

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 14th July 2014 at 7.30pm
IN THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH MANOR ROAD**

Present

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

Parish Clerk: Mrs S. Denne.

Also present: Cllr Davies, Cllr Webb and public.

1. **Apologies for absence** –None
2. **Declaration of Interests** – None
3. **Declarations of Lobbying** -None
4. Minutes of the meetings held on the 2nd, 9th and 30th June 2014 were **agreed**, and the Chairman signed them as a true record.
5. **Session for Borough Councillors** – Cllr Davies informed the meeting that he had been involved with negotiations with regards to the village fire station and the Parish Chairman had been informed. He also hoped that the petition presented for a pedestrian crossing on the A264 would be successful. He had tried for one last July with no success. He also stated that he would be unable to supply any funding, should the petition be successful. Cllr Webb said that the Commons Conservators supported the petition. He informed the meeting that he would be giving his allowance to the Rushall Cricket Club. He congratulated Cllr Clare Codd for her attendance record and participation on the Audit and Governance Committee.
6. **Finance Committee** –Cllr Elwood reported that in the last Finance meeting, the clerk informed members that the website had been altered to allow for a drop down for Finance. Webmaster instructed to add 2013/2014 accounts to page. The Internal Auditor had sent Clerk draft report. He suggested that a link be added to the website, to TWBC website to show Parish Councillors Disclosable Interests. The Clerk produced the Parish accounts.
7. **Allotment Committee** – Cllr Benoy reported that the number of plots being rented had improved, only one plot left on Southwood Road. Also that a further contractor had been asked to cut the vacant plots as and when required. He asked the Community Warden if the Allotment Committee could have some Smartwater, to put on shed padlocks. All the leaking water butts had been mended. An allotment BBQ is being arranged for August. New signs to go up on all gates of the allotment sites.
8. **Fremlin Pond** – Cllr Blackburn updated the members on the recent report from the Kent High Weald Trust. A meeting to be arranged at Nellington Court, in September, with residents who live within the vicinity of the pond. This will be to inform them of the project and ask for volunteers to maintain the site. Cllr Blackburn said that the pond should only take one day of management a year. The survey and the initial work will cost £2,500.
9. **Further Non Performing Land** – Cllr Blackburn informed the members that further land had been offered to the Parish Council by TWBC. Land behind the allotments in Wickham Gardens and a wooded area, behind Grange Road. **It was agreed by 8/1** that the Parish Council would register an interest in the land, but would need to take a closer look at the land before a firm decision was made.
10. **Community Initiative Grants**- It was agreed that Cllr Blackburn would apply for a grant of £500 from Town and Country Foundation. This would enable Kent High Weald Trust to manage the land behind Grange Gardens for two days, Autumn and Spring. Also to have the waste bin replaced in a more suitable location, where Town and Country's caretaker would be able to empty it.

- 11. Speedwatch** – Cllr Simmons informed the members that a training session had taken place of further volunteers for Speedwatch, including herself and the clerk.
- i. The clerk to arrange a date for a Speedwatch meeting, for all trained Cllrs and residents. To set up a rota for a regular speedwatch.*
- 12. RC&YP AGM** – Cllr Blackburn informed the members that she attended the Rusthall Community and Youth Project AGM with Cllr Lawrence. The Chair, Mr Mike Bassett gave a report. The number of young people attending the two youth sessions has increased to 45 and there is now a waiting list. One of the limiting factors is the space available. Six more adult volunteers have also been recruited to help at the sessions, but not on the committee. More local activities had taken place. The Parish Council was thanked for its ongoing support. Mr Billy Hall gave a report on the boxing club. It would be really good if more people felt able to support the Project and both Mike and the Parish Council would welcome suggestions as to how this might be achieved.
- 13. Grant Requests** –
- i. Cricket Club – This was agreed and the Clerk to ask how the funding was going for the project.*
- ii. RVA Photo Comp – This was agreed.*
- ii. Rusthall Community Warden - This was agreed. Clerk to liaise with Eloise Macey with regards payment.*
- 14. Village Fete** – Those Cllrs that were available, agreed to man the stall in 1 hour sessions. Cllr Blackburn said that she had composed an information sheet on the recent achievements of the Parish Council. As well as encouraging people to stand for Parish Councillor in 2015.
- 15. MUGA** – The Clerk informed the members that she had yet to receive the draft lease from KCC, despite chasing. She also asked the members which type of base they would like for the shed. It was agreed that the clerk would make the decision, once she had received all the information.
- 16. Grass Cutting** – The Clerk requested that she would like to invite people to tender, in October 2014, for grass cutting and ground maintenance for all the Parish Council sites for the financial year 2015/2016. *This was agreed.*
- 17. Open session for questions from the public** – A member of the public requested that signs should be put up by the junction of Lower Green Road and Broomhill Road, informing lorry drivers that the way was unsuitable for large vehicles. *Parish Council to discuss further at next parish meeting.* A member of the public suggested that vacant plots on the allotment sites, be covered over to save grass cutting costs. *Cllr Benoy agreed that the Allotment Committee would look into it.*
- 18. Clerk's Report** – The clerk requested that minutes from all meetings be circulated to members, rather than the Chairs' of the various committees reading them out at the Parish Meeting. *This was agreed.* Survey re Gatwick airport to go on website. Planning, contact information to be put on notice board.

19. Cheques/Payments

	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT	July 2014	
<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Cheque Ref</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
REDLYNCH	300094	3210.00	TABLE TENNIS TABLE
S. Denne	S/O	820.91	Salary for June
HMRC	300095	70.85	TAX/ NI June
KMJ	300096	5.46	Posters
PINGALA	300097	192.00	Website
BURSLEM	300098	2418.00	War Memorial
CONTRACTOR	300099	151.20	Grass Cutting
URC	300100	40.00	Hire of Hall 17.06.14 and 14.07.14
WEBMASTER	300101	180.00	Administration of Website
CONTRACTOR	300102	59.00	Grass Cutting
S DENNE	300103	203.73	Pay Adj, Car park, Work from Home
EE	DD	31.60	Mobile
<u>Total Payments</u>	-	<u>7382.75</u>	-

20. Items for Information

- a) Cllr Blackburn asked the meeting, if they had any nominations for the 'Love where we live' campaign, to inform the clerk.
- b) Headway Court will be holding a coffee morning on the 8th August, 11am to 2pm.
- c) Cllr Benoy informed the meeting that the next allotment committee meeting will be held on the 30th September at 8pm.

The Meeting closed at 2055