

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2012 at 7.30pm
IN THE UNITED REFORM CHURCH MANOR ROAD**

Present

Councillors: Mrs Blackburn (Chairman), C.Elwood (Vice Chairman), Mrs M.Simmons, M.Lawrence, Mrs C.Codd, Mrs J Geer, B Edwards, J Clark and R Benoy.

Parish Clerk: Mrs S. Denne.

Also present: Cllr J Davies, Cllr Webb, Cllr P. Wauchope and Public.

1. Apologies for absence – None

2. Declaration of Interests – Cllr Lawrence declared an interest in item 13 as he is an allotment holder as did Cllr Benoy. Cllr Benoy also declared an interest in item 12 as he knew one of the tenderers. Cllr Elwood declared an interest in item 10 and 13 as he knew one of the tenderers.

3. Declarations of Lobbying -None

4. Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th November 2012 were agreed.

5. Session for Borough Councillors – *Cllr Davies* - informed the meeting that they were looking at better ways to deliver library services. Although this may mean a temporary relocation of the library, he confirmed the library would not close. He informed the meeting that Taylor Wimpey and KCC were still in discussion about the handover of the MUGA. He had also received a complaint about the lack of gritting on the Taylor Wimpey estate. However, the roads concerned were still under the ownership of Taylor Wimpey. Cllr Davies informed the Parish Council that after a meeting with the technical engineer, he can confirm that one interactive sign has been ordered.

Cllr Webb - informed the Parish Council that they should be able to claim some section106 money from the Kent and Sussex hospital site. He also informed the meeting that he was still pursuing the supposed discrepancy with regard to payments to the Cranwell Road flats residents who are being relocated. Cllr Webb also informed the meeting that there would be a trial clean on of the War Memorial, to see if Conservation Officer is happy with the technique. He also spoke about the cancellation of the 3G pitch within Rusthall. However, due to there being 214 football teams registered within Tunbridge Wells, he thought an all-weather pitch would be a good idea.

Cllr Wauchope- informed the Parish Council that one of the conditions of the Section 106 money being given was to ensure that local labour and apprentices were used.

6. **Public Open session** – A member of the public enquired about the felled trees at the top of Common View. Cllr Blackburn informed the meeting that the land is in private hands and that she was trying to contact the owner, to request he had the land tidied up. Cllr Lawrence said he was concerned about the one remaining tree, as it did not look safe.
7. **Planning Committee**– Nothing to report.
8. **Parish agreement** – Cllr Blackburn informed the Parish Council that the draft agreement would be going to full council on the 12th December 2012. There would be a follow up in twelve months to see how it is working.
9. **Land at Fremlin Close** – Cllr Blackburn informed the meeting that the Borough Council wished to relinquish ownership of the land. It is not a site for development as it has two ponds, one of which is filled in and it is also prone to flooding. It also has the out pipes from the estates draining into the existing pond. She thought the best plan of action was to have it turned into a nature reserve. Cllr Lawrence raised concerns on it being a financial drain if the Parish Council decided to take control of it. It was decided to discuss it further in January, once more information had been received and to give time for all the Councillors to view the land.
10. **Rusthall Signs** – Quotes had been received for the replacement of the Rusthall signs. It was decided to go back to the companies and ask them for a quote for the signs to be made out of anti-graffiti material. Cllr Blackburn and Cllr Elwood to report back in January.
11. **Consider who to invite to Annual Meeting** – Cllr Blackburn suggested inviting Ann Barnes as guest speaker at the Annual Meeting, to be held on the 22 April 2013. This was agreed.
12. **Acceptance of Fire Station survey quote** - The Parish Council had received three quotes for the survey. It was decided that only two were suitable but a further quote was required for asbestos and perhaps a drain inspection and electrical testing. Cllr Elwood proposed that a cap of £1500 be put on the full quote; this was seconded by Cllr Clark. The clerk to contact both companies and request a further quote.
13. **Acceptance of Grass cutting quote** - A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Codd, for sending out the tender requests and showing the tenderers around the allotments. Cllr Codd proposed David Rusbridge be offered the contract and this was seconded by Cllr Edwards. This was agreed.

14. Cheques/Payments

	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT		
<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Cheque Ref</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
S Denne	100089	736.31	Salary
HMRC	100090	56.20	NIC and Tax
S Denne	100091	151.65	Travel
Rusthall Bonfire and Fete	100092	206.39	Grant for high viz jackets
Viking	100093	12.59	Paper
Orange	DD	20.75	Mobile
S Denne	100094	18.26	Stamps and Chair,s Allowance
S Denne	100095	300.00	Working from Home Allowance April - September
URC	100096	30.00	Hall hire 10/12/12
TOTAL PAYMENTS		1532.15	

15. **Consideration of RBS quote for finance package** - This was agreed.

16. **Clerk to request purchase of allotment software from RBS** – This was agreed

17. **Consideration of Came and Company Insurance quote** – This was agreed

18. **Consideration of any urgent business** –

- a) Cllr Blackburn informed the Parish Council that the Kent Fire and Rescue would like the Parish Councils help in checking the fire hydrants within the parish.
- b) Cllr Blackburn informed the meeting that she had received some information about a new product that is supposed to be better than the sand and salt currently used for gritting. It was agreed to get a 4kg tub, £9.64, and ask one of the residents to trial it.
- c) Cllr Blackburn informed the meeting that KMJ Property and Paydens, the chemist had kindly donated towards the village Christmas lights.
- d) Cllr Blackburn informed the meeting that Cllr Davies and Targetfollow had agreed to pay for the kerbing work to be carried out in Harmony Street.
- e) Cllr Blackburn informed the Parish Council that Cllr Davies had agreed to pay for the Speedwatch equipment.
- f) Cllr Simmons informed the Parish Council that with regards to dog fouling Southborough Town Council was piloting a “Bag it and Flag it” campaign. TWBC is planning to offer the campaign materials to all parishes.

The meeting ended at 8.55 pm

Date of Next Meeting – 14th January 2013