

Minutes of The Full Council Meeting held at The Rackliff Centre on

Monday 8th November 2021 at 7.30 pm

Members Present:

Cllr Liz Ellicott, Chair (LE), Cllr B Edwards, Vice-Chairman (BE), Cllr A Britcher – Allan (ABA), Cllr D Smith (DS), Cllr M O’Callaghan (MO), Mr C Ducklin (CD) and Cllr P Gripper (PG)

Officers Present:

Ms L Neusten (LN)

In Attendance:

None

Members of the Public:

Four

1. Enquire whether anyone present intends to film, photograph and/or record the meeting
Lee Morris recorded the meeting.

2. To receive and approve apologies for absence
No apologies .

3. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests
None.

4. Declarations of Lobbying
Cllr A Bricher-Allan; Cllr D Smith

5. Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th and 28th October 2021
These were agreed, and it was **RESOLVED** that the Chair signed them as a true record.

5.1 Matters outstanding from these previous: None

5.2 Matters outstanding from previous minutes: None

6. Open session for questions from the public:

A question was raised about the sum of £14,000 against Highways in the accounts, this was addressed under item 15 in the agenda. Another member of the public asked a number of questions about the Allotment tenancy agreement, objecting to the Allotment Committee advising that their tenancy agreement would not be renewed. These issues were addressed in the closed session.

7. Session for County and Borough Councillors on matters concerning the Parish

Cllr Funnel reported that he had successfully requested the hedging to be cut in Parsonage Rd; also a visit to The Alms houses as a new Trustee. Cllr Britcher-Allan has pursued the issue of

the St Pauls' School governors resignation with KCC and James McInroy (Our County Councillor). She is still waiting to hear from KCC about the MUGA at the top of Edward Street. Regarding safety issues on roads bordering the Common, the Community Safety Unit (CSU) is now involved and will be doing a visual audit. The external defibrillator to be installed outside The Toad Rock Retreat soon.

8. Nothing to report.

9. Environment Committee update;

1st meeting was held on 18th October Several issues were identified and individual committee members agreed to pursue them: Electrical Vehicle Charging points – ABA; Litter AT; Insulation PW; and the possibility of all electric buses on route 281;

10. **Tree safety Survey Report:**

Resolved that we would request The Living Forest would complete all works on the report.

11. **Queens Green Canopy:**

Cllr Ellicott has ordered 6 FOC trees from TWBC. So far Rusthall Lodge and The Alms Houses have expressed an interest. St Pauls' School has reluctantly declined. LE will now contact Sunnyside Hall Trustees and the short term respite care in Edward Street to canvass interest.

12. **Grants Donation applications**

12.i Resolved unanimously to donate £10,000 to support The Happy Valley All Abilities Path on the understanding that if it is not used within 3 years it will be returned to the Council.

12.ii Resolved unanimously to take over the contract for securing the boundary of the Rusthall Cricket Club.

Both donations made under Section 137 of 1972 Local Government Act

Cllr Edwards proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr Smith for his eloquent proposal to finance committee in support of these donations.

13. **Officers Report;** Unfortunately, still haven't found a Locum Clerk. Search continues.

14. **Finance:**

14.i – Half Yearly Report – not presented

14.ii- Budgets for 2022 – were briefly discussed at the last finance meeting and deferred to the next meeting on Dec 2nd.

14.iii -Budget Consultation - Discussed results at the last meeting and identified areas for spending.

14.iv- Approved; £40 expenditure for Land Registry search.

15. **Accounts for Payment;** Checked, signed and approved.

16. **Rackliff Centre:**

16.i Insurance was arranged for a 3 year term when renewed in 2020.

16.ii Lamposts prepped for Xmas Lights. Ongoing.

17. **Diary Dates.**

2nd December – Finance Committee 7.30 Rackliff Centre

6th December – Allotments Committee **Cancelled**

18. Items for information; None

Date of Next Meeting – Monday 13th December 2021 at 7.30pm The Rackcliff Centre

The meeting closed at 8.27pm

Chairman Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

Date *13th December 2021*