

## RETTENDON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at the Rettendon Memorial Hall, Main Road, Rettendon, CM3 8DP at 7.30pm

**Present:** Cllr Mark Fleming (Chair)  
Cllr Thomas Chapman  
Cllr Chris Cheater  
Cllr Jacky Copsey  
Cllr Roy Hart  
Cllr Glenys Jones  
Cllr Lance Millane

The Clerk

There were 31 members of the public present.

### **229-17/18 Apologies and Reasons for Absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Denise Fleming and Ray Ride.

### **230-17/18 Declarations of Interest on Items on the Agenda**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **231-17/18 Public Forum – strictly 5 minutes only per speaker**

A resident said he would like to report that two garages had been broken into on Meadow Road.

A resident said Hayes Country Park residents would like to thank the Parish Council for their support regarding their response to the decision in the recent planning appeal. She said an amended application was to be submitted, which the residents would support. She said she would invite all Parish Councillors and other residents to sign their petition.

A resident asked if the Parish Council could thank Cllr Hart for getting the bus service back to Rettendon.

The Chairman said he would like to thank everyone who had put hard work and effort into this matter.

A resident raised the issue of censorship of the newsletter.

The Clerk said the newsletter was submitted to the Council for review, but that the final decision on the contents was down to the compiler.

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

The Chairman clarified the position with regard to the smaller article on page 2 of the latest edition of the newsletter. He also clarified the position with regard to the Football Club.

Cllr Hart alleged that the Chairman was guilty of lying, and claimed that he could prove this.

The Chairman asked Cllr Hart if he would like to retract his allegation but Cllr Hart refused to do so.

A resident referred to the Council's recent support for Hayes Country Park residents. He asked if their Community Centre was open to the public and said that the Parish Council was interfering with planning matters. He referred to Item 240-17/18 and asked if this would be available for everyone to use.

Cllr Chapman said the postbox would be for general public use. He said the community facility was for use by residents on Hayes Country Park only.

Cllr Jones said she would cover the postbox under that agenda item.

Cllr Hart said there were 400 homes on the Park and asked where the precept money had gone from these properties.

The Clerk explained the procedure for distribution of the precept.

Cllr Hart asked if the Country Park could have their own Parish Council.

A resident referred to the behaviour of Cllrs at previous meeting and their conduct towards certain Cllrs.

**232-17/18 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018.**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Chapman                      Seconded: Cllr Jones (4 For; 3 Abstentions)

**233-17/18 To agree the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018.**

With the addition of apologies received from Cllr Cheater, the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed: Cllr Chapman                      Seconded: Cllr Jones (Unanimous)

**234-17/18 To receive the Essex County Councillor and Ward Councillors' reports.**

Cllr Millane said he and Cllr Ride had been active across the ward. He said they had been active in supporting the residents of Hayes Country Park with their planning issue. He asked residents to submit their views on the Local Development Framework. He said all major developments were outside their area but it was important to get improvements to the A132. He said the City Council

had approved the Council Tax proposals for 2018/19, and congratulated Rettendon Parish Council on the reduction of the precept for the coming year and their prudence.

Cllr Chapman said he had attended the Transport meeting and that the success of Route 3 had been reported. He said the intention was to increase Route 6 and he encouraged all to carry on using the new route 3.

**235-17/18 To receive the Clerk's report – including update on new benches**

The Clerk reported that sadly she had found out that the Parish Council's internal auditor for many years had died recently.

The Parish Council passed their condolences to her family.

She said she was still waiting to hear from CCC regarding the benches, and ECC on the reported obstruction of the footpath from the churchyard.

**236-17/18 Finance - To agree to authorise invoices for payment, receive copy Bank statements and details of expenditure to date.**

Invoices for payment were authorised, and details of expenditure were received.

Proposed: Cllr Millane                      Seconded: Cllr Copsey                      (Unanimous)

Payee	Reason for Payment	Amount
Katherine Kane	February 2018 salary/expenses	£703.96
Chelmsford City Council	Parish Poll	£1,509.80
Stanley Tee LLP	Legal costs	£2,034.00
W & H (Romac) Ltd	Streetlight repair	£194.10
Images	Newsletter costs	£375.00
Information Commissioner	Renewal of registration	£35.00
Skippers Ground Maintenance	Sonters Down	£1,050.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£5,901.86</b>

**237-17/18 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))**

**18/00207/FUL** - Site At 2 Mill Hill Cottages Chalk Street Rettendon Chelmsford Essex - Conversion and extension of existing outbuilding to create one new dwelling

**Support**

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

**18/00183/FUL** – Unit 1, Willow Acre, Rectory Lane, Battlesbridge, Wickford, Essex SS11 7QR

**Support**

**17/02220/FUL** – South Lodge, Buckhatch Lane, Rettendon Common, Chelmsford, Essex CM3 8EP

The response to this application was agreed at the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

**18/00126/FUL** – G W Smith, Woodham Road, Battlesbridge, Wickford, Essex SS11 7QL – Proposed Additional Car Parking to Service Farm Shop

**Support**

**18/00157/FUL** – Churchgate House, Rectory Lane, Rettendon, Chelmsford SS11 7QR – Single storey side extension with balcony and single storey rear extension

**Support**

18/00234/CLEUD - Pondlands Farm Runwell Road Runwell Wickford Essex SS11 7QJ - Continuation of use of office and yard for storage of vehicles at Pondlands Farm with relation to the business FiS Southeast LTD.

**No Comment**

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

**238-17/18 To agree to set up a Working Party to review the Parish Council's policies and to recommend any changes and additional policies to the Council**

Deferred.

**239-17/18 To consider the financial reserves held by the Parish Council and to agree any necessary earmarking of those reserves**

Deferred.

**240-17/19 To agree the purchase of a post box for Hayes Country Park at a cost of £967.00 exclusive of VAT**

Cllr Jones said the residents of the Country Park had presented a petition for a postbox as the nearest one was across the A132. She said she was awaiting a response from Royal Mail and would update the Council at the next meeting.

**241-17/18 To consider an alternative quote for work on the Rettendon gateways and to agree any necessary action**

Cllr Hart presented details of an alternative quote. He said there was no overseer as yet.

The Chairman said all formal paperwork would be required before the Council could make a decision.

**242-17/18 To receive a report from Cllr Ride on flooding issues within the parish**

Cllr Millane said a report would be presented at the next meeting.

**243-17/18 To discuss concerns raised by the Headteacher of Rettendon Primary School about parking and the safety of the children attending the school**

Cllr Millane said Cllr Ride would be discussing this issue at a forthcoming meeting and would report to the Council in due course.

**244-17/18 Highways and Footpaths – to note Essex Highways Notices and receive reports from Councillors.**

Cllr Cheater referred to the work on the Old Bell Lane and the possible use of weedkiller.

Cllr Hart referred to the flooding in Chalk Street.

Cllr Cheater referred to the flooding on the bend opposite Hoe Lane and said he would report this to ECC.

**245-17/18 Street Lighting**

There were no issues to report.

**246-17/18 Items from Councillors**

Cllr Hart referred to correspondence received by residents from Tees. He said he had cut the new padlock off the Bell Fields pavilion.

**247-17/18 Date of the next Parish Council Meeting – Tuesday 27th March 2018, 7.30pm at the Rettendon Memorial Hall, Main Road, Rettendon, CM3 8DP**

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.