

**MINUTES OF THE FULL ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 12th June 2017 at 7.30pm
IN THE RACKLIFF CENTRE LOWER GREEN ROAD**

Present:

Members Present: Cllrs, B Edwards (Chairman), J. Blackburn, A. Britcher, M Fraser, R. Benoy, J. Clark, H. Duncombe and D. Smith.

Officer Present: S. Denne.

In Attendance: Borough Councillor Joy Podbury and County Councillor James McInroy

Members of the Public: There were two 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** – K. Punyer, work commitments and Thelma Huggett.
3. **Declaration of Interests** – Cllrs Edwards and Benoy are members of The Bonfire and Fete Committee, item 14. Cllrs Benoy and Smith have allotment plots, item 10.
4. **Declarations of Lobbying** – There were none.
5. **Minutes** of the meetings held on 8th May 2017 were agreed, and the Chairman signed them as a true record
5.2 Matters outstanding from these minutes (not listed as separate agenda items) **None**
5.3 Matters outstanding from previous minutes: Cllr Edwards reported that item 18 was still being investigated.
6. **CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS:** Hazel Duncombe and Doug Smith left the room for the duration of the discussion and decision. It was **RESOLVED** to appoint them as Councillors. They signed the declaration of acceptance of office.
7. **Session for County and Borough Councillors on matters concerning the Parish** – KCC Cllr McInroy reported that he had enquired as to why the school sign was still not in place. He had been ensured that it would be in place soon. Cllr Fraser could not understand why it had taken nearly a year. Borough Cllr Podbury informed the meeting that she had attended an event to present the new Culture Hub and was very impressed.
8. **Committee Reports:** Planning Committee meeting was held on 15th May 2017 and 8th June, draft minutes have been circulated.
9. **Rusthall Life** – After discussion it was agreed to pay a further £100 towards the running of the Magazine and for further editions. Cllr Smith felt that the magazine could be used more and more in the future as a tool for the RPC.

- 10. Wickham Gardens Allotments to consider** i. Payment towards CCTV ii. Proposal from TWBC. i. The Clerk discussed the possibility of sharing a CCTV camera with a resident to overlook Wickham Gardens. It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain more information on costs and consider data protection. **Clerk has spoken to resident, who will contact her with a quote.**

The Clerk informed the members that TWBC had requested a land swap of part of Wickham Gardens Allotments, fronting the road, for a parcel of land by Audrey Sturley Court. TWBC wish to build 9 houses on the allotment land. The proposal was discussed at length and the Members voted, unanimously, not to accept TWBC offer of a land swap. There were many reasons as to why they came to the decision, one being that it would not be beneficial to the health and wellbeing of the plot holders or the surrounding residents. **Clerk has emailed TWBC, but received no reply, as yet.**

Cllr Smith enquired whether RPC had submitted a response re the Local Plan. Cllr Edwards confirmed that he had. Cllr Smith requested a public meeting to discuss the land, so far, that was being considered for building plots; Home Farm, Dingley Dell and the Golf Course. Members to email the Clerk with suitable dates. **This is to be held on the 3rd July.**

- 11. Speedwatch** - Cllr Blackburn informed the members that she had had the equipment checked and everything appeared to be working. She was still awaiting a reply from proposed volunteers on their availability. All Cllrs that had previously been trained must now retrain on line.
- 12. Defib** –It was agreed that Cllrs Britcher, Duncombe, Edwards and the Clerk would set up a rota for the weekly inspection of the Defib. Clerk to contact the URC with regards to obtaining a key. Clerk to show Cllrs what is required when inspecting the machine. **Training to be given on the 3rd July, key obtained.**
- 13. HWCAAG** – As part of the restructuring of HWCAAG, Councillor Clark will represent Rusthall Parish Council in HWCAAG meetings with specific responsibilities for Gatwick night flight costs over the year.
- 14. Grants** – Bonfire and Fete Committee - It was agreed to grant £250 for the Punch and Judy show at the village fete.
- 15. Parish Policies** – To agree updates and New Policies – These were agreed.
- 16. Parish Assets Register:** It was agreed that a working party consisting of Cllrs Blackburn, Fraser, Benoy and Smith, would meet at the end of July. Cllr Blackburn to arrange.
- 17. Highways** – The Highways Committee to meet with the Highways Steward on the 22nd June to discuss issues. Cllr Benoy enquired as to whether the bus shelters could be fitted with Perspex rather than glass and thus reduces the risk of vandalism. Cllr Podbury to enquire to TWBC.

