

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 13th August 2012 at 7.30pm
IN THE UNITED REFORM CHURCH MANOR ROAD**

Present

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

Parish Clerk: Mrs. S. Denne.

Also present: Kent County Councillor J Davies, Borough Councillor P. Wauchope and Public

1. Apologies for absence – Cllrs Clark and Benoy were on holiday

2. Declaration of Interests – None

3. Declarations of Lobbying -None

4. Minutes of the meeting held on the 9th July 2012 were agreed.

5. Session for Borough Councillors – *Councillor Davies* – spoke about the Rusthall fire station and the library. He said that the library site still had potential for redevelopment but that there were no plans as yet. He emphasised that Rusthall library would not close and he hoped that it would always stay on the High Street.

He also informed the meeting that money had been allocated for road repairs and that this would be used on Speldhurst Hill, which is in a terrible state.

He also hoped that the interactive speed signs ordered for Lower Green Road would be available soon.

Councillor Wauchope – informed the Parish Council that the application, for Rusthall Football Club, had been submitted for the 3G pitch. The £600,000 project has a lot of support, but traffic had not been discussed as yet.

He informed the meeting that the Cranwell Road flat developers would only be contributing about £20,000 under section 106 as only four extra units would be built.

He also mentioned Bishops Down Primary School, informing the meeting that it was once again being considered for expansion. If this happened they could lose their grant from the sports council.

He also mentioned The Mary Caley playground and overhanging greenery in Ashley Park Gardens.

6. Public Open Session – Mr Sefton asked the Parish Council if they would consider purchasing an outdoor table tennis table. He informed the meeting that he had been playing for 62 years at professional level and would be willing to be involved setting up the facility. The Parish Council said they would consider his request.

7. Kent Code of Conduct – Cllr Codd proposed acceptance of the Kent Code of Conduct and Cllr Elwood seconded it. Acceptance was agreed by all the council.

8. 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 all of the applications. Two further applications were also on the agenda but were removed. One did not fall within the Parish of Rusthall. The Second one was for Cranwell Road Flats; this application was postponed for a further presentation to take place, to show amended plans. This meeting was to take place on the 15th August 2012 at Audrey Sturley Court.

9. Subscription to join Communities Parish and Local Councils – The Parish Council agreed to this. Cost £25.00

10. Fire Station – Cllr Blackburn informed the meeting that under the Localism Act, the Parish Council was entitled to bid for the disused Fire Station in Rusthall. Cllr Blackburn registered the Parish Councils interest and was informed that it would cost the community £100,000 to purchase the premises. Her vision was for the station to be used as the Parish Office, meeting room and a community centre, mainly focusing on the older children of the parish. She requested that the offer be accepted as the Parish Council would not be tied to the acceptance and could withdraw at any time. The Parish Council would then have six months to work out the feasibility of such a project.

Cllr Edwards felt that the building would not be large enough and reminded the meeting of the proposed Pavilion development in Southwood Road.

Cllr Lawrence suggested that maybe a new building should be considered and was concerned with the funding of the project.

Cllr Codd reminded the meeting that in the Village Survey many people had replied that they thought more was needed for the youth of Rusthall.

Cllr Elwood proposed that the Parish Council accepted the offer and Cllr Lawrence seconded it. All Cllrs agreed.

A working party was set up with Cllr Simmons, Cllr Edwards, Cllr Elwood and Cllr Blackburn. Also a request was made that if any resident wished to join the working party to let Cllr Blackburn know.

11. Village Newsletter – A village newsletter is being considered and Alex Britcher's (from the Rusthall Village Association) father was producing a mock up. Cllr Elwood informed the Parish Council that the Rusthall football club were happy to place advertisements in their football programmes.

12. Mary Caley Recreation Ground update – Cllr Blackburn informed the meeting that the grass in the playground had not been cut due to the bad weather and when it had been cut the grass clippings had not been collected. Also the swings were out of order and youths had vandalised the tables and left broken glass on the ground. Cllr Blackburn informed Peter Every of the Borough Council, who then had broken concrete slabs removed and the grass cut again. Cllr Blackburn, Cllr Codd and a local resident also cleared the park of rubbish and grass clippings.

It was suggested that a flyer be hand delivered to the residents living near the park, to report anything untoward happening around the park.

Cllr Edwards thanked Cllr Blackburn and Cllr Codd for their work, but added that we should not engage with Borough Council work as they employ a contractor to collect the grass and they are failing in their duties. Cllr Wauchope is to contact Peter Every regarding this issue.

13. Cheques/Payments-

Date Paid	Payee Name	Cheques Ref	Amount Paid	Transaction Details
15/07/212	S DENNE	100062	£ 683.76	Salary
15/07/212	HMRC	100063	£ 15.97	NIC
09/07/2012	COMMON VIEW	100057	£ 100.00	Cancelled
09/07/2012	COMMON VIEW	100064	£ 50.00	Jubilee Grant new cheque
18/07/2012	KCC	100065	£ 420.00	Salt Bin
19/07/2012	ORANGE	DD	£ 23.93	Mobile
13/08/2012	URC	100066	£ 40.00	Hire of Hall x2
13/08/2012	URC	100067	£ 30.00	Hire of Hall
13/08/2012	S DENNE	100068	£ 25.15	Stamps/ Stationery
13/08/2012	S DENNE	100069	£ 60.50	Ink Cartridges
13/08/2012	S DENNE	100070	£ 15.52	Stationery
13/08/2012	HMRC	100071	£ 38.24	NIC
13/08/2012	S DENNE	10072	£ 751.73	Salary
		Total Payments	£ 2,154.80	

14. Clerk to request another signatory for cheques –Cllr Simmons volunteered to be the signatory, which was agreed.

15. Consideration of any urgent business –

- (a) Cllr Blackburn informed the meeting that the Parish Council had received three letters, thanking the Parish Council for help with funding. These were from residents of St Paul's Court, The Bonfire and Fete Committee and the Manor Road Preschool.
- (b) Cllr Blackburn thought it may be an idea to set up a voluntary litter group. The Parish Council will consider this.
- (c) Cllr Blackburn informed the meeting that there will be a meeting on the 17th September with regards to First Responders and a defibrillator.
- (d) Cllr Blackburn updated the Parish Council on the multi-use games area. The legal agreement between Taylor Wimpey and KCC had yet to be completed. TWBC were considering an enforcement notice.
- (e) Christmas Lights. Cllr Codd said she will have more information for the September meeting.

15. Date of Next Meeting –10th September 2012, The United Reform Church

The Meeting ended at 8.30pm