

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 8TH June 2015 at 7.30pm
IN THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH MANOR ROAD**

Present

Councillors: Cllrs J. Blackburn, B Edwards, M.Simmons, J. Clark, R Benoy, A. Britcher, M. Fraser, K. Punyer and J. Moore.

Parish Clerk: Mrs S. Denne.

Also present: Cllrs Podbury and Huggett.

1. **Apologies for absence** – None
2. **Declaration of Interests** – None
3. **Declarations of Lobbying** -None
4. Minutes of the meetings held on 11th May 2015 were **agreed**, and the Chairman signed them as a true record.
5. **Session for County and Borough Councillors on matters concerning the Parish** – Cllr Joy Podbury informed the members that she is on TWBC planning committee. She also informed the meeting that Greg Clark MP would be having a meeting with the CAA. Cllr Thelma Huggett informed the members that she is on the Scrutiny and Licensing Committee, Smyth Charity committee and Retail and Tourism. She also informed the members that she had had a complaint about the MUGA.
6. **Committee Reports:**
Planning – A Committee meeting was held on 3rd June 2015 draft minutes have been circulated.
Extraordinary Meeting - A Committee meeting was held on the 28th May 2015 draft minutes have been circulated.
7. **Fire Station** – The members went through the tender and the clerk answered questions. Cllr Blackburn suggested that the boiler could be sold.
8. **Website** – i. To authorise Clerk to investigate cost of updating website – This was agreed
ii. To consider payment to webmaster – *Clerk to report back in July*
9. **Parking in the High Street** – This was discussed at some length. Delivery lorries are causing traffic jams and safety issues with pedestrians and other road users. It was felt that perhaps the bus stop outside the chemist and One Stop could be shortened and perhaps an area for delivery lorries only, could be created. Another idea was to speak to all retailers to ask them if it would be possible for them to stagger their deliveries and therefore reduce the congestion. Double yellow lines to be extended at Common View could be requested again. *Cllr Blackburn to write to One Stop for their schedule of deliveries.*

- 10. East Facing Slips on M25 at an appropriate location in the vicinity of Junction 5** – Kalc have requested that the Council reconsiders the decision made in 2014 not to contribute towards the study. Cllr Edwards proposed that the answer was still no as the money could be spent on something for the benefit of the village. *This was agreed.*
- 11. Rule under the Code of Conduct that states there is a three month time limit for accepting complaints against a Councillor(s)** - TWBC request that the Council consider the arrangements for dealing with complaints and recommend that the rule is removed. *This was agreed.*
- 12. Chairman’s Report** –Cllr Blackburn asked members if they would like to attend TWBC run sessions for planning and Code of Conduct, if they were available. Cllrs showed an interest. *Clerk to enquire.* She then told the other Cllrs that the Clerk forwards all emails that she is sent as it was not her decision to decide what to send on. It is up to the individual Cllrs to press the delete button or not. Cllr Blackburn said that the fence at Fremlin pond, put up by T&C to replace the broken fence, was a wire fence and not very attractive. *She requested that the other Cllrs have a look and report back at the July meeting.* Cllr Blackburn informed the members that recruitment would be taking place for Community Wardens, as there is very little coverage within Tunbridge wells area. Rusthall may benefit from this. She then went on to say that the sports equipment bought by Rusthall Parish Council for the last warden to use, with Rusthall children, needed to be reallocated. It was agreed to set up a small working party, who would discuss who to give the equipment to. Cllrs Britcher, Fraser and Blackburn agreed to form a working party.
- 13. Clerk’s Report** – Insurance for the RPC owned bus shelter will be required in the future but at present insurers have added it to the policy. HWCAAG have asked if RPC would like to become full members of the group. *To be put on the agenda for July.* The Clerk requested all Cllrs to give her the dates of any intended leave over the summer.
- 14. Accounts for Payment** – to authorise the payment of invoices as listed

	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT	JUNE 2015	
<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Cheque Ref</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
HMRC	300196	122.19	Tax/ NI
URC	300197	40.00	Hall hire x 2
VIKING	300198	23.54	Stationery
S Denne	300199	23.92	Name Badges
Southern Electric	DD	34.40	Fire Station
CLERK	SO	959.73	Salary May
RATES	DD	341.70	Fire Station
EE	DD	30.62	Mobile
SOUTH EAST WATER	DD	60.20	Southwood Rd
<u>Total Payments</u>		1636.30	

15. Open session for questions from the public: A member of the public informed the members that Hither Green have a scheme where markings are on the pavement indicate where parking two wheels on the pavement is allowed. A member of the public requested an update on the fire station having a public toilet. The Clerk informed him that she had spoken to the surveyor, who informed her that the space was too small to allow access from the outside and that there would be no availability for disabled access from the outside. A further member of the public requested that the Parish Council consider having a simple bike rack installed in the High Street, perhaps near one of the One Stops. *Cllr Blackburn said that she would write to One Stop. The Clerk to investigate costs and put on the agenda for July.*

16. Items for Information:

- a) Cllr Edwards shared with the meeting the latest activity organised by the RC&YP. A group of five young people visited France, for a four day trip. They took part in an archery competition which attracted 60 people from around Europe. One of the boys from RC&YP won his category and was only six points behind the adult who won. After the competition they went on to do further investigative work at the WW1 war graves. So far the group have found 76 out of the 120 Rusthall fallen. The trip was paid for by the families of the young people, with a small subsidy paid by the RC&YP. At the moment there is a waiting list for the club as there are not enough volunteers. The RC&YP are still working towards replacing the changing rooms at Southwood Road rec with a sports pavilion. This will enable many sports to be available and allow the boxing club more freedom to operate. As of now they are restricted to only being able to operate during the week.
- b) After street repairs to the High Street lights it was noted that one or two of the fixings for the Christmas lights were no longer attached to the columns. These fixings cost about £120 each. *Cllr Edwards to write to KCC, that they be found or replaced.*
- c) Cllr Edwards paid tribute to Cllr Mike Rusbridge who passed away on the 29th May. ‘He was a wonderful Councillor, who will be sadly missed’. His funeral will be on the 22nd June.
- d) Cllr Benoy had been informed that the land at the bottom of the 100 steps had been fenced off by the new owners of the Beacon Public House.
- e) Cllr Britcher informed the meeting that the annual photographic competition will be on the 15th July. The RVA were also considering an arts festival later on in the year or next year.
- f) Cllr Fraser announced that she had become a governor at St Paul’s Primary School.
- g) Cllr Moore congratulated Cllr Edwards and the RC&YP for the work that had been done.
- h) Borough Cllrs Podbury and Huggett to hold a surgery at Rusthall Library on the last Friday of the month, between 5pm and 6pm. *Clerk to put on website.*
- i)

17. Diary Dates - Allotment meeting 16th June 2015. Finance meeting to be held on the 20th July at Simmonds Court. Langton Green Fete 4th July 2015. Rusthall fete 11th July 2015. Allotment BBQ 18th July and Veterans Day at Rusthall Lodge.

The Meeting closed at 21:10