

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 11th JUNE 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, J.Clark, Mrs.J.Geer and R.Benoy.

Parish Clerk: Mrs. S. Denne and Interim Parish Clerk P. Cummins.

Also present: Kent County Councillor J Davies and Borough Councillor V Webb, Press and Public

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr. Codd sent her apologies as she is on holiday.
2. **Declaration of Interests** – None
3. **Declarations of Lobbying** -None
4. Minutes of the meeting held on the 14TH May 2012 were agreed.

5. Session for County and Borough Councillors

Councillor Davis – Apologised for not keeping the Parish Council informed with regards the mess to the common, left after Morrison's had completed the pipe work. He was hoping that this would be resolved shortly. Also informed the Parish Council that the interactive sign would be erected this summer.

Councillor Webb – Spoke about the Jubilee celebrations. He also showed concern on the length of time it was taking for the interactive speed sign to be erected

6. Presentation of 2011/2012 accounts by Mr Paul Cummins-The Annual return for audit was signed by the Chairman and the Parish Clerk. A copy will go on the website. Cllr. Edwards requested a vote of thanks for all of Mr Cummins hard work, in compiling the Parish accounts.

7. Public Open Session - A member of the public complained about a pot hole on the corner of The Boundary and Longmead. The chairman said that the Parish Clerk would report it.

A member of the public aired her concern of bollards being erected on the west side of Harmony Street, thus preventing parking. She was informed that there will be a Commons Conservators meeting in July.

Cllr Benoy reminded the Parish Council that Cllr Webb had kindly granted £200 from his leadership fund to Rusthall Cricket Club.

8. Presentation on Rusthall Common by Mr Steve Budden and Rodney Stone – Rodney Stone, who is clerk to the Commons Conservators, started off the talk, giving a short history of the Tunbridge Wells and Rusthall Commons. He informed the meeting that they are given a precept from Tunbridge Wells Parish Council, who has four members on the committee. The other members are made up of four members from the Rusthall Manor and four from the Freehold Tenants. The Commons Conservators have the power and the duty to maintain the Commons for the people of Tunbridge Wells and Rusthall.

Mr Budden then spoke about the work carried out on the Commons with in the last few years, with a view of returning some of it to heathland. He said that they had been working with the Kent Wildlife Trust, who had drawn up a management plan for the Commons. He informed the meeting how they had opened up Happy Valley and that Denny Bottom is a Special Site of Scientific Interest (SSSI). Mr Budden and Mr Stone then took questions from the public and Councillors. These were about the problems in Harmony Street and the new edging and the flooding of The Toad Rock Retreat. Mr Budden said these would be discussed at the next Commons Conservators meeting in July. Cllr Davies said he would be happy to help fund for grasscrete to be put down on the west side of Harmony Street. Cllr Edwards remarked that it would have been prudent for the Commons Conservators to have had consultaion with local residents before the work had been carried out.

Cllr Blackburn asked about the Grazing Report of 2005. Mr Budden said that they have been looking into grazing, but that it would be a very difficult task, due to the Commons being in an urban area.

A member of the public asked Mr Budden if he knew about the land owned by Taylor Wimpey that has been left as waste land. Mr Budden replied that he was aware of it and that the Commons Conservators were considering requesting to take care of it.

Cllr Benoy requested that the edges of the footpath down Major Yorks Road could be cut back and that the grass at the top corner of Harmony Street could be also cut as it is a driving hazard.

9. Draft complaints procedure for adoption – The Parish Council looked at the draft document and voted to accept it.

10. Planning Committee - The report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee (Councillor Edwards) set out the Parish Council's statutory responses to four applications which had been received since the last meeting. The Planning Committee had recommended approval by Officer delegated powers for three of the applications and approval by Committee for the Cranwell Road Flats. Cllr Edwards also informed the Parish Council that he had written to Town and Country Housing with concerns over the decanting of the present tenants.

Cllr Benoy also informed the Parish Council that Cllr Edwards had been voted in as chairman of the Planning Committee for a further year and that Cllr Clark had been voted in as vice chairman.

11. Applause visiting village – The Parish Council considered supporting this entertainment company, either by themselves or with two other village associations. Cllr Edwards informed the Parish Council the company were expensive to hire and not many people attended the last show. It was decided not to hire them this year.

12. Jubilee Grants- There were four applications for Jubilee match funding:

- a) Manor Road Pre School - £100 from TWBC and £100 from the Parish Council.
- b) St Paul's Court - £25 from TWBC and £25 from the Parish Council, having raised £50 themselves
- c) Woodside Road Street Party - £50 from TWBC and £50 from the Parish Council, having raised £650 themselves.
- d) St Paul's Church Womens fellowship - £149.25 from TWBC and £149.25 from the Parish Council

These were all agreed.

It was requested that the clerk look into how much has been given so far in Jubilee grants.

13. Cheques/Payments

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Cheque Ref</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
CAB	100035	500	Grant
RY&CP	100036	400	Grant
URC	100037	30	Hire of hall 11 th June 2012
KALC	100038	1209.43	Subscription
FETE AND BONFIRE	100039	151.54	Jubilee grant
DITTO	100040	793	Ditto
DITTO	100041	945	Ditto from TWBC
S. DENNE	100042	768.17	Salary 16 th April to 15 th May
HMRC	100043	40.71	NI
URC	100044	10	Hire of hall Annual 21.05.12
KMJ	100046	35	Typing of village survey
PREMIERE DIGITAL	100047	60	Posters
KCC	100048	200	Kerbing
MRS BLACKBURN	100049	5.98	Stationery
URC	100050	10	Hire of hall Planning 11.06.12
ORANGE	DD	62.42	Clerk phone

TOTAL PAYMENTS

5221.25

14. Consideration of any urgent business-Cllr Blackburn informed the meeting that she had received thank you letters from Tunbridge Wells Citizens Advice Bureaux and the Rusthall Youth and Community Project, for the grants given by the Parish Council,

Cllr Blackburn also informed the meeting that Kent Fire and Rescue were about to obtain two valuations on the Rusthall Fire Station. The Parish Council would then have six weeks, from receipt of the valuation letter to make a bid, if they so wished.

Cllr Blackburn also stated that she had written to the Borough Council informing them of the Parish Councils desire to manage the Rusthall allotments.

15. Date of Next Meeting – 9th July 2012 at 7.30pm, The United Reform Church

The Meeting ended at 9.20pm