MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON MONDAY 9th November 2015 at 7.30pm

IN THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH MANOR ROAD

Present

Councillors: Cllrs J. Blackburn (Chair), B Edwards (V. Chair), M. Fraser, J. Moore, A Britcher, M Simmons, K Punyer, R. Benoy and J. Clark

Parish Clerk: S. Denne.

Also present: Cllrs Davies, Podbury and Huggett.

1. Apologies for absence – None
2. Declaration of Interests – Cllrs Simmons and Benoy both disclosed an interest in minute item 8. They are both residents near Common Land.

3. Declarations of Lobbying –Cllr Simmons with regards to item 8.

1. Minutes of the meetings held on 12th October 2015 were agreed, and the Chairman signed them as a true record.
2. Session for County and Borough Councillors – Cllr John Davies said that the KCC budget consultation is in progress and they are looking at having to make £80 million savings having already reduced expenditure by £400 million over recent years. Residents encouraged to visit the KCC website and saying where they would like to see the money saved. He also informed the members that a resident had complained about the lights being switched off in Harmony Street late at night. He also said that there was shortly to be a recruitment drive for Community Wardens. Cllr Huggett had nothing to report concerning the Parish. Cllr Podbury informed the members that a meeting regarding Targetfollow had been positive. The complaint from residents with regards to bonfires at Peacocks Farm, was still ongoing.
3. Committee Reports:

Finance – A Committee meeting was held on 2nd November 2015 draft minutes have been circulated.

1. Speaker – Bartholomew Wren gave an informative talk on the cycle route strategy. He said that the proposed revisions for Rusthall High Street and Longmeads would be 20mph signs and minor alterations to the junctions. The alterations being flat top speed tables which slow vehicles down and allow pedestrians to cross. He said that there would be no defined cycle lane within the High Street. Bartholomew was asked where the funding would come from as KCC had no money to spare. He said at the moment this was not clear as it was still in the embryo stage. However, he thought that some of it may come from 106 type money, private sector and perhaps the government. This subject is high on the government list at the moment. A member of public said that what was needed was a fully segregated lane for cyclists and a cultural change.

Bartholomew informed the members that he would be happy to walk the intended route with any of the Councillors, if they so wished. Cllr Davies thanked him for such an interesting and informative talk.

1. Targetfollow – Report of residents meeting regards easements and rights of way. The Clerk read out the report written by Cllr Simmons. After much discussion and advice the members resolved to make an official request from the Parish Council to the Commons Conservators for matters concerning Targetfollow and the residents of Rusthall to be included on their next Agenda (which is 3 Dec). *Cllr Blackburn to contact CC.*
2. Mayor’s Toy Appeal – It was agreed to donate £100 to the fund. *Clerk to arrange*
3. Fire Station – i. It was resolved to transfer £32,000 from general reserves to the building and surveyor cost centres.

ii. Clerk updated members on the progress of the windows and door. Cllr Punyer kindly volunteered to install the window gearing when required. Cllr Benoy offered the use of a tower scaffold. *Clerk to order gearing when the size was known and building ready for the installation.*

iii. After much discussion it was resolved, by a vote 8/1, to name the Fire Station, The Rackliff Centre, after the benefactor and his wife.

1. Planning Application - 13/03531 - David Salomons Estate – Two of the members of the public spoke in connection with the Salomons Centre planning application. The agenda item was then moved to the end of the meeting, to allow the Planning Committee more time to discuss it.
2. Illegal Encampments – Reserve Fund – It was resolved to add £500 next year’s budget for this.
3. Chairman’s Report – Cllr Blackburn informed the members of the following: She had attended KCC Highways seminar. The Mayors quiz to be held January 3oth at the Assembly Hall. Money raised to go to Pepenbury and the Ellenor Charity. There will no longer be a youth worker in Rusthall.
4. Clerk’s Report – Clerk asked members if they were in agreement with the annual insurance quote from Came and Co. It was resolved to accept the quote. She informed them that TWBC were inviting applications for part of their Small Capitals Grant. *To be put on the agenda for December.*
5. Accounts for Payment – to authorise the payment of invoices as listed

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|  | ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT | November 2015 |  |
| Payee Name | Cheque Ref | Amount Paid | Transaction Detail |
| GDS | Bacs | 3379.66 | Fees |
| DB DEV LTD | Bacs | 47481.00 | Build fees |
| HMRC | 300255 | 122.39 | Tax/ NI |
| URC | 300256 | 30.00 | Hire of Hall |
| CLERK | SO | 959.73 | Salary Oct |
| EE | DD | 30.32 | Mobile Oct |
| KALC | 300258 | 144.00 | 2X Finance |
| S DENNE | 30059 | 200.00 | Work from Home July to Oct |
| CAME & CO | Bacs | 739.33 | Insurance |
| VIKING | 300257 | 11.74 | Stamp/Ink |
| C PATTERSON | Bacs | 536.36 | Grass and Hedge |
| Total Payments |  | 53,634.53 |  |

1. Open session for questions from the public: None
2. Items for Information
3. Cllr Fraser informed the members that she would be attending a public meeting to be held on the 28th November, with Greg Clark and Mr Bo Redeborn to discuss the change of flight paths. Cllr Clark said that he may also attend.
4. Cllr Fraser informed members that she was collecting their £5 deposit for the Christmas meal.
5. Cllr Britcher informed the meeting that the proposed Rusthall Film club was to be discussed at the next RVA meeting. She also said that plans were taking shape with regards the Rusthall Arts Festival.
6. Cllr Benoy said that the Coach Road junction was yet again in a bad way. He was informed that the water board had agreed that it was their problem and will be rectifying the situation.
7. Cllr Benoy also informed the members that he had seen people living in an old bus. He was informed that this had now moved.
8. Cllr Britcher announced that the RVA calendar would be on sale at the Venture, form 19th November, £7.

11. 15/247 PLANNING APPLICATION: 13/03531/ David Salomons Estate –

After discussion it was RESOLVED to make the following recommendation and comment to TWBC:

Recommend Refusal Rusthall Parish Council objects to the proposed development, due to the increase in construction and social traffic. Broomhill Road is not wide enough for the proposed volume of construction vehicles and the entrances are not suitable. There are also concerns about the number of retrospective planning applications and enforcement of conditions not followed up by the planning authorities. There are also reported issues of severe noise disturbance from residential neighbours, are the noise limiting shields still in force? Is the location appropriate for the outdoor pursuits that are currently taking place?

The meeting closed at 2150.