**RETTENDON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at the Rettendon Memorial Hall, Main Road, Rettendon, at 7.30pm.**

**Present:**  **Cllr Mark Fleming (Chairman)**

**Cllr Jacky Copsey**

**Cllr Denise Fleming**

**Cllr Glenys Jones**

**Cllr Lance Millane**

**Cllr Ray Ride**

**The Clerk**

There were 24 members of the public present.

Cllr Cheater attended the meeting but sat in the public gallery and took no part in any discussion or vote.

**200-18/19** **To receive** **Apologies and approve Reasons for Absence**

No apologies had been received.

**201-18/19 Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**

Cllr Jones declared a non-pecuniary interest in Item 207-18/19, application 19/00415/ADV.

**202-18/19 Public Forum – strictly 5 minutes only per speaker**

A resident referred to amounts paid to Tees Law and asked if they were included in the total amount of £15,000 that had been mentioned in the Parish Council’s recent newsletter. He asked if these invoices had been discussed. He asked for the reason for the payment to Cllr D Fleming.

The Clerk said that the £954 on one invoice was included but that the amount of £1,152 was not. She said the payment to Cllr Fleming was repayment of Cllr Fleming’s expenditure on

A resident asked about the cost of the postbox recently installed in the parish.

Cllr Jones confirmed the postbox had been installed at no cost to the parish.

A resident said he would like to thank the Parish Council for their work over the past few years, including the installation of the new gateways.

A resident asked why the Moorlands planning application was not on the agenda.

The Chairman said that this application would be discussed under the Planning item on the agenda.

A resident read a statement he had prepared on the problems caused by the current use of the Moorlands site.

A resident referred to problems caused by the current use of the site. He said these included fires, drug-dealing and a stabbing. He said he would welcome the development of the site and recognised the scale needed to make the development viable.

A resident asked if it would be possible to impose conditions on the disposal of toxic waste.

The Chairman confirmed it was not for the Parish Council to impose conditions.

A resident said that soil used in the creation of the bund would be cleaned before use.

**203-18/19 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2019.**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2019 were unanimously agreed as a true record.

**204-18/19 To receive the Essex County Councillor and Ward Councillors’ reports.**

There were no reports received.

**205-18/19 To receive the Clerk’s report**

The Clerk said the cycleway/footpath along the side of Main Road would be swept and cleaned by a team from Chelmsford City Council on 21st June 2019

**206-18/19 Finance**

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

Invoices were unanimously authorised for payment as below, and bank statements and details of expenditure to date were received.

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| **Payee** | **Reason for Payment** | **Amount** |
| EALC | Annual affiliation | £484.36 |
| Cllr Denise Fleming | Newsletter costs | £200.00 |
| Chelmsford City Council | Extra grass cuts | £4,202.40 |
| Battlesbridge Free Church | Hall hire | £20.00 |
| Stanley Tee LLP | Legal costs – Inv 292242 | £1,152.00 |
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**207-18/19 To agree the response to the following planning applications (all applications are available to view at** [**www.chelmsford.gov.uk**](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk)**) and to note Planning Decisions**

19/00415/ADV -Beechwood Equestrian Centre The Wheatsheaf Main Road Rettendon - Freestanding double sided externally illuminated sign.

Cllr Jones had declared an interest in this application and took no part in the discussion or the vote.

It was unanimously agreed to support this application.

19/00107/FUL - Land Opposite Toby Carvery Runwell Road Runwell Wickford Essex SS11 7QJ - Construction of an agricultural building.

It was unanimously agreed to object to this application and to ask Chelmsford City Council to investigate the need for this building.

19/00099/FUL - Buckhatch Nurseries East Hanningfield Road Rettendon Chelmsford - Change of use of building for plant display and sales to a mixed use of A1 (retail) and A3 (restaurant and cafe) with demolition of existing building and construction of replacement building.

It was unanimously agreed to support this application.

19/00369/FUL - Land North West Of 3 Hall Cottages Main Road Rettendon Common Chelmsford - Replace existing fence with 4 foot wooden close boarded panel fence and 1 foot concrete gravel boards

It was unanimously agreed to support this application.

19/00384/OUT - Morelands Industrial Estate Tileworks Lane Rettendon Chelmsford Essex  - Outline planning application for demolition of existing buildings and residential development of up to 92 dwellings with public open space and landscaping with all matters reserved except for the access into the site from Tile Works Lane. Relocation of existing bund to west side of A130 road.

It was unanimously agreed to support this application.

**208-18/19 To agree to accept Mr Clive Tant as mediator in the matter of the Bell Fields subject to:**

1. **confirmation that the suggestion from Cllr Hart has been made on behalf of the purported trustees;**
2. **confirmation from both parties (Rettendon Parish Council and the purported trustees) that the mediation can occur at short notice within a couple weeks of 2nd April (as it will be otiose thereafter).**
3. **the provision from the purported trustees of an estimate of Mr Tant’s costs.**

Cllr Hart confirmed that the suggestion of Mr Tant as mediator had been made on behalf of the purported trustees.

Both parties confirmed that they were prepared to attend mediation at short notice.

Cllr Hart said the cost would be £600 for half a day’s session.

It was unanimously agreed to accept Mr Clive Tant as mediator in the matter of the Bell Fields.

**209-18/19 To agree to accept one of the three quotations for renewal of the Council’s insurance provision.**

It was unanimously agreed to accept the quotation from Ecclesiastical Insurance for the 2019/20 insurance provision.

**210-18/19 Highways and Footpaths – to note Essex Highways Notices and receive reports from Councillors.**

Cllr Hart said he had cleaned the signs on the Rawreth side of the river bridge in Battlesbridge.

Cllr Ride reported on flytipping on the bridlepath on the right-hand side along Main Road. The Clerk said she would report this to Chelmsford City Council.

**211-18/19 Street Lighting**

Cllr Jones said she had reported another streetlight that was not working on East Hanningfield Road.

**212-18/19 Reports from Councillors on Council activities undertaken since the meeting held on 5th March 2019.**

Cllr Hart said he was trying to sort out a timetable for Route 3 in Battlesbridge and was waiting for a reply from Essex Highways.

**213-18/19 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 30th April 2019, 7.30pm at the Rettendon Memorial Hall, Main Road, Rettendon. CM3 8DP**

**The meeting closed at 8.29pm.**