

**Minutes of The Full Council Meeting held on  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 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:** Borough Cllr Joy Podbury (from 8.15pm)

**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 and Funnell item 17
4. **Declarations of Lobbying** – None
5. **Speakers** – Rev Helen Warmington and Chris Parker Dementia Aware Communities – Rev Warmington spoke on how she would like to raise awareness and support for people with dementia within the community. Ms Parker informed the meeting that approx. 850,000 people were diagnosed with dementia but that a further third of that figure were not; 4500 live in West Kent. Diagnosis takes between 18 months and 2 years. There was still a stigma attached to the disease which meant many people become housebound. It is estimated that 131.5 million people worldwide will be diagnosed with dementia by 2030. The care for dementia patients comes under Social Care not Health Care.

Villages and towns within the area are already working towards being a Dementia Aware Community- Tonbridge, East Peckham, Hildenborough, Pembury, Barming, Marden and Rotherfield. Some primary schools visited care homes to join residents in art and music as these two groups appear to work well together. It is estimated that a third of all children today will suffer with dementia in later life.

The members agreed that they would like to obtain further information on how to set up a Dementia Aware Community within Rusthall. Clerk to obtain contact details, for a group already set up, in order that Cllrs could visit and make an informed decision on how best such a group would work in Rusthall.

Cllr Edwards thanked the speakers for their insightful talk.

- 6.. **Minutes** of the meeting held on **8<sup>th</sup> July** 2019 were agreed, and it was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman signed them as a true record
  - 6.1 Matters outstanding from these minutes (not listed as separate agenda items) - None
  - 6.2 Matters outstanding from previous minutes – None

7. **Session for County and Borough Councillors on matters concerning the Parish** – Cllr Funnell informed members that he had received a complaint from a resident who had had a bad fall due to tripping on a raised kerbstone. He was in contact with KCC Highways over the accident. He will be walking around the village making notes on uneven pavements and broken lights.
8. **Committee Reports:** Planning Meetings 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 draft minutes have been circulated.
9. **Utilities** – New contracts for electricity and gas – Clerk informed members that SSE appeared to still be the cheapest provider. It was agreed that RPC would stay with them for the next two years.
10. **Christmas Lights** – It was agreed that the clerk would approach the usual provider for a quote.
11. **Christmas Boxes** – It was agreed that the Rackliff centre could be offered as a drop off point for Operation Christmas Child. Clerk to speak to representative.
12. **Hanging Baskets** – Cllrs Edwards and Smith had already installed the brackets. Planters to be put in place when displays ready for installation.
13. **Open Gardens** – Cllr Podbury asked members if they thought that Rusthall would be interested in Open Garden Day in aid of Hospice in the Weald. Clerk to contact Helen Timms at TWBC.
14. **Audit Report** – The clerk read out the internal audit report to the members.
15. **To agree internal auditor for 2020** – The members agreed to ask Mr David Buckett if he would be the internal auditor for end of this financial year.
16. **To fix dates for Finance, Allotment and Highways meetings** – Finance Committee meetings: 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 7<sup>th</sup> October and 4<sup>th</sup> November. Allotment Committee Meetings: 16<sup>th</sup> September, 16<sup>th</sup> December and 16<sup>th</sup> March. Highways Committee meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> November.
17. **Highways** – i.To discuss purchase of new Speedwatch equipment It was agreed to purchase the new equipment for the Speedwatch team. Clerk to enquire if match funding still available.  
ii. A264 Survey – the members requested that the clerk enquire as to why the quotes were vastly different.
18. **Surveys/Consultations** – i.Kent Police & Crime Commissioner Annual Policing Survey – Cllr Ellicott to complete ii. Kent and Medway Energy and Low Emissions Strategy Consultation – Cllr Funnell to complete.
19. **Finance Questionnaire** – To discuss at a later date
20. **Recycle Week** – Members agreed that recycling was carried out by most residents. Cllr Ducklin wondered whether Onestop could have a returns vending machine for tins and cartons of drink.
21. **VE Day** – Members agreed that the PC would not commemorate 75 years but would fully support any village organisation that wished to hold an event.
22. **Grants/ Donations** – There were no requests