- 18. Chair's Report** – Cllr Edwards informed the members that he had completed the Local Plan consultation form, which had taken him three and a half hours. He felt that the form was too involved and that TWBC were asking a lot from the public, expecting them to complete it. Cllr Smith and Cllr Podbury both agreed and suggested that it should have been in a more simplified form. Having spoken to other Parish Council Chairmen, Cllr Edwards informed the members that the consensus of opinion was that TW was already too full and 13,000 houses were not required and the infrastructure would not be able to cope with such an increase. The opinion of many was to amalgamate options 4/5 and build a new town between Tonbridge, Pembury and Tunbridge Wells, with easy access of the A21, M25 and the railway stations of Paddock Wood and Tonbridge.
- 19. Clerk's Report:** Clerk informed members that she had had a complaint about a couple of vans parking on the corners of Hill View and Erskine Park Road. It was reported that they are reducing the line of sight for other road users and pedestrians. It was feared that an accident could happen in the near future. Clerk to contact PCSO for advice. **Done, a police matter.** The Clerk informed the meeting that Rusthall were unsuccessful in being chosen for the village of the year competition. The Clerk informed the members that it was believed that Targetfollow would be taking a resident to tribunal. Clerk to obtain further information. The Clerk reminded Members that the Clerk from Speldhurst would be covering for her at the July Full Council meeting. Finally the Clerk asked which Committees Cllrs Duncombe and Smith would like to join. Cllr Duncombe to join the Finance and Allotment Committees and Cllr Smith to join the planning and Allotment Committees.
- 20. Diary Dates** – 19th June Allotment Committee Meeting, 23rd June Carnival event at the Rusthall Club, 24th June Rusthall Fete. **No Parish Meeting in August**
- 21. Accounts for Payment** – to authorise the payment of invoices as listed below – These were agreed
- 22. Open session for questions from the public:** A member of the public complained about the state of the rubbish bins along the High Street. Cllr Edwards to make enquiries.
- 23. Items for Information:**
- a) Cllr Blackburn requested that the Clerk remind TWBC about transferring the polling station to the Rackliff Centre. **Done**
 - b) Cllr Fraser informed the members that St Paul's Primary was struggling financially.
 - c) Cllr Fraser reported that she had attended an event at TWBC, promoting the Cultural Hub. She enquired whether some of the money could be shared with local libraries as not all residents are able to travel into TW.
 - d) Cllr Fraser reported that the film club had now been running for a year and was very successful. It had made £2000 profit, which might go towards a projector. Cllr Duncombe informed the meeting that the club had received a grant to enable them to purchase new chairs.
 - e) Cllr Benoy had been informed that drug paraphernalia, including needles had been found on the Mary Caley playground. Playground to be monitored once reopened.
 - f) Cllr Benoy complained that TWBC had not cleared up sand left on the Southwood Road carpark after the football pitches had been dressed. Clerk to contact TWBC. **Done**

Meeting closed at 21.25

	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT	From 9 th May17 to 12 th June 17 ACCOUNTS	
Payee Name	Payment Type	Amount Paid	Transaction Detail
C PATTERSON	BACS	308.33	Grass Cutting May 2017
PREMIER ALARMS LTD	BACS	116.00	Keys for Allotments
S DENNE	S/O	1114.72	Salary May
D CONSTABLE	BACS	25.00	Window Cleaning
HMRC	300324	199.09	TAX/NI
BT	DD	51.36	Telephone and Broadband
EE	DD	33.97	Mobile May
SLCC	BACS	139.00	Subs for Clerk
LLOYDS BANK	DD	16.33	Credit Card
ALCC	BACS	10.00	Subs for clerk
J BLACKBURN	300325	24.80	Travel and donation to Pond Management
LANGTON LIFE	BACS	250.00	Rusthall Life
VIKING	BACS	41.98	Ink
VIKING	BACS	94.12	Ink, Files, Key lock
FENCER	BACS	135.00	Mend fencing Allotments
FENCER	BACS	415.00	Mend fencing Allotments
RIALTAS	BACS	139.20	Software
LLOYDS BANK	DD	5.08	Credit card
SSE ELECTRIC	DD	58.03	Electric
BUSINESS STREAM	DD	8.86	Water out
Total Payments		3185.87	