

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 8th January 2018 at 7.45pm
IN THE RACKLIFF CENTRE LOWER GREEN ROAD**

Members Present: Cllrs, B Edwards (Chairman), J Blackburn, H Duncombe, J Clark, Cllr Benoy, Cllr Britcher and Cllr Punyer.

Officer Present: S Denne

In Attendance: County Councillor J McInroy and Borough Councillors J Podbury and T. Huggett.

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** – Cllr D. Smith
3. **Declaration of Interests** –Cllr Edwards is a Trustee of the Alms Houses, item 19.
4. **Declarations of Lobbying** – There were none.
5. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 11th December 2017 were agreed, and it was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman signed them as a true record
5.2 Matters outstanding from these minutes: None
5.3Matters outstanding from previous minutes: None
6. **Session for County and Borough Councillors on matters concerning the Parish** – County Cllr McInroy informed the members that he had contacted KCC about the MUGA at the top of Edward Street. He confirmed that Headway had expressed an interest in extending their property. He hoped to obtain more information for February's meeting.
7. **Committee Reports:** Planning Meeting 7th December 2017 and Allotment Meeting 18th December 2017 draft minutes have been circulated.
8. **Local Green Space Designation Draft Policy** – Clerk informed members that this was to be put into the TWBC Local Plan.
9. **Maintenance Man-** Cllr Edwards informed the members that the maintenance man from the Alms Houses was willing to undertake any small jobs that the RPC require to be done. Members agreed to a six month trial. Clerk to give Cllr Edwards a list to pass on.
10. **Parish Assembly-** It was agreed that the Clerk would ask the new Chief Inspector to speak at the meeting. Clerk to invite local organisations.
11. **General Data Protection Regulation** – clerk informed members that the Clerk could not be the DP officer due to conflict of interest and had been informed that only someone with DP training could carry out the job. She, along with Cllr Duncombe, to have a better understanding after the KALC training.

12. **Local government finance settlement** – It was agreed that Cllr Blackburn and the Clerk would work on this.
13. **Jockey Farm (Recreation Ground, Southwood Road, Rusthall)** – Cllrs Edwards and Blackburn to have a meeting with Cllr Podbury who would take concerns to the TWBC Urban Development Officer. Cllr Duncombe to speak to Greg Clark MP on behalf of the RPC and the village. It was reported that the owner of Jockey Farm was not being kept informed of decisions made by TWBC.
14. **Meetings Calendar** – Full Council meetings monthly, every second Monday, except August. Planning meetings 23rd January, 26th February, 26th March, 23rd April, 21st May, 25th June and 23rd July. Highways as required and Finance meetings to be held in March, June, September, October and November.
15. **Chair's Report** – Cllr Edwards informed the members that he had received a complaint from a resident about the amount of rubbish he saw on his way to work, very early, on the 2nd of January. It was agreed that perhaps he could write an article for the Rusthall Life and run a campaign to keep Rusthall Tidy. Cllrs Britcher and Duncombe asked Cllr Edwards to inform the gentleman that there is a biannual litter pick, run by the RVA, which he would be welcome to join. It was mentioned that he probably leaves for work before the street cleaner starts work. Also there would have been a lot of rubbish at that time of year.
16. **Clerk's Report** - The Clerk informed the members that she had received the value for the projector and would be contacting the insurance company for a quote. She also informed them of the removal of the speeding sign on Lower green Road; this was due to vandalism and was too costly to repair. She would be contacting Speldhurst PC to enquire how much their mobile sign cost. The Clerk requested that the Cllrs look at the brownfield map on TWBC website.
17. **Diary Dates** - RVA meeting 17th January, Bonfire & Fete Quiz 20th January, Planning training 23rd January, DP workshop 24th January and the 20th February WW1 meeting.
18. **Accounts for Payment** – payments of invoices authorised, as listed (to follow)
19. **Grants**- The following donations and grants were agreed - i. Samaritans £300 donation ii. Home Start £100 donation and iii. Alms Houses £100 grant.
20. **Open session for questions from the public:** A member of the public informed the members that he had obtained many signatures for his petition to alter Woodside Road to a One Way street. County Cllr McInroy happy to meet with KCC Highways to discuss further.
21. **Items for Information** –
 - a) Cllr Blackburn to meet pond expert on January 12th to discuss removal of Parrot's Feather from the Fremlin pond. Volunteers to carry this out in March.
 - b) Cllr Benoy complained to Commoners about the state of the ivy and brambles growing over the boundary sandstone wall of Dingley Dell. He was informed that it was not their responsibility. Cllr Benoy and the Clerk to try and contact the owner of the property. Not only does it look a mess but it is in danger of damaging the wall. A lady who had the bench put by the wall, in remembrance of her husband, tidy's around it on a regular basis as the vegetation is being allowed to encroach over it.
 - c) Cllr Britcher warned owners of cats to be vigilant as a cat had been reported mutilated in the local area.

The Meeting closed at 21.40