- 23. Community Transport Grant Scheme** – Cllr Edwards to ask the RC&YC if they would be interested in applying towards a new mini bus.
- 24. Chair’s Report** – Cllr Edwards, sadly, reported the death of Borough Councillor Ronen Basu. He had been a BC since 2008 and also served Tunbridge Wells as Mayor. He reported that the planning inspector’s granted in favour of the owners of the Red Lion pub, which was very disappointing. Cllr Edwards attended the Parish Chairman’s meeting and was informed that the civic centre project had further increased by 18 million. The repayments would be 2.3 million a year. It was not known who prospective tenants would be of the proposed office space. There was no plan B if the vote on the 24<sup>th</sup> September was against the project. Cllr Smith felt that due to the large amount of borrowing, the vote should have been put to the electorate in the first place.
- 25. Clerk’s Report** - Clerk reported that the Brownies were now in discussion with the organizers of the proposed wild life garden in Southwood Road park. She reminded the village assets working party that they needed to organise a meeting. She informed members that they will all require ‘official’ emails and hopefully Cllr O’Callaghan will be able to assist.
- 26. Diary Dates** – 16<sup>TH</sup> September Allotment Committee meeting, 23<sup>rd</sup> September Planning and Finance Committee meetings.
- 27. Accounts for Payment** – to authorise the payment of invoices. The Clerk was unable to produce these, to be produced at the next meeting
- 28. Open session for questions from the public-** A member of the public reported that a driver in a white van, sped into the village, stopped in the bus stop and jumped out and rushed into the Onestop. This caused alarm to those standing at the bus stop, he was reported to the police. Member of the public concerned with the outcome of the Red Lion planning application, wondered whether the MP could become involved. She was informed that, unfortunately, the planning inspector’s decision was final. Mr Heaseman gave an update on Speedwatch – since the 4<sup>th</sup> April they had held 38 sessions. There had been 337 vehicles reported as speeding at 30+ 47 at 35+ and two warning letters sent. Cllr Edwards thanked Mr Heasman and his team for all their hard work.
- 29. Items for Information**
- a) Family History Group Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September at 10.15am
  - b) Carol singing and tree switch on 6<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm.

**The meeting closed at 21:50**

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Dated .....

	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT	9 <sup>th</sup> July 2019 to 9 <sup>th</sup> Sept ACCOUNTS	
<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Payment Type</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
MICROSHADE	S/O 12169	52.50	Hosting
MICROSHADE	S/O 12063	52.50	Hosting
BT	MO40QT	74.82	Phone & Broadband
BT	MO41UO	80.34	Phone & Broadband
EE	77604	33.62	Mobile
EE	2597	33.62	Mobile
LANGTON LIFE	RO469	500	Jul/Aug 19 Rusthall Life
PLANTSCAPE	105582	528.00	Liners for Planters
SSE	800019	55.23	Electricity
PKF	SB20190193	360.00	Audit
NEST	DD	74.16	Pension July
NEST	DD	74.16	Pension August
HMRC	300380	325.37	Tax & NI July
HMRC	300381	325.37	Tax & NI August
S DENNE	SO	1320.63	Salary July
S DENNE	SO	1320.63	Salary August
S LARGE	BACS	105.00	Fence Post SRE
JUDGE	300378	30.00	Allotment Comp
CAPEL GRPUNDCARE	SI192057	387.54	Grass cutting July
CAPEL GRPUNDCARE	SI192075	387.54	Grass cutting August
CAPEL GRPUNDCARE	SI192058	283.98	Covering of plots plus materials
SSE	20017	70.22	Gas
RVA	BACS	185.00	Photography
FETE & BONFIRE	BACS	250.00	Punch 7 Judy
LLOYDS BANK CARD			
VARIOUS			
MONTHLY FEE		3.00	
VARIOUS		40.18	B&Q
MONTHLY FEE		3.00	
<b>MONTHLY TOTAL</b>		<b>6896.41</b>	