

## RETTENDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at the Rettendon Memorial Hall, Main Road, Rettendon CM3 8DP at 7.30pm

Present: Cllr Mark Fleming (Chair)

Cllr Thomas Chapman

Cllr Roy Hart

Cllr Glenys Jones

Cllr Lance Millane

Cllr Ray Ride

The Clerk

**There were 23 members of the public present.**

### **111-17/18 Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Cheater and D Fleming.

### **112-17/18 Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**

Cllr Hart declared a non-pecuniary interest in Items 116-17/18 and 117-17/18 due to his position as trustee of the Bell Fields charities.

### **113-17/18 Public Forum – strictly 5 minutes only per speaker**

A resident referred to Item 115-17/18 and asked why this payment was being made. He referred to Item 116-17/18 and asked for a definition of “legitimate business” and clarification on the process. He referred to Item 117-17/18 and asked why this was necessary and from where the money to pay for this would be found. He referred to Item 118-17/18 and asked what was the brief of the Working Party and what was the objective.

A resident asked if the Parish Council had a brief to waste money on items on this agenda.

A resident asked where the signed declarations for the trustees were. He asked who the trustees were, and if they were the Parish Cllrs, did they not have a vested interest in these Items.

Cllr Hart referred to the matter of a resident’s daughter’s housing issues and the travellers on the boundary of Hanningfield Road. He said he would like an answer for the next meeting.

The Chairman said the Working Party had not consumed public funds. He said there was a fundamental dispute over the Bell Fields and that it had been determined that the Parish Council had an obligation to appoint the trustees. He said it would have been better if the matter could have been resolved without spending public money but that this had not been possible. He said the Council had had to use legal resources to move the matter along.

A resident asked if three quotes had been sought from solicitors.

The Clerk said professional services including those of solicitors were exempted from this requirement under the Council’s Financial Regulations.

A resident asked if these Regulations were on the website.

The Clerk confirmed that they were.

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

**114-17/18 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))**

**17/01126/FUL – Haybarn Cottage, Hawk Hill, Rettendon, Wickford, Essex SS11 7RE – Change of use of first floor to office space, including repair works and changes to internal layout**

The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

**115-17/18 To agree to pay the sum of £1,530.00 to Tees Law in payment for invoice no. 268244**

It was **agreed** to pay the sum of £1,530.00 to Tees Law in payment for invoice no. 268244.

Proposed: Cllr Ride

Seconded: Cllr Jones

(5 For; 1 Against)

**116-17/18 To agree a request from the trustees of charities 271479 and 271480 that the Parish Council instruct Tees Law to engage with Mr Roy Hart to enable the trustees and the Parish Council to pursue their legitimate business regarding the Bell Fields**

The request from the trustees of charities 271479 and 271480 that the Parish Council instruct Tees Law to engage with Mr Roy Hart to enable the trustees and the Parish Council to pursue their legitimate business regarding the Bell Fields was **agreed**.

Proposed: Cllr Millane

Seconded: Cllr Ride

(5 For; 1 Against)

Cllr Hart said he would consider legal action if the Parish Council proceeded in this way.

**117-17/18 To agree a request from the trustees of charities 271479 and 271480 that the Parish Council instruct Tees Law to engage with South Woodham Ferrers Football Club, who have failed to respond to a request for evidence that they have a right to use the Upper Bell Field**

The request from the trustees of charities 271479 and 271480 that the Parish Council instruct Tees Law to engage with South Woodham Ferrers Football Club, who have failed to respond to a request for evidence that they have a right to use the Upper Bell Field was **agreed**.

Proposed: Cllr Millane

Seconded: Cllr Chapman

(5 For; 1 Against)

**118-17/18 To receive the report of the Working Party investigating the extent of titles in the parish.**

The report from the Working Party was received.

**119-17/18 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 7.30pm at the Rettendon Memorial Hall, Main Road, Rettendon, CM3 8DP**

**The meeting closed at 8.06pm.**

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