

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 14th MAY 2012 at 7.30pm
IN THE UNITED REFORM CHURCH MANOR ROAD**

Present

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

Parish Clerk: Mrs. S. Denne

Also present: Borough Councillors V.Webb and P. Wauchope, Press and Public

1. Cllr Mrs J Blackburn was re-elected as Chairman of the Parish Council. Cllr C Elwood was re-elected as Vice Chairman of the Parish Council.
 2. Cllr Mrs J Blackburn and Cllr C Elwood signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
 3. *Apologies for absence* – County Councillor J.Davies sent his apologies, he is attending Speldhurst Parish Meeting
 4. *Declaration of Interests* – None
 5. *Declarations of Lobbying* -None
 6. Minutes of the meeting held on the 12th March 2012 were agreed.
 7. *Session for County and Borough Councillors* - **Cllr Webb** outlined the meetings that he had attended. He also informed the Parish Council that he was now on the Joint Eastern and Western Area Planning Committee, Licensing Committee, Planning & Transportation Cabinet Advisory Board and the Western Area Planning Committee. He also informed the Parish Council that his grant of £200, which he was going to give to Rusthall Cricket club, had been suspended until September. Cllr Blackburn asked him to write to the chairman of Rusthall Cricket Club, requesting that he writes to the Parish Council.
- Cllr Webb then introduced Cllr Wauchope, who has just become the second UKIP borough Cllr. He then thanked the outgoing Cllr Atwood for all his hard work during his term, especially his setting up of the Advisory Board.
- Cllr Mrs J Blackburn then requested a round of applause for Mr Atwood.
8. *Public Open Session* – Mr Huxham voiced his disquiet with regards to the proposed plans for Cranwell flats. He said he was disappointed that not more residents, including him, were notified with regards to the proposed changes. He felt that the Parish Council should have been more involved with the process. He requested that the Parish Council set up a planning forum. Cllr Edwards replied, on behalf of the Parish Council. He explained how a planning forum is set up, The Parish Council are not able to set it up. The residents have to obtain at least twenty five signatures from the public and submit it to the Planning Officer. He then went on to explain that it was a lengthy procedure that then ended up with no decision but a summary of the issues raised. This should not be taken to express a view or decision. The minutes would then be circulated within five days, to the speakers at the meeting. The planning Officer would still have the final decision at the planning meeting.
 9. *Draft complaints procedure for adoption*- This was deferred until the June meeting.
 10. *Planning Committee*- The report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee (Councillor Edwards) set out the Parish Council's statutory responses to three applications which had been received since the last meeting. The Planning Committee had recommended approval by Officer delegated powers.

11. *Cheques/Payments.* SLCC, KALC and RBS

The Clerk informed the Councillors that the first half of the precept, £17811.00, was in the Parish council's bank account. She also mentioned that the 2011/2012 accounts were still with the auditors.

Grants There was one application for Jubilee match funding from residents of Common View. Cllr Lawrence declared a personal and prejudicial interest as he lives in Common View. The residents of Common View had raised £200 themselves and have requested a grant of £50.00 which represented 50 % of the funding.

This was agreed.

	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT		
<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Cheque Ref</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
S. Denne	100031	345.28	Salary
SLCC	100032	133	Subs
URC	100033	30	Hall hire
ORANGE	Direct Debit	34.16	Clerk Phone
Total Payments		478.28	

12. *Consideration of any urgent business.*

a) The chairman informed the council that herself, Cllr Codd and the clerk would be attending a meeting with TWBC with regards to possibly taking on the Rusthall allotments.

b) Cllr Lawrence, leader of the Footpath Working Group, presented his report to the Parish Council with regards to footpath clearing. Cllr Lawrence and Mr Simon D'Albertanson walked the footpaths east of Coach Road, around Denny Bottom and Grange Road but not including Hurst Wood. Cllr Jenny Blackburn informed the public that the Parish Council were looking for more volunteers to help the Footpath Working Group.

c) Cllr Blackburn informed the Parish Council that the clerk and she would be attending a presentation at Sandgate Library with regards to the alternative delivery model. Sandgate Parish Council helps run the library.

d) Cllr Blackburn said that she would be attending the Jubilee Church service at St Paul's Parish Church on the 3rd June 2012

e) Cllr Blackburn informed the Parish Council that the KCC Steward had requested that the Parish Council find out how the residents of Shirley Gardens would feel about having the footpaths redone in with tarmac and not the paving slabs already there. Residents at the meeting replied that they had no problem with the idea. Cllr Blackburn requested that Parish Councillors have a look at the street, speak to residents and inform her by the end of Sunday.

f) Cllr Blackburn informed the Parish Council that the results of the village survey would be presented to the public at the Annual Parish Meeting.

13. Date of Next Meeting – 11th June 2012 at 7.30pm The United Reform Church

The Meeting ended at 8.20pm