

RETTENDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held remotely on Tuesday 2nd June 2020.

Councillors attended the meeting through digital link.

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

The Clerk

1-20/21 To Receive Apologies and to approve Reasons for Absence

No apologies had been received.

2-20/21 Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda

There were no Declarations of Interest.

3-20/21 Public Forum – strictly 5 minutes only per speaker

There were no comments from members of the public.

The Chairman said concerns had been expressed about the method of casting votes in the appointment of the trustees under Item 5-20/21. He said the method had been proposed in February having been used in Myland, but that the actual means of voting had not been discussed. He said Standing Orders allowed only for a show of hands but that a query had been raised regarding casting votes in confidence. He said there was no accommodation for this at present. He said as Chair, he wanted to ensure any decision was reached lawfully and would not be open to subsequent challenge.

He said it would not be a major issue to defer the decision to the end of June.

He said as Chair he felt it was best to defer the decision and an amendment to Standing Orders could be debated prior to the appointment at the next scheduled meeting.

Signed _____
Councillor M. Fleming, Chairman

He said it was important that concerns of councillors were listened to and considered.

He said that at the next meeting the procedure would be agreed which would inform how to proceed. He said if councillors had concerns they should communicate these.

The Clerk said she would inform Reverend Jordan and the candidate of the delay in the appointment of trustees.

The Chairman referred to the next meeting and said the Council must be seen to be following Government guidance on health and social distancing, and that they would also make every effort to ensure the meetings were as accessible as possible for all.

4-20/21 Exclusion of the Press and Public

Having regard to the confidential nature of the business proposed to be transacted, to agree to exclude the Press and Public pursuant to Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

This Item was withdrawn.

5-20/21 To appoint two trustees to the Richard Cannon charity (details circulated prior to the meeting)

This Item was withdrawn.

The meeting closed at 8.33pm.