



**Minutes of The Full Council Meeting held on
Monday 9th December 2019 at 7.30 pm in The Rackliff Centre Lower Green Road**

Members Present: Cllr B Edwards (Chairman), Cllr E Ellicott, Cllr D Funnell, Cllr V Wilson, Cllr M O'Callaghan and Cllr C Ducklin

Officer Present: S Denne

In Attendance: Borough Cllr J Podbury

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 D Smith and Cllr A Britcher–Allan
3. **Declaration of Interests** — Cllr Edwards is a Trustee for RC&YP, item 15.
4. **Declarations of Lobbying** – None
5. **Speakers** – Speakers unable to attend
6. **Minutes** of the meeting held on **11th November** 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. **Open session for questions from the public:** There were none
8. **Session for County and Borough Councillors on matters concerning the Parish** – Cllr Podbury informed the members of the following issues: **i.**She had received parking records, for the last two years, for Rusthall, which will be forwarded to the RPC. The records show dates that a parking enforcement Officer visited the village and how many tickets issued. **ii.** Benefits – the number of people living in Rusthall and receiving benefits has decreased in the last year. **iii.** Commons Conservators – they are proposing to increase their precept by 2.4%, Cllr Podbury requested that they inform RPC in future. As part of the new Local Plan, TWBC are proposing to introduce 106 contributions to the CC. There is also a suggestion of organising a fund raising event. **iiii.** There have been 2000 responses to the new Local Plan, 50% of which were received on the last day of the consultation. Some responses were over 200 pages long.

Cllr Funnell informed the meeting that **i.**The venture won the best Christmas window, in the Fete and Bonfire Committee competition. **ii.** He has reported various potholes and footpath defects.

9. **Committee Reports:** Planning Meeting 11th November and the 2nd December 2019 and Highways Meeting 18th November 2019 draft minutes have been circulated.
14. **Dementia Awareness** – Cllr Edwards reported that he, Cllr Funnell and the Clerk had met with a Dementia Champion in East Peckham (the PCSO). East Peckham is a dementia aware village. They have a dementia aware team consisting of people who work within the village; such as the head teacher of the primary school and the manager of the care home. Amongst other things they run a café for those with dementia and their carers. Cllr Edwards then welcomed Dementia Champion Mr Joe Mendell. Mr Mendell lives in Rusthall and has become a dementia champion for the village. Mr Mendell kindly offered to hold a drop in session for anyone who may like to become involved. The Parish Council would like Rusthall to become a dementia aware village.
10. **Tunbridge Wells Local Plan-** The members ratified Cllr Funnell’s drafted RPCs response to the Local Plan. Cllr Edwards thanked Cllr Funnell for all the work involved.
11. **Insurance Quotes** – It was agreed to accept the fixed three years quote from Came & Co.
12. **KALC** – Community Award – The Clerk informed the members that she had received a nomination for the award. The members agreed and Cllr Edwards volunteered to complete the application and submit it to KALC.
13. **KALC** – To consider defibrillator offer – It was agreed to purchase one defibrillator. Location for machine to be discussed at January meeting.
15. **Grants/ Donations** – Application received from RC&YP requesting a contribution towards their running cost. The members agreed.
16. **Chair’s Report** – Cllr Edwards reported that TWBC were looking at spending 1.9 million on updating the Town Hall and theatre. Payment to services would be required to be reduced to pay for it. He attended the Audit & Governance committee meeting, where an officer gave a presentation on the Collection fund. This fund is used for distributing money from the Council tax that is collected and given to the services, such as police and fire brigade. Parish Council precepts are separate from this fund. Cllr Edwards thanked the Fete and Bonfire Committee for a wonderful evening on the 6th December; switching on of the Christmas tree lights, choirs, refreshments and some stalls. The Chairman and Clerk attended the KCC Highways seminar and gained some useful information. Finally, Cllr Edwards thanked Mick Heasman and his Speedwatch team for all their hard work, in all weathers.
17. **Clerk’s Report** - Clerk received a reply from the Civic Society, informing the PC that although they were unable to fund the project, to install a plaque commemorating Wing Commander Doe, they were more than happy for RPC to go ahead with it and the Civic Society would help with advice. Agenda item for January.
18. **Diary Dates** – 16th December Planning and Allotment meetings, 17th December Parish Chairman’s Meeting.

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

20. Items for Information

- a) Family History Group meeting at 10.30.

The meeting closed at 20:30

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Dated

	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT	12 th November 2019 to 9 th December 2019 ACCOUNTS	
<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Payment Type</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
MICROSHADE	S/O 12468	52.50	Hosting
BT	MO4453	74.45	Phone & Broadband
EE	62186	33.62	Mobile
BUSINESS STREAM	DD/08	63.63	Waste water RC 27/02
NEST	DD	74.16	Pension November
HMRC	300385	325.37	Tax & NI November
PWLB	DD	3388.65	Loan
KCC	KPS142917	136.21	Photocopier
LANGTON LIFE	R0505	500.00	RL Magazine
VIKING	420088	71.18	Stationery and cleaning
SSE	0020	56.86	Electricity
B EDWARDS	BACS	10.89	Travel Expenses
COMTECS	3277	60.00	Hosting email
CAME & CO	41589801	1288.35	Insurance
S DENNE	SO	1320.63	Salary November
CAPEL GRPUNDCARE	SI1920131	387.54	Grass cutting November
LLOYDS BANK CARD			
MONTHLY FEE		3.00	
MONTHLY TOTAL		7847.04	