



**Minutes of The Full Council Meeting held on  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 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 C Ducklin, Cllr Ellicott, Cllr D Funnell, Cllr V Wilson and Cllr M O'Callaghan

**Officer Present:** S Denne

**In Attendance:** County Cllr James McInroy and Borough Cllr Joy Podbury

**Members of the Public:** There were 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
3. **Declaration of Interests** — Cllrs Ellicott, Wilson and Smith, item 9, have allotment plots. Cllrs Edwards and Funnell, item 10, belong to Rusthall Fete and Bonfire Committee.
4. **Declarations of Lobbying** – None
5. **Speakers – Chairman of the Governors, St Paul's Primary school, Graham Clark and Head Teacher Caroline Powell.** Miss Powell spoke about the good Ofsted report and said that the school was going from strength to strength, with a good core of parents. However, there had been a reduction in funding over four years, approximately £600 per pupil. There had also been some staff restructuring due to a decline in the birth rate, Tunbridge Wells appearing to be the worst hit area in Kent. There are only 18 children in reception reducing to 13 next year. This is also partly to do with other local schools expanding. Both Miss Powell and Mr Clark asked if the PC had any ideas on how to promote the school, they had already organised a leaflet drop. They had put an article in Rusthall Life but the most recent article was not in the July magazine. Cllr Ellicott suggested that they could leaflet drop at the children's nurseries within the surrounding area. The PC agreed to hold a future public meeting, should one be required, at the school to help raise awareness. It was suggested that social media may help to inform new families that Rusthall had a primary school.
- 6.. **Minutes** of the meeting held on **10<sup>th</sup> June** 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

- 7. Session for County and Borough Councillors on matters concerning the Parish** – Cllr Podbury informed the members that the Local Plan Consultation will run from the 20<sup>th</sup> September 2019 to the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019. The aim is for independent examination May 2021 and adoption December 2021. Exhibition to be held Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September at the RVP, from 12pm to 7pm and also Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 10am to 3pm. Cllr McInroy informed the members of the new household waste charges for soil, plasterboard and rubble. He also informed the members that the customer who employs someone to collect rubbish, who then fly tips, will also be fined. Therefore, licences should be checked before hiring someone. It is recommended to take a photo of the licence. He said there was concern with regards to a Measles outbreak in Canterbury, where five cases had been reported. Parents are being encouraged to have children inoculated. Cllr McInroy also reported that £260,000,000 had been put in the Woodford fund by KCC. They were unable to access it and informed that they had to wait two to three months. Cllr Funnell reported that the fete had been a success and the left over children's books had been donated to St Paul's Primary school.
- 8. Committee Reports:** Planning Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and Allotment Meeting 17<sup>th</sup> June 2019 draft minutes have been circulated.
- 9. RPC Owned Trees** – The Clerk informed the members that she had invited three companies to quote for tree works along a boundary on the Southwood Road Allotment site. Only one company responded. It was agreed to accept their quote, which was considered reasonable. Clerk also to invite company to a later meeting to discuss woodland management.
- 10. Grants/ Donations** – There were two grant applications, from the RVA for their photography competition and Rusthall Fete and Bonfire Committee for the fete's Punch and Judy. Both applications were agreed.
- 11. Chair's Report** – Cllr Edwards showed the members proposed wording for signage to be attached to Rusthall signs with regards to litter. After much discussion it was agreed that Cllr Edwards would obtain quotes for 'Keep Village Tidy' signs. Cllr Edwards confirmed that he had been informed, at the Parish Chairman's meeting, that all glass would be recycled together and not separated into colours. He then suggested that the Clerk should move into the small meeting room, enabling her to have more space for herself and a potential assistant. It was agreed that some minor works would need to be carried out, in order to make the room suitable. Once the Clerk had moved then advertising for an assistant could take place. Finally, on a sad note, Cllr Edwards reported that the RC&YG would be ceasing in September, after 21 years, due to lack of volunteers and youngsters.
- 12. Clerk's Report - Clerk** informed the members that the fencing had been installed at Southwood Road site. She updated the members on the allotment BBQ and the litter pick. She then went on to inform the members that a parcel, supposedly delivered to the RC, had gone missing. Discussions with the company and the courier were ongoing.
- 13. Diary Dates** – 13<sup>th</sup> July 2019 Litter pick, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 Planning Meeting, 17<sup>th</sup> July 2019 RVA meeting, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 Family History Group and 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019 Allotment BBQ.
- 14. Accounts for Payment** – to authorise the payment of invoices as listed on page 4 - These were agreed.

**15. Open session for questions from the public:** Mr Sefton informed the meeting that he had attended the veterans table tennis Championships, in Hungary, and had reached the last 8 in the over 85 years in both the singles and the doubles. A member of the public enquired if the PC had submitted a response to the Inspectorate of Planning, with regards to the Red Lion. The chairman informed her that we had.

**16. Items for Information**

- a) Cllr Funnell informed the members that Southborough fire station had a flag pole on the side of the building, he showed pictures.

**The meeting closed at 21:15**

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Dated .....

	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT	11 <sup>th</sup> June 2019 to 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 ACCOUNTS	
<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Payment Type</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
MICROSHADE	SO/11955	52.50	Hosting
BT	M039KA/DD	75.32	Phone & Broadband
EE	81899/DD	34.73	Mobile June
RIALTAS	SM20381	145.20	Software Accounts
SSE	2420016/DD	153.63	Gas
KCS	KPS125937	294.72	Photocopier
KCS	KPS125399	131.86	Photocopier
NEST	DD	74.16	Pension June
HMRC	300379	325.37	Tax & NI June
S DENNE	SO	1320.63	Salary June
WILD AT HART	BACS/Y13/087	45.00	Wasp Nest
KMJ	BACS/SSRPC17	11.52	Laminating
CAPEL GRPUNDCARE	SI192042	387.54	Grass cutting June
CAPEL GRPUNDCARE	SI192043	50.40	Covering of plots plus strim
ILP	1608	360.86	Lance and Knapsack Watering
S LARGE	BACS	3071.00	Fencing SR
K LAWRENCE	BACS	65.00	Cleaning
<b>LLOYDS BANK CARD</b>			
VARIOUS		58.11	Postage/ brackets
MONTHLY FEE		3.00	June
<b>MONTHLY TOTAL</b>			