Hart said that in Battlesbridge he had repaired the village sign, picked up litter, helped provide a water system for the station and cleared an overgrown path.

Cllr Wright asked about the proposed 40mph limit on Woodham Road. Cllr D Fleming said that Essex Highways had refused to consider this.

54-21/22 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 28 September 2021, venue to be confirmed.

The meeting closed at 10.15pm.

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