

RETTENDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29th November 2016 at the Rettendon Memorial Hall,
Main Road, Rettendon CM3 8DP at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Mark Fleming (Chair)
Cllr Christopher Cheater Cllr Roy Hart
Cllr Thomas Chapman Cllr Glenys Jones
Cllr Jacky Copsey Cllr Lance Millane
Cllr Denise Fleming

The Clerk

There were 20 members of the public present.

132-16/17 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Ride.

133-16/17 Chairman's Comments

The Chair said he had had the honour of representing Rettendon Parish Council at church on 13th November 2016 and laying wreath.

134-16/17 Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda

The Chairman to remind Councillors to declare any interests now and as they become evident to them during the progress of the meeting.

Cllr Hart declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning application

Cllr M Fleming declared a non-pecuniary interest in planning applications

Cllr D Fleming declares a non-pecuniary interest in planning application

135/16-17 Public Forum – strictly 5 minutes only per speaker

Mr De'ath said he had had organised a Boxing Day Walk. He said walkers should meet in the car park in Runwell at 10.30am. He said the walk followed footpaths in the parish and took two hours for a four mile walk. He said all were welcome.

Mr De'ath referred to the report on flood protection from Cllr Ride. He asked if Cllr Ride would give this report as a County or a Parish Cllr.

The Chair said Cllr Ride was not present. He said the Parish Council had become involved because Chelmsford City Council had not resolved the issue.

Cllr Millane confirmed the issue was the responsibility of the City Council.

A resident referred to the proposed stickers for wheelie bins and asked if would be possible to order stickers singly and whether the Parish Council could put residents in touch with the relevant suppliers.

Cllr Jones said this would be dealt with later on the agenda.

A resident asked how much had been paid to solicitors.

The Chair said he did not have that information to hand but would pass on the figure to the resident when available.

A resident said Cllr Jones had done her best to address speeding within the parish but questioned whether stickers would work. He said there were only two dustbins near the road and the bins were only out for a few hours every week and from January fortnightly. He said taking the 30mph sign back and painting signs on the road could reduce speeding. He said a pole had been knocked down in Meadow Road 18 months ago and although the pole had been replaced the sign never had. He said the fence along Main Road had not been repaired, potholes were not filled in and there were ongoing flooding problems. He said if Chelmsford City Council would not address these issues the Parish Council should find someone who could.

A resident said the fencing around the chicanes was a mess. She asked if the Parish Council did any welfare work. She said she had received a letter from a couple Rettendon Parish Council had looked after. She said they had gone into a nursing home and that she had the address if anyone wanted it.

A resident asked if it would be possible to put a "School" sign on the chicane near the school and pre-school on the road from Chelmsford.

The Chair said many of these issues would need to be address by Essex Highways and that it was not within the gift of the Parish Council to put up signs.

A resident referred to the cost of school buses for Rettendon children. He said Chelmsford were giving grants and he felt the Parish Council could chip in to help. He asked if the Annual Meeting could be changed back to a night in the week so that more residents might attend. He said from the Clerk's notes only 6 people had attended in 2016.

The Chair said 6 people had attended the Q & A session. He said more people had been present before this.

136/16-17 To receive the Essex County Councillor and Ward Councillors' reports.

There were no reports.

137/16-17 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th October 2016.

Cllr Cheater referred to Item 113-16/17 and asked for clarification regarding the surgery. Cllr Millane confirmed he was pursuing a doctor's surgery.

Cllr Cheater referred to Item 114-16/17 and asked for clarification regarding the policy on commenting on planning applications submitted by Parish Cllrs. The Chair confirmed that the Parish Council's policy was not to comment on such applications.

With the addition of "for 100." To Item 112-16/17 ii)i) after "£85.00" the minutes were **agreed**.

Proposed: Cllr Jones

Seconded: Cllr Millane

138/16-17 Matters arising from the above minutes.

i) Item 79/iii – The two VAS on Main Road

Cllr Fleming said that Essex Highways would be replacing these signs between January and March 2017.

ii) Item 119/16-17 – Code of Conduct Training

The Clerk said she was waiting to hear from EALC regarding possible dates for training on the Code of Conduct.

139/16-17 To agree to discontinue the practice of asking all who attend Rettendon PC meetings to sign the Attendance Book and to record only the number of members of the public who attend.

