

RETTENDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 30th October 2018 at the Rettendon Memorial Hall, Main Road, Rettendon, at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Mark Fleming (Chairman)
Cllr Chris Cheater
Cllr Denise Fleming
Cllr Roy Hart
Cllr Lance Millane
Cllr Ray Ride

The Clerk

110-18/19 Apologies and Reasons for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Chapman and Cllr Jones.

111-18/19 Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda

There were no declarations of interest.

112-18/19 Public Forum – strictly 5 minutes only per speaker

A resident said he was disappointed that the Parish Council had not contributed to the latest Rettendon and Battlesbridge newsletter.

A resident raised the issue of the expression of opinions in the newsletter. He said a recent poll had concluded that opinions should not be included, or should be checked. He said accusations should never be included.

He reported that a bollard on Sonters Down needed replacement.

A resident from Hayes Country Park said there had been a serious fire on the site recently where one home had been completely destroyed. He said the fire had highlighted the lack of facilities on the site for fire-fighting. He referred to the planning application for more homes, and said resources did not reflect the level of residences. He said safety was a concern of many elderly residents. He said the limited access to the site should also be considered and that the emergency services had found it difficult to navigate the site especially in the dark. He said a larger map at the site entrance could be a solution.

A resident said he had had previous experience in the area, and on similar sites the plans were locked in a secure box. He said if fire hydrants were not

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sufficient, back-up tanks were good practice where there was no water main to the premises. He said cars parked so close to the homes were another risk.

A resident said that the state of Burnham Road needed attention.

113-18/19 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th September 2018.

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th September 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Hart Seconded: Cllr D Fleming (5 For; 1 Abstention)

114-18/19 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th October 2018.

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th October 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr D Fleming Seconded: Cllr Millane (5 For; 1 Abstention)

115-18/19 To receive the Essex County Councillor and Ward Councillors' reports.

Cllr Ride said he and Cllr Millane had been engaged with residents' issues across the ward, principally planning and enforcement issues.

116-18/19 To receive the Clerk's report

The Clerk said the planning application for work on the Rettendon Oak had been submitted.

117-18/19 Finance

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

Invoices were authorised, copies of bank statements and details of expenditure to date were received.

Proposed: Cllr Millane Seconded: Cllr D Fleming (5 For; 1 Abstention)

Payee	Reason for Payment	Amount
Katherine Kane	October salary/expenses	£1,022.98
Starboard Systems Ltd	Scribe Accounts	£339.60
Cllr D Fleming	Expenses – Silhouettes	£300.00
EALC	Elections Training Course	£85.00
Total		£1,747.58

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118-18/19 To agree the response to the following planning applications (all applications are available to view at www.chelmsford.gov.uk)

Cllr M Fleming had declared a non-pecuniary interest in application 18/01620/FUL and took no part in the discussion or vote on that application.

18/01620/FUL -Wheelers Farm Main Road Rettendon Common Chelmsford Essex CM3 8EA - Side extension to existing agricultural building to be used for storage of agricultural equipment

It was agreed to support this application. (5 For; 1 Abstention)

16/00737/MAT/1 - Sorata Woodham Road Battlesbridge Wickford Essex SS11 7QU - Variation of Conditions 2 & 3 of the planning reference 16/00737/FUL (Proposed replacement residential dwelling with detached garage) to allow changes to the proposed detached garage.

It was agreed unanimously to support this application.

18/01640/FUL - St Francis Buckhatch Lane Rettendon Common Chelmsford Essex CM3 8EP - Enlarging the existing single garage to a double garage

It was agreed unanimously to support this application.

18/01661/FUL - Site At Mill House Buckhatch Lane Rettendon Common Chelmsford - Demolish existing bungalow replace with 4 bedroom bungalow and detached car port.

It was agreed unanimously to support this application.

18/01267/FUL - Hayes Country Park Hayes Chase Rettendon Chelmsford SS11 7QT - Use of land as a caravan park

It was agreed unanimously that further information was required before a decision on this application could be made.

