

## **RETTENDON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at the Rettendon Memorial Hall, Main Road,  
Rettendon on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.30pm.**

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

Chelmsford City Councillor Paul Clark also attended.

### **120-21/22 Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr D Fleming.

### **121-21/22 Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**

Cllr Wright declared an interest in Item 126-21/22, payment to the Rettendon & Battlesbridge Newsletter.

### **122-21/22 Public Forum – strictly 5 minutes only per speaker**

A resident referred to the agenda and said that the maximum time a member of the public could speak should be 5 minutes. He said there was no Any Other Business Item on the agenda.

He referred to the health of a member of the Council and their ability to act as a Councillor. He called upon them to resign.

He referred to a copy of a newsletter from East Hanningfield Parish Council with a population of only 1,000. He said the Newsletter included a full page article by Ian Grundy.

He said the Parish Council should be looking after residents.

A resident inquired about the types of tree available via the planting scheme and mentioned the flowering cherry trees along the approach to the village.

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Councillor D. Phillips, Chairman

He asked about the possibility of replacing those planted in 1936.

He said two posts were broken at the entrance to Sonters Down playing field and cars were getting in.

He asked about progress in resolving the car parking problem on Meadow Road.

Cllr Cottee said she would be providing an update during the meeting.

**123-21/22 Agreement of Minutes**

**a) To agree the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 21 December 2021**

The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 21 December 2021 were **agreed** as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**124-21/22 To receive the Essex County Councillor and Chelmsford City Council Ward Councillors' reports.**

The following report was received from Essex County Councillor Ian Grundy:

“We have formally laid out our budget proposals for the new Council year and although we are having to increase Council tax, we have been able to explain where every pound is being invested. Adult Social Care and Children Services are very much in the forefront of our expenditure, and it is right that should be so. I am pleased to say there will also be extra funding in our roads and climate change initiatives.

We are also launching a new fund to help boost the economy. This new fund is particularly designed to ensure our young people develop the skills and have the best opportunity in life.

With the relaxation of Covid rules, face to face meetings are returning which I welcome. One consequent of this will be a property review and a review of how we work in the future. It is a busy and challenging time for all of us.”

-Chelmsford City Councillor referred to the CCC budget progress and said he believed the council tax rise will be close the maximum permitted. He said the rise in energy prices was not initially factored into the budget and might have to be covered by using reserves.

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Councillor D. Phillips, Chairman

**125-21/22 To receive reports from the following:****a) Village Hall Committee representative**

Cllr Cottee said there had been a meeting the previous week but that she had been unable to attend. She said she believed there were discussions about how the Hall could be used as part of the Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

**b) Bus Shelter Working Group**

There was no report to receive.

**c) S-Type Security Working Group**

There was no report to receive.

**126-21/22 Finance**

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

Invoices were authorised for payment as follows:

Mrs K Kane	Salary	£730.76
Mrs K Kane	Mileage	£31.50
RetBatNews	Newletter column	£10
S-Type Security	Security Patrols	£980
W & H (Romac)	Streetlights	£270.28

- b) To receive the Income/Expenditure Summary for 2021/22 Quarter 3.

The Income/Expenditure Summary for 2021/22 Quarter 3 was received.

**127-21/22 To agree the response to the planning applications listed in Appendix 1 to the agenda**

**21/02460/FUL - G W Smith Woodham Road Battlesbridge Wickford - Retrospective application for the change of use of buildings D1 (fruit and veg store), G (potato store) and I (delivery lorries storage) to uses in association with a second-hand car dealership (Sui Generis).**

It was agreed to support the proposed change of use, subject to no

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expansion to include additional land or buildings

**21/02273/FUL - Land North Of Old Hall Barns Main Road Rettendon Chelmsford - Construction of a new dwelling.**

It was agreed to **object** to this application as the proposed dwelling was on Green Belt land.

**128-21/22 To discuss the Chelmsford City Council Tree Warden Scheme and note any action necessary.**

The Chelmsford City Council Tree Warden Scheme was discussed. It was noted that it would be publicised online to gauge interest.

**129-21/22 To discuss the EALC 2022 Training Calendar and note any action necessary**

Cllr Knight said the Council was approaching the final year before elections.

Cllr Phillips said councillors should look at the Calendar and see if any appropriate training was available.

**130-21/22 To discuss the relaunch of the Larger Local Council Forum and note any action necessary**

It was noted that Cllr Phillips would attend the next meeting and report back in due course.

**131-21/22 To consider and possibly agree a response to the Transport East Transport Strategy Consultation**

It was noted that Cllr Phillips would collate a response to the Transport East Strategy Consultation to be circulated to all councillors for any further comments prior to submission.

**132-21/22 To consider and possibly agree to the launch of the new Rettendon Parish Council website**

The launch of the new Rettendon Parish Council website was **agreed**.

**133-21/22 To consider and possibly agree a response to the Essex County Council's consultation on *Everyone's Library Service 2022-2026 Plan*.**

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It was noted the consultation had expired.

**134-21/22 To receive a condition report on the noticeboard in East Hanningfield Road**

A report on the condition of the noticeboard in East Hanningfield Road was received.

The Chairman asked Cllr Dale Evans to submit a proposal to a future meeting if it was felt a new noticeboard as required.

**135-21/22 Reports from Councillors on Council activities since the last meeting.**

Cllr Dale Evans reported her involvement in re-starting various activities in the parish and provided a list of events.

Cllr Wright provided an update on the state of defibrillators.

Cllr Hart produced a printed map and said Cllr Ride was responsible for Cllr Ride's home address being added as a second location for Cllr Hart's business.

The Chairman said this was not Parish Council business.

Cllr Hart said he knew this.

Cllr Fleming said he had participated in the recent tree planting activity.

Cllr Knight said he had also participated in the tree planting and associated arrangements. He referred to work with the Local Highways Panel regarding a pedestrian survey at Hayes.

Cllr Cottee referred to the tree planting. She said she had contacted the police regarding Meadow Road parking and been referred to Essex Highways. She said she had written an email to Ian Grundy, but was not sure whether it had actually been sent. She referred to the allotments and called for interested parties to contact her.

Cllr Cottee also referred to the walking group, a women's self-defence course (with details to be presented at the next meeting of the Council), the survey group, and said that a streetlight in the alley beside the school has been replaced but that evergreen trees were restricting illumination. She asked the Clerk contact the school about having the trees trimmed back.

Cllr Phillips referred to discussions with contractors about improvements to the Bell Fields changing room. He said a new specification was being prepared for street light maintenance. He referred to the vacancy for a school governor.

**136-21/22**     **Date of the next Parish Council Meeting** – 7.30pm, Tuesday 22 February 2022, Rettendon Memorial Hall, Main Road, Rettendon CM3 8DP

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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Councillor D. Phillips, Chairman