It was agreed to

Proposed: Cllr M Fleming

Seconded: Cllr Copsey

140/16-17 To agree the response to the following planning applications (all applications are available to view at www.chelmsford.gov.uk)

16/00985/MAT/1 – 47 East Hanningfield Road, Rettendon, Chelmsford CM3 8EQ – Material amendments to Condition 3 of 13/01184/FUL – to provide garages for 1no. houses. Alterations to plot 3 to doors, windows and canopy over the front door. Installation of solar panels. New entrance gates.

It was agreed to support this application.

16/01931/FUL – Magnolia House, Woodham Road, Rettendon, Wickford, Essex SS11 7QL – Amendment to approved reference 16/00518/FUL (Single storey side, two storey front extensions. Proposed porch) Extending proposed two storey front extension by 1 additional metre, alterations to proposed window arrangements and removal of chimney stack.

It was agreed to support this application.

16/01895/FUL – Hyde Hall, Creep hedge Lane, Rettendon Common, Chelmsford – Construction of a glass house. 16/01891/FUL – The Cabin, Bennetts Avenue, Rettendon, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 8EF – Raising of roof to create first floor accommodation

It was agreed to support this application.

16/01820/FUL – Mill View Farm, Maltings Road, Battlesbridge, Wickford, Essex SS11 7RH – Demolition of existing dwelling and the construction of a detached chalet style dwelling with associated parking and landscaping

Cllrs Hart and M Fleming declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application and did not take part in the discussion.

It was agreed to support this application, noting the comments made on flooding by the Environment Agency.

16/01800/FUL – Wyndham, Main Road, Rettendon Common, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 8DN – Demolition of existing dwelling and stable block and replacement with 2 storey dwelling and detached garage

Cllrs M Fleming and D Fleming declared a non-pecuniary interest in this application and did not take part in the discussion.

It was agreed to support this application, noting and agreeing with the comment made by resident Mr White.

141/16-17 To receive copies of correspondence

Copies of correspondence were received.

142/16-17 Finance

- a) The RPC Financial Statements ending November 2016 were received
- b) The balances were checked against bank statements
- c) The payment of £1,080 to Birkett Long LLP was recorded
- d) The payment of £240 to PKF re SB20161737 Annual Audit was recorded
- e) The payment of £125 to Images re 13509 Sept Newsletter was recorded
- f) The payment of £2 for commission charges for the period was recorded
- g) The November payment to HMRC of £102.20 was recorded
- h) The monthly standing order payment to Mr B Summerfield was recorded
- i) The payment of £200 to CCC re 1235944 Play in the Park was recorded
- j) The payment of £100 to Essex Air Ambulance was recorded

k) All payments, the monthly financial statements, transfers, cash received, instructions and the countersigning of cheques for the above were agreed

Proposed: Cllr Millane

Seconded: Cllr Copsey

143/16-17 To agree the response to Chelmsford City Council's Parish Facility Audit

The response to Chelmsford City Council's Parish Facility Audit was **agreed**.

144/16-17 To receive the Village Hall Management report.

The Village Hall Management report was **received** from Cllr Copsey. She said decoration of the hall was progressing well and bookings were good.

145/16-17 Flood Protection – to receive report from Cllr Ride

This Item was deferred.

146/16-17 Upper and Lower Bell Field

Cllr Hart said that the managing trustees would hold a meeting in two weeks time and he hoped to have good news at the next Parish Council meeting.

147/16-17 Highways and Footpaths – to note Essex Highways Notices and receive reports from Councillors.

Cllr Jones said that the wheelie bin stickers were supported by the police. She said she took on board online availability but that the stickers were working out at only 25p each. She said a better take-up might be achieved if residents were asked personally. She said she would take suggestions to Images for mock-ups to be provided.

She said a knocked-down bollard had been reported and that the tracking number was 2495296.

She said the bridleway sign in Old Bell Lane was rotting.

Cllr Hart said there was severe flooding in Hobbits Lane due to the Council concreting over a drainage pipe.

He referred to speed limits in Battlesbridge and said there was a campaign for a reduction in the speed limit.

148/16-17 Street Lighting

Cllr Hart said there was a light out by the bus shelter opposite Maltings Road, and the last light on the river bridge on the south bank was also out.

149/16-17 Items from Councillors

Cllr Hart referred to the money in the bank.

148/16-17 To agree the date, time and place of the next Parish Council Meeting