**RETTENDON PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 30th April 2019 at the Rettendon Memorial Hall, Main Road, Rettendon, at 7.30pm.**

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

**Cllr Denise Fleming**

**Cllr Roy Hart**

**Cllr Glenys Jones**

**Cllr Lance Millane**

**Cllr Ray Ride**

**The Clerk**

There were 14 members of the public present.

**214-18/19** **To receive** **Apologies and approve Reasons for Absence**

There were no apologies to receive.

**215-18/19 Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

**216-18/19 Public Forum – strictly 5 minutes only per speaker**

A resident said she had found a copy of the 2003 Village Survey, should anyone wish to look.

A resident referred to the forthcoming elections and comments made on social media. He asked residents to remember this was a parish election, not just for Rettendon village and to think about residents outside the village as well.

A resident referred to the Sonters Down Play Area and said the grass was currently too long for children to play football.

**217-18/19 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019.**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 were unanimously agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**218-18/19 To receive the Essex County Councillor and Ward Councillors’ reports.**

There were no reports to receive.

**219-18/19 To receive the Clerk’s report**

The Clerk said the end of year accounts would be taken to the auditor within the next three days.

**220-18/19 Finance**

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

It was unanimously agreed to authorise invoices for payment as listed below, and copies of bank statements and details of expenditure to date were received.

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| **Payee** | **Reason for Payment** | **Amount** |
| Staff costs | April salary/expenses | £722.82 |
| A K Hobson | Bus shelter maintenance | £6,214.80 |
| **Total** | | **£6,937.62** |

**221-18/19 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**

19/00382/FUL - Buckhatch Nurseries East Hanningfield Road Rettendon Chelmsford  - Retrospective application for four glasshouses. – ***No comment.***

19/00645/FUL - Rawlings Main Road Rettendon Common Chelmsford - Iy

19/00569/TELFUL - Mast SS22397 Grange Nurseries Woodham Road Rettendon - The removal and replacement of the existing 18 metre high lattice tower with a new 25 metre high slimline lattice tower supporting 6no. antenna apertures, 2no. 600mm dishes and relocated 1no. 600mm dish and 1no. 300m dish, the replacement of the existing equipment cabinets with 8no. new equipment cabinets at ground level and development ancillary thereto. - ***No objection***

19/00459/CLEUD - Whitegates Woodham Road Battlesbridge Wickford - Use of Land for Storage. – ***Application noted.***

19/00651/FUL - Greenfields East Hanningfield Road Rettendon Chelmsford  - Erect 2m high wooden feather edge fence. – ***No objection to the application, but would comment on the use of wooden feather edge fencing on the frontage to Main Road.***

It was resolved to submit the above responses to Chelmsford City Council.

**222-18/19 To receive an update from the Chairman of the Parish Council on the current position regarding the dispute over trusteeship of the Bell Fields charities**

The Chairman said that the two parties had met for a mediation session on Thursday 18th April 2019. He said both sides had been generous with their time. He said both parties had signed a confidentiality agreement, and that no agreement had yet been reached, although it was hoped to hold another session. He said failing that happening, a hearing at the High Court would be held on 23rd May 2019. He said the elections and the impact of the new make-up of the Parish Council would have to be taken into account.

**223-18/19 To agree the time, date and place of the Annual Parish Meeting 2019**

It was agreed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on Tuesday 28th May 2019, at 7.30pm at Rettendon Village Hall.

**224-18/19 Highways and Footpaths – to note Essex Highways Notices and receive reports from Councillors.**

Cllr Jones said she would report the area of the bridle way where vegetation had narrowed the path excessively.

Cllr Hart said he hoped further action would be taken on Sonters Down and Meadow Road.

**225-18/19 Street Lighting**

Cllr Jones said the streetlight down East Hanningfield Road that she had reported had now been fixed.

**226-18/19 Reports from Councillors on Council activities undertaken since the meeting held on 2nd April 2019.**

Cllr Hart said he was still fighting on Gosses Farm to prevent a barn from being demolished.

**227-18/19 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting: Tuesday 14th May 2019, 7.30pm at the Rettendon Memorial Hall, Main Road, Rettendon. CM3 8DP (Annual Meeting of the Council)**