

**Minutes of The Full Council Meeting held on  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.30 pm in The Rackliff Centre Lower Green Road**

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**Members Present:** Cllr B Edwards (Chairman), Cllr D Smith, Cllr E Ellicott, Cllr D Funnell, and Cllr V Wilson.

**Officer Present:** S Denne

**In Attendance:** No One

**Members of the Public:** There were three members of the public present

1. **Enquire whether anyone present intends to film, photograph and/or record the meeting** - No-one present intended to film, photograph and/or record the meeting.
2. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr A Britcher – Allan, Cllr M O'Callaghan and Cllr C Ducklin
3. **Declaration of Interests** — Cllrs Ellicott and Funnell item 11
4. **Declarations of Lobbying** – None
5. **Minutes** of the meeting held on **9<sup>th</sup> September** 2019 were agreed, and it was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman signed them as a true record
  - 5.1 Matters outstanding from these minutes (not listed as separate agenda items) - None
  - 5.2 Matters outstanding from previous minutes – None
6. **Open session for questions from the public:** *This item was moved to after the Clerk's report*
7. **Session for County and Borough Councillors on matters concerning the Parish** – Cllr Funnell informed the members that he would be carrying out a survey on the conditions of the footpaths and street lights within the village and meeting with the TW Highways Manager. The Clerk read a report from Cllr Podbury: Waste Contract - Over the last couple of weeks, I have been contacted by residents regarding non delivery of food caddies or missed bin collections. Hopefully they have all been resolved but if you hear of any problems do let me know. Residents are able to report problems on line. As of today additional assistance is being supplied to help the crews during this bedding in phase. We are being asked to remind residents that Tetra Pak style items should be put in their household refuse (green bin) and will be part of the mix that is used to generate energy. Tunbridge Wells in Bloom - Rusthall residents did Rusthall proud! However, Rusthall School did not take part in the school entries. I wonder whether they might be persuaded to participate next year. *Cllr Ellicott to enquire.* School Place - I was contacted by a very concerned resident, who was unable to find a place in any of the TW schools for her 16-year-old son. With assistance from Greg's office, we eventually secured a place at Skinners Academy. Local Plan Consultation - Speldhurst Parish Council has repeated objections to the Rusthall Sports Hub on Jockeys Farm. Bob Doe - As one of my Deputy Mayor duties, I was invited to attend a talk given by Helen Doe, daughter of Ace Pilot, Bob Doe. A sign displaying Bobs name is attached to the cottages built on the

site of his garage. I wondered if RPC might consider funding a plaque, giving information about him. *Clerk to add to November agenda.*

8. **Committee Reports:** Allotment Meeting 16<sup>th</sup> September, Planning Meetings 23<sup>rd</sup> September and Finance Meetings 23<sup>rd</sup> September and the 7<sup>th</sup> October draft minutes have been circulated.
9. **Highways** – Cllr Edwards read out RPC Local Highways Plan to the members and the Clerk read out the responses from KCC Highways. The Councillors agreed to accept the plan. The Clerk informed them that she had been in discussion with the Transport Manager of Arriva TW, who would like to have a meeting with the members and Clerk, to discuss the traffic within the High Street.
10. **Langton Road Survey:** It was agreed to accept the lowest quote supplied by KCC Highways. Clerk to inform KCC and to request an update on outstanding matters.
11. **Speedwatch Equipment** – The Clerk informed the members that there were no grants/donations available to help purchase the equipment. The Members agreed to the purchase.
12. **Tunbridge Wells Local Plan-** Cllr Funnell agreed to complete the consultation document on behalf of the PC.
13. **Wreath Laying** – Cllr Edwards to attend the Church service. Clerk to ask all other Cllrs if one is available to attend the TW memorial service.
14. **Clerks Salary** – The Clerk left the room whilst the members discussed proposed increase of one spine point in her salary. The members agreed and the Clerk returned to the meeting.
15. **Grants/ Donations** – It was agreed to donate £100 to the Mayor’s Toy Appeal
16. **Chair’s Report** – Cllr Edwards informed the members that he attended the ‘Love Where You Live’ event, in Tunbridge Wells, where Rusthall residents had been recognised for their good works within the community.
17. **Clerk’s Report** - Clerk requested for volunteers to install the planters on the street lights. She also enquired which members would like to attend the dementia visit. Cllrs Ellicott, Funnell and Edwards showed interest. Clerk to arrange.
6. **Open session for questions from the public-** Cllr Ellicott reported that the Speedwatch team had completed 42 sessions. Total of 10537 vehicles recorded of which 52 vehicles were reported for doing speeds of 35mph+ and 407 vehicles were recorded at 30 mph+. The team has 8 volunteers with a possible 2 more joining. A member of the public complained that the street lights were not coming on until 6.30pm and also that a street light was still missing from Edward Street. Clerk informed her that work should be carried out soon to replace the light. She also complained about the illegal parking on the corners of Edward Street. Clerk would enquire as to the time that street lights should switch on. A member of the public informed members that they had spoken to MPs office with regards to the Red Lion proposed development, they suggested that it could be taken to the High Court or KCC Highways could improve the area to make it less dangerous. Cllr Edwards wondered whether the footpath could be transferred to the other side of the road. Clerk to add to Highways agenda. A

member of the public informed the members that they would be starting a petition for '20 is Plenty' within the village and would keep the Parish Council informed.

**18. Diary Dates** – 15<sup>th</sup> October Planning Committee meeting, 26<sup>th</sup> October Fair Trade café 10am and Bonfire and Fireworks evening,

**19. Accounts for Payment** – to authorise the payment of invoices. Payments for last month and this month were agreed and authorised.

**20. Items for Information**

- a) Family History Group Thursday 21st October at 10.15am
- b) Rusthall Local History Group Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2019 7.pm
- c) Cllr Smith and Cllr Funnell attended the TW in Bloom, where Rusthall residents did extremely well.

**The meeting closed at 21:30**

..... Chairman

Dated .....

	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT	10 <sup>th</sup> Sept to 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 ACCOUNTS	
<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Payment Type</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
MICROSHADE	S/O 12264	52.50	Hosting
BT	MO42YN	71.82	Phone & Broadband
EE	75615	33.62	Mobile
LANGTON LIFE	RO489	500.00	Nov/Dec 19 Rusthall Life
D BUCKETT	1072	319.35	Internal Audit
CASTLE WATER	2167293	197.85	Water WG (E)
CASTLE WATER	2165983	43.47	Water RC (E)
EJP	39972	141.60	Maintenance of Fire alarm
NEST	DD	74.16	Pension September
HMRC	300383	325.37	Tax & NI September
S DENNE	SO	1320.63	Salary September
KCS	133439	151.75	Photocopier
KMJ	SSRPC18	3.84	Laminating
CAPEL GRPUNDCARE	SI192092	387.54	Grass cutting September
THE LIVING FOREST	104842	3966.00	Old hedge and trees cut on Southwood Road Allotment site
K LAWRENCE	BACS	52.00	Cleaning
RBL	300382	20.00	Poppy Wreath
LLOYDS BANK CARD			
VARIOUS			
MONTHLY FEE		3.00	
<b>MONTHLY TOTAL</b>		<b>7664.50</b>	