

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 11TH March 2013 at 7.30pm
IN THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH MANOR ROAD**

Present

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

Parish Clerk: Mrs S. Denne.

Also present: Cllr Webb and Public.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Simmons.
2. **Declaration of Interests** – None
3. **Declarations of Lobbying** -None
4. Minutes of the meeting held on the 11th February 2013 were agreed.
5. **Session for Borough Councillors** – Cllr Webb informed the meeting that he was looking into the state of the path in Southwood Road, which had been covered in tarmac and not brick. He also stated that he was looking into the increase in licensing fees.
He informed the meeting that four residents of the Cranwell Road Flats had received the full relocation monies, so far.
6. **Public Open session** – A member of the public enquired about the future of the fire station. A member of the public informed the Parish Council that a lorry had driven over a bin on Common View. A member of the public asked the Parish Council how she should apply for a grant from the parish Council for the library site garden.
7. **Planning Committee** – The report from the Chairman of the Planning Committee (Councillor Edwards) set out the Parish Council's statutory responses to one application which had been received since the last meeting.
The Planning Committee then recommended approval by Officer delegated powers for 13/00149/HOUSE/RE4 15 Upper Street Rusthall.
8. **Kent Funding Day** –Cllr Edwards reported on his visit to the Kent funding day. He informed the Parish Council that although there was money available, most of it was only suitable for charities and non-statutory bodies.
9. **Future Arrangements for Committee Work** – Cllr Blackburn informed the Parish Council that various committees needed to be set up within the next financial year. She requested that Councillors consider which committees they would like to go on and give the details to the clerk. Committee allocations to be made at the April Parish Meeting.

10. Table Tennis Table – The possible grants from The Round Table and Parish Council were discussed, along with the positioning of the table. It was agreed that Cllrs Blackburn and Benoy would report back at the April Parish Meeting.

11. Allotments – The Parish Councillors discussed the three quotes for a solicitor to carry out the legal work on the proposed allotments. Cllr Edwards proposed that Donaldson West should be accepted. Cllr Clarke seconded the motion and it was agreed. It was also agreed that the costs would be split between the contingency and the allotment cost centres.

12. Cheques/Payments

	ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT		
<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Cheque Ref</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
URC	100111	10.00	Allotment Meeting
KCC	100112	143.99	Salt Bin
KMJ	100113	21.00	Photo Copy of Tenancy Agreement
S. Denne	100114	739.53	Salary
HMRC	100115	58.44	Tax and NI
Viking	100116	43.88	Ink, Stationery
KALC	100117	144.00	Finance Conference x2
Orange	DD	26.22	Mobile
Orange	DD	20.60	Mobile
R. Benoy	100118	13.99	Chain for Allotment Southwood
S. Denne	100119	10.00	Funding for Kent day
B. Edwards	100121	23.00	Travel Funding For Kent
SLCC	100120	180.00	Working with your council
URC	100122	30.00	Hall hire
Total		1464.65	

13. Consideration of any urgent business

- (a) Cllr Blackburn and the Highways Steward had discussed works required around the village.
- (b) Speedwatch funding had been received and therefore the equipment can be ordered.
- (c) The MUGA is still awaiting hand over. Cllr Blackburn reported having seen four youths inside the site, even though the gates were locked.
- (d) Cllr Blackburn informed the meeting that the 'Bag it and Flag it' campaign had started in other areas.
- (e) Cllr Benoy reported that there was a lot of broken glass around the bottle bank. Cllr Blackburn said that it took her four hours to clear it up.
- (f) There have been requests for a bin at the bus stop off Harmony Street.
- (g) The Evangelical Church is to close after Easter Sunday.
- (h) Cllr Lawrence informed the meeting that he would be available on the following day to grit and clear snow.
- (i) Cllr Clark asked for progress with regards the village signs. Clerk informed him that they should be in place next month.
- (j) Cllr Clark also asked if there had been any more alleged poisonings on the Common. Cllr Blackburn said that she had not heard anything.
- (k) Cllr Lawrence suggested that the Parish Council should put two properties on the asset register. Clerk to put on the agenda for next month.
- (l) Cllr Elwood asked the meeting if anyone saw the police/ traffic wardens checking parking in Rusthall. It was confirmed that "Parking Attendants visit Rusthall on different days and at different times including Saturdays every week. They do not work in the evenings."

The meeting ended at 850 pm