18/01762/FUL - Retreat Tileworks Lane Rettendon Chelmsford CM3 8HB - Two storey side and rear extension and single storey front extension.

It was agreed unanimously to support this application.

119-18/19 Rettendon and Battlesbridge Newsletter

a) To agree that the Parish Council will not pay for the September 2018 issue due to the inclusion of personal opinion and factually incorrect content.

Cllr Cheater asked to whom the invoices from Images were addressed, and whether refusing to pay this invoice would leave the Council open to potential legal action.

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The Chairman agreed that the matter needed investigation.
The motion was withdrawn.

- b) To agree to continue paying for the newsletter only if the Clerk's decision on content is accepted as final (on the grounds that RPC cannot use public funds to promote personal opinion and factually incorrect content). The collator to confirm their acceptance in writing before the next edition is published.**

An amendment to the motion was proposed as follows:

To agree to continue paying for the newsletter only if the Clerk's decision on content is accepted as final (on the grounds that RPC cannot use public funds to promote personal opinion and factually incorrect content). The Clerk to send the newsletter to Images and to pay for invoices only if the newsletter is sent by the Clerk.

The amendment was agreed.

Proposed: Cllr Millane Seconded: Cllr D Fleming (4 For; 2 Against)

It was agreed that the Council would continue to pay for the newsletter

Proposed: Cllr Millane Seconded: Cllr D Fleming (4 For; 2 Against)

- 120-18/19 To agree a response to the Collected Comments on the Parish Council Chairman's report, published in the July/August 2018 edition of the Rettendon and Battlesbridge newsletter.**

The response to the Collected Comments on the Parish Council Chairman's report, published in the July/August 2018 edition of the Rettendon and Battlesbridge newsletter was agreed and is attached as an appendix to these minutes.

Proposed: Cllr Millane Seconded: Cllr D Fleming (4 For; 2 Against)

- 121-18/19 To agree to instruct a solicitor to act for the Parish Council to update the Land Registry title of the Bell Fields**

Cllr Hart declared a non-pecuniary interest in this Item.

It was agreed to instruct a solicitor to act for the Parish Council to update the Land registry title of the Bell Fields.

Proposed: Cllr Ride Seconded: Cllr Millane (4 For; 1 Against; 1 abstention)

122-18/19 if the above is agreed, to agree to accept one of the quotes received (circulated prior to the meeting)

It was agreed to accept the quote from Tees Law to act for the Parish Council in the matter referred to in Item 121-18/19.

Proposed: Cllr M Fleming Seconded: Cllr Ride (4 For; 1 Against; 1 Abstention)

123-18/19 To agree to accept one of the quotes received for the painting of the Parish Council's lampposts.

This item was withdrawn.

124-18/19 Highways and Footpaths – to note Essex Highways Notices and receive reports from Councillors.

The report from Cllr Jones that the white lining at the end of East Hanningfield Road junction with Main Road (Give Way lines completely disappeared) had been reported to ECC was noted.

The poor state of Burnham Road was noted. Cllr Hart and Cllr D Fleming to provide information to the Clerk so that this could be reported to ECC.

Cllr hart referred to the state of Meadow Road and South View Road.

Cllr Cheater asked if the work on the village gateways had been completed.

Cllr D Fleming said the work was due to be completed by the end of the week.

Cllr Hart asked for clarification on the number of posts on each gateway. The Clerk said she would investigate.

125-18/19 Street Lighting

Cllr Cheater reported that three lights were out at the Bell end of East Hanningfield Road.

126-18/19 Reports from Councillors on Council activities undertaken since the meeting held on 31st July 2018.

Cllr Hart said he had personally purchased two large flower holders for the bridge in Battlesbridge.

127-18/19 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 27th November 2018, 7.30pm at the Rettendon Memorial Hall, Main Road, Rettendon. CM3 8DP

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The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

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