

**Minutes of The Full Council Meeting held on
Monday 11th November 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 A Britcher – Allan, Cllr M O'Callaghan and Cllr C Ducklin

Officer Present: S Denne

In Attendance: Kent County Cllr J McInroy and Borough Cllr J Podbury

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 Smith
3. **Declaration of Interests** — None
4. **Declarations of Lobbying** – None
5. **Minutes** of the meeting held on **14th October** 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) - Clerk still investigating the proposed plaque for Bob Doe.
 - 5.2 Matters outstanding from previous minutes – None
6. **Open session for questions from the public:** A member of the public reported that there is a problem with the guttering over the door at One Stop. Clerk to speak to freeholder.
7. **Session for County and Borough Councillors on matters concerning the Parish** – Cllr Podbury informed the members that Speldhurst PC had invited Stephen Bourne to an open meeting for residents to discuss the Local Plan. Approximately 50 residents attended. She thought that he would be a good speaker for RPC to invite. Cllr Podbury had received complaints with regards to parking on double yellow lines and on corners within the village. Kent County Cllr McInroy informed the Cllrs that the new leader of KCC is now Rodger Gough, there will be some reorganisation. He also informed the meeting that he had received many complaints about the road works within TW. Cllr Funnell informed the Cllrs that two people had suffered serious injuries, tripping over in the village. He also commented on how good the bonfire display was.
8. **Committee Reports:** Planning Meeting 17th October 2019 and Finance Meeting 4th November 2019 draft minutes have been circulated.

- 9. Improving the lighting in our car park** – After discussion it was agreed that Clerk would investigate if the security light, already in place, could have its timing and light arc adjusted. Cllr Edwards to contact Bonfire and Fete committee and request loan of a flood light for the 12th December, to illuminate the forecourt during the evening, whilst RC used as the polling station.
- 10. Tunbridge Wells Local Plan-** Cllr Funnell - to ratify comments for consultation. Due to unforeseen circumstances the report was not available, Cllr Funnell to email Cllrs and Clerk.
- 11. Proposed Rusthall Farmers Market** – The Clerk informed the members that a resident had enquired as to the feasibility of there being a farmer’s market held on the forecourt of the RC. The Cllrs agreed that it would be a good idea, in theory. Cllrs Ellicott and Wilson to investigate further.
- 12. Insurance Quotes** – To agree to provider for forthcoming year. After much discussion it was agreed to accept the quote from Came & Co as it was felt that they offered greater cover overall.
- 13. Southwood Road Hedges** – It was agreed that the Conifer hedge, to the side of 61 Westwood Road, would be grubbed out. At a later date, a native hedge would be planted. The Clerk to contact the owner of the house, to inform them of the PCs decision. It was agreed to enquire if they would consider contributing to the works, as they had complained about the height of the hedge. The conifer hedge on the other side to be trimmed annually, as already carried out, for the time being.
- 14. 2020/2021 Budget** – The Clerk updated all Cllrs on the year’s budget/expenditure so far for 2019/2020. The members agreed that the precept for 2020/2021 would be £79,000.00. Clerk to inform TWBC.
- 15. Grants/ Donations** – It was agreed to donate £1,500 to CAB and £200, to the Bonfire and Fete Committee, for the Christmas tree.
- 16. Chair’s Report** – The Chairman had nothing to report.
- 17. Clerk’s Report** - The Clerk informed the Cllrs that the planters required to be removed in order for the Christmas lights to be installed. It was agreed that they would be removed on the 23rd November, 10.30. The Clerk also reported that graffiti was appearing in the village.
- 18. Diary Dates** – 13th November St Paul’s School Christmas Fayre, 18th November meeting with Arriva and Highways meeting, 20th November RVA Christmas social, 20th November Highways seminar, 25th November shops Christmas decoration competition, 6th December Bonfire and Fete switch on of tree lights, carols, Christmas market and refreshments.
- 19. Accounts for Payment** – to authorise the payment of invoices. Payments for this month were agreed and authorised.

20. Items for Information

- a) Cllr Ducklin updated the members on the HWCAAG meeting, that he attended.
- b) Family History Group Thursday 21st November at 10am for 10.30 am.
- c) Cllr Britcher – Allan informed the Cllrs that the youths seen riding a scooter and carrying knives had been reported to the police.
- d) Cllr Ellicott reported that she had been accepted as a local authority governor for St Paul’s Primary School.
- e) Cllr Ellicott informed the members that a man seemingly living in his car, outside resident’s homes had been reported.

The meeting closed at 20:55

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Dated

	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT	15th October 2019 to 11 th November 2019 ACCOUNTS	
<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Payment Type</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
MICROSHADE	S/O 12370	52.50	Hosting
BT	MO431J	69.22	Phone & Broadband
EE	90222	33.62	Mobile
QUALITY SUSSEX PLANTS	272371	270.00	Plants for planters
UNIPAR SERVICES	1228	2574.00	Speedwatch Equipment
NEST	DD	74.16	Pension October
HMRC	300384	325.37	Tax & NI October
S DENNE	SO	1320.63	Salary October
CAPEL GRPUNDCARE	SI1920112	387.54	Grass cutting October
LLOYDS BANK CARD			
VARIOUS		90.50	
MONTHLY FEE		3.00	
MONTHLY TOTAL		5200.54	