

## RETTENDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at the  
Rettendon Memorial Hall, Main Road, Rettendon, CM3 8DP at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllr Mark Fleming (Chair)  
Cllr Thomas Chapman  
Cllr Denise Fleming  
Cllr Roy Hart  
Cllr Glenys Jones  
Cllr Ray Ride  
The Clerk

There were 29 members of the public present.

**205-17/18 Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Cheater and Cllr Millane.

**206-17/18 Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**

Cllr Chapman declared a non-pecuniary interest in Items

**207-17/18 Public Forum – strictly 5 minutes only per speaker**

Residents of Hayes Country Park raised the issue of the refusal of the appeal. They said the razing of the club to the ground, which would be the result, would be a huge loss to the Park. Residents said they would like an end to the building work, and to feel settled. They asked for help from the Parish Council.

Cllr Ride said he would do all he could to support the residents as ward councillor, and he hoped the Parish Council would also support them.

A resident asked if the Council could consider holding a Parish Meeting to discuss the answers to the questions asked at the Parish Meeting held in December, with Cllr Chapman as Chair.

The Chairman said the Council would consider this suggestion.

A resident raised the issues of flooding in Hoe Lane and the streetlights.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Cllr Mark Fleming, Chairman

**208-17/18 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**

With the amendment noted on page 2 under Item 190-17/18 the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Ride                      Seconded: Cllr Jones (4 For; 1 Abstention)

**209-17/18 To receive the Essex County Councillor and Ward Councillors' reports.**

Cllr Ride said that Chelmsford City Council's Development Policy Committee had met on 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to discuss the Chelmsford Local Plan consultation. He said Rettendon had not been identified for large-scale development but that there were over 1,000 new dwellings planned for the South Woodham Ferrers area. He said there would be implications for the A132 and that the Parish Council was already pursuing a safer crossing for Hayes Farm residents. He said residents should look at the submission and make comments.

He said he and Cllr Millane would probably begin surgeries in February.

**210-17/18 To receive the Clerk's report**

The Clerk said all precept documentation had been submitted. She said she had attended training on the new Data Protection Regulations that were due to come into force in May 2018.

**211-17/18 Finance**

It was **agreed** to authorise invoices for payment, receive copy Bank statements and details of expenditure to date.

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Reason for Payment</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Katherine Kane	January salary/expenses	£599.06
Pro Audio Centre Ltd	PA System	£609.75
Battlesbridge Free Church	Meeting Hall Hire	£25.00
W & H (Romac) Ltd	Streetlight repair	£139.80
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£1,373.61</b>

Proposed: Cllr D Fleming              Seconded: Cllr G Jones              (Unanimous)

**212-17/18 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))**

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Cllr Mark Fleming, Chairman

**17/02201/FUL** - Giffords Warren Road Rettendon Chelmsford - Single storey side extension with conservation roof lights. – **Support**

Proposed: Cllr Ride                      Cllr Hart                      (Unanimous)

**17/02220/FUL** - South Lodge Buckhatch Lane Rettendon Common Chelmsford - Provide lighting for outdoor horse exercise arena comprising 6x30 watt led lights located one at each corner and one halfway down each long side of arena, all mounted on 5 metre poles - **Support**

Proposed: Cllr Jones                      Seconded: Cllr Hart                      (Unanimous)

#### **Notice of Appeal Decision**

**APP/W1525/W/17/3179245** - Hayes Country Park Hayes Chase Battlesbridge Wickford Essex - Use of land as a residential caravan park. – **Appeal refused**

#### **213-17/18 To agree the responses to the list of questions raised at the Parish Meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 (circulated prior to the meeting)**

The responses previously circulated to Cllrs were **agreed** and the Clerk said she would post them on the website.

Proposed: Cllr Chapman                      Seconded: Cllr D Fleming                      (Unanimous)

#### **214-17/18 To agree to confirm the earmarking of £40,000 of Parish Council reserves for match-funding towards the cost of development of the Bell Fields pavilion, subject to the resolution of the legal position regarding the appointment of the Bell Fields trustees and receipt of a business plan acceptable to the Parish Council**

Proposed: Cllr Chapman                      Seconded: Cllr Hart                      (2 For; 4 Against)

The motion was defeated.

#### **215-17/18 To discuss the continuing allegations about external influence on Parish Councillors**

The continuing allegations about external influence of Parish Councillors were discussed.

The Chairman said if anyone had evidence regarding this they should contact Chelmsford City Council, the Clerk, the Chairman or the police. He said libel or slander were not acceptable against any Parish Councillor.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_  
Cllr Mark Fleming, Chairman

**216-17/18 To discuss bus services through the parish****i) To update the Parish Council and residents on the current position**

Cllr Hart said the number 3 service was running with good reports which had been passed on to the provider.

**ii) To agree to support an extension to Service 3 to include Hayes Country Park**

It was **agreed** to support an extension to Service 3 to include Hayes Country Park

Proposed: Cllr Chapman      Seconded: Cllr Ride      (Unanimous)

**217-17/18 To agree to support a post box on or near to Hayes Country Park**

It was **agreed** to support a post box on or near to Hayes Country Park. Cllr Jones said she would follow through with Royal Mail but if this proved impossible the purchase of a post box would be added to the agenda for the February meeting.

Proposed: Cllr M Fleming      Seconded: Cllr Chapman      (Unanimous)

**218-17/18 To agree the content of a letter from the PC to ECC about the price of the school bus fare to Sandon school.**

The content of a letter from the Parish Council to ECC about the price of the school bus fare to Sandon School was agreed. Cllr Fleming said she would supply the letter to the Clerk.

Proposed: Cllr M Fleming      Seconded: Cllr D Fleming      (Unanimous)

**219-17/18 Highways and Footpaths – to note Essex Highways Notices and receive reports from Councillors.**

Cllr D Fleming raised the issue of inadequate signage for Mayphil Park. She said Streetcare had proposed new signs to address the problem. She said she was currently looking at other signage issues and also streetlighting on Hayes Country Park.

Cllr Hart said South View Road was still in need of repair.

Cllr Jones said she was still pursuing the provision of a new dog waste bin and a new kissing-gate on Meadow Road.

She said the discharge of water on East Hanningfield Road had been reported.

Cllr D Fleming said the streetlight on Maltings Road had been fixed.

Cllr Hart raised the issue of South View Road and the chicanes. He said he would bring both items to the next meeting.

Cllr Jones said she had attended ECC's Highways presentation which had been very informative.

Cllr Hart said he would like to see streetlights down Hawk Hill.

Cllr D Fleming said she had taken this on and would come back to the Council when further information was to hand.

**220-17/18 Street Lighting**

There were no further issues to report.

**221-17/18 Items from Councillors**

Cllr Ride said he would bring a report on flooding to the February meeting.

He said the Headteacher of the primary school had raised concerns about cars parking on Main Road making the crossing unsafe for children and he would like this added to February's agenda.

**222-17/18 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 27th February 2018, 7.30pm at the Rettendon Memorial Hall, Main Road, Rettendon, CM**

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