

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 10th February 2014 at 7.30pm
IN THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH MANOR ROAD**

Present

Councillors: Mrs J. Blackburn (Chair), C.Elwood (Vice Chairman), M.Lawrence, Mrs M. Simmons, Mrs C Codd and B Edwards.

Parish Clerk: Mrs S. Denne

Also present: TWBC Cllr Davies, Cllr Wauchope and members of the public.

1. **Apologies for absence** –Cllrs Geer, Benoy, Clark and Webb
2. **Declaration of Interests** – None
3. **Declarations of Lobbying** -None
4. Minutes of the meeting held on the 13th January 2014 were agreed and the Chairman signed them as a true record.
5. **Session for Borough Councillors** – Cllr Davies reported that he had, once again, been approached about a zebra crossing between the Common and St Paul’s Parish Church. Unfortunately it is not possible to have one. Council tax is to rise by 1.99%, which equates to an extra £18.50 a year for a Band C property. The Freedom pass is to go up to £200 a year, but looking into maybe allowing parents to pay each term. There had been a request for making the road between Langton Green and The Spa hotel 30 miles an hour. This had already been reduced from 60 to 40 miles an hour, so not possible to reduce further at the present.
6. **Planning Committee** – The report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee (Councillor Edwards) set out the Parish Council’s statutory responses to four applications that had been received since the last meeting.

The Planning Committee then recommended **approval** by Officer delegated powers for

- 1) **13/03861/HOUSE/SH6** Demolition of single-storey kitchen extension and replace with two-storey rear/side extension and canopy. Removal of lean-to store; new window and door opening to existing house including re-instatement of blocked up windows and amendments to former shop front, **46 Rusthall High Street Rusthall.**
- 2) **13/03473/HOUSE/SF1** Loft conversion with alteration of roof from hip to gable and rear roof extension; First floor front extension; **9 Meadow Road Rusthall.**
- 3) **14/00086/FULL/CP3** Change of use from fire station (Sui Generis) to D2 Assembly and Leisure for use as community hub, Parish Office and meeting room, **KF&RS Rusthall Fire Station 26 Lower Green Road Rusthall.**

The Planning Committee then recommended **refusal** by Officer delegated powers for

- 4) **13/03609/FULL/RE4** Erection of three detached dwellings to rear of existing property with associated hard and soft landscaping works; Dingley Dell Langton Road Tunbridge Wells

Proposed development is on Green Belt land and in a Conservation area and not replacing existing dwellings. No provision for removal of sewage or storage and collection of waste and recyclable waste. Extra vehicles will be accessing an already busy A264, which is a bus route.

7. **Repair of Southwood Rd Allotment fence** – This was agreed.

8. **MUGA** – Cllr Blackburn reported to the members the outcome of the meeting in January with regards to the future of the MUGA. The head teacher and head of Governors of St Paul’s Primary School declared that they no longer wished to use the MUGA. KCC asked whether the Parish Council would be interested in leasing the facility from KCC and deal with the day to day running. As no terms or costing’s were available, it was agreed to wait until the March Parish meeting before making a decision. There was a further MUGA meeting arranged with KCC on the 27th February 2014.
9. **Parish Assets** – The Members were asked to vote on whether to take on various parcels of land from TWBC. After much discussion they voted as follows:-
- i. Strip of land at The Boundary – **voted not to accept.**
 - ii. Strip of land on Southwood Road, opposite allotments, to include high hedge – **voted to accept**
 - iii. Land at the end of Salomons – **voted to accept**
 - iv. Fremlin Pond – decision to be deferred until an up to date tree survey is carried out by TWBC.
- Clerk to notify TWBC*
10. **Green Infrastructure Plan** – This was discussed at length and agreed that it did not affect Rusthall.
11. **Community Awards Scheme** – KALC launched a community award scheme, supported by the High Sheriff of Kent, Chairman of KCC and Mayor of Medway. After discussion the Parish Councillors nominated Mrs Christine Ashdown, as they felt that she had made a significant contribution Rusthall. *Chair to inform her of nomination.*
12. **Annual Meeting** – It was agreed to hold the Annual Meeting of the Parish on the 30th April 2014. To invite local organisations and businesses to come along and advertise themselves to the residents of Rusthall. *Clerk to send out invitation.*
13. **Open session for questions from the public:** Mr Sefton asked about the progress of the outdoor table tennis table. *Clerk to speak to Cllr Benoy.*
14. **Clerk’s Report**
- a) The Clerk informed the meeting that most street lights in Rusthall were now being switched off at night.
 - b) The Clerk informed the members that she had paid the money, kept in trust, for the renovation of the War Memorial.
 - c) The Clerk reported on the Resilience Conference that she and Cllr Codd attended. She informed the members that they should consider drawing up an emergency plan.
 - d) The Clerk thanked Mr Sefton for his generous donation towards the outdoor table tennis table. She also informed the meeting that she had been on a site visit with TWBC to decide on a location for the table.
 - e) The Clerk updated the meeting with regards the traffic problem in Lower green Road. An automatic tube type traffic count was scheduled to be laid shortly.
 - f) The Clerk informed the members that she would contact AXA Hearts in Action, requesting their help to tidy Southwood Road Allotments.

15. Cheque/ Payments

	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT	FEBRUARY 2014	
<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Cheque Ref</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
ORANGE	DD (CO OP)	21.10	Mobile
S DENNE	S/O	820.91	Salary
URC	300049	30.00	Hire of Hall
VIKING	300050	80.60	Ink / Paper
TRUEPLAN	300051	300.00	Scale Plans
SPORTS SCENE	300052	490.80	Football Kit
HMRC	300053	71.11	Tax and NI
S. Denne	300054	187.05	Working from home (Oct to Dec), Petrol and Stamps
Total Payments		2001.57	

It was **agreed** to pay the invoices listed above

16. Items for Information

- a) Cllr Blackburn informed the meeting of the proposed expansion of Broomhill School and the impact it would have on the roads around it.
- b) A badger vaccination project was being carried out in some areas.
- c) There is a link on the KCC website to report potholes.
- d) Various drains had been cleared in the village to prevent flooding.
- e) Cllr Elwood asked the clerk about the progress on the name badges. Clerk has yet to find a satisfactory supplier.
- f) Cllr Elwood informed the members of a company, A to Z mapping. He would send the Councillors the information.
- g) Cllr Edwards would like to make enquires about a possible boundary change.
- h) Cllr Edwards informed the members about possibly inviting someone to talk at the next allotment meeting about bee keeping.

The meeting finished at 2050