



**Minutes of The Full Council Meeting held on
Monday 14th January 2019 at 7.30pm in The Rackliff Centre Lower Green Road**

Members Present: Cllr B Edwards (Chairman), Cllr J Blackburn, Cllr C Gordon, Cllr D Smith, Cllr J Clark, Cllr H Duncombe, Cllr E Ellicott and Cllr C Ducklin.

Officer Present: S Denne

In Attendance: Borough Cllrs Huggett and Podbury

Members of the Public: There were seven members of the public present

1. **Enquire whether anyone present intends to film, photograph and/or record the meeting** - No-one present intended to film, photograph and/or record the meeting.
2. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr A Britcher.
3. **Declaration of Interests** — None
4. **Declarations of Lobbying** – None
5. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 10th December 2018 were agreed, and it was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman signed them as a true record
 - 5.1 Matters outstanding from these minutes (not listed as separate agenda items) - None
 - 5.2 Matters outstanding from previous minutes - None
6. **Session for County and Borough Councillors on matters concerning the Parish** – Cllr Huggett wished everyone a Happy New Year. She informed the members that the White Hart planning application had been refused. She also informed the members that The Woodland Project, Forest School for children would be receiving a grant.
Cllr Podbury wished everyone a Happy New Year and informed the meeting that she had responded to the Gatwick Master Plan consultation.
7. **Committee Reports:** Allotment Meeting 17th December 2018, draft minutes have been circulated.
8. **KALC Awards** – Nominations to be sent to Clerk
9. **Parish Council Elections** – It was agreed that an article would be written for the next RL, by the Chair and the Clerk. Clerk to display posters and advertise on the website and social media. Four Cllrs will be stepping down.
10. **Litter Picking** – After much discussion it was agreed that RPC would organise two litter picks a year, in between those carried out by the RVA. Cllr Blackburn to enquire when the RVA had theirs planned for. RPC to purchase 5 litter pick sticks that could then be lent to members of the public who wished to carry out their own litter picking session. The Chairman commended Mr Mark Howden for all he had done.
11. **Bench** – To discuss purchase of bench – Cllr Blackburn informed the members that the Commons Conservators needed to replace a dilapidated bench at the top of Bretland Road. The members agreed to give a donation of £500.
12. **Internal Auditor** – It was agreed to ask David Buckett to be the RPC auditor. Internal audit to be carried out on the 23rd April 2019.

13. **Annual Assembly** – It was agreed that the meeting would take place on the 24th April at 7pm. The Medical Centre to be invited to be the guest speaker. Clerk to contact the Practice Manager. Local organisations to be invited to attend.
14. **Rusthall Life** – i. To discuss further financial support and involvement. - It was agreed that RPC would fund a further £150 for each issue, but would like to nominate someone to have some editorial input. Cllr Blackburn to cover this role for the next issue. ii. Volunteers thank you gathering – this to take place on the 30th March 1430 to 1630. Cllr Blackburn to organise.
15. **Policies Updated** – To discuss and agree adoption of the following policies: Co-Option, FOI, and Complaints – These were agreed.
16. **Chair’s Report** – The Chairman informed the members that he will be attending a meeting with Greg Clark (MP) and other interested Councillors, to discuss the proposed reduction in library services. At a Parish Chairman’s meeting both David Jukes and William Benson agreed that they would be happy to speak at an RPC meeting. Clerk to discuss with Chairman. The Bonfire and Fete Committee will be holding a Burns Night Quiz, tables of six. The Chairman enquired to the Medical Centre, as to when would the blood pressure monitor be delivered and installed. He was informed that delivery was imminent. The surgery then to discuss a suitable place for it to be sited. Cllr Gordon reminded the members that it required to be accessible to all, not just patients of the medical centre (as agreed in the terms of the RPC donation).
17. **Clerk’s Report** - The Clerk asked if members who would like to attend the planning course and or conference to let her know. Clerk informed members that the invoice for the load testing of the street lights had been received, but not the report. The Clerk is looking into the purchase of a laptop. The new website is nearly ready, hopefully be running before April.
18. **Diary Dates** – 16th January 2019 RVA meeting, 21st January Planning Committee Meeting, 26th January Burns Night quiz in aid of Fete and Bonfire.
19. **Accounts for Payment** – to authorise the payment of invoices as listed - These were agreed.
20. **Open session for questions from the public:** A member of the public enquired about the ownership of the MUGA, Simmonds vacant plot of land and the possibility of an outside gym. He was informed that the MUGA belongs to KCC and that there was an ongoing discussion with regards to its future. The plot at the back of Simmonds Court belongs to T&C and they will not allow residents to use as a carpark due to insurance cover. An outside gym could be possible in the future at the Southwood Road park. A member of the public asked when the planning application for the land behind the Red Lion would be discussed by the PC. Clerk informed her that the application had not been received yet. She also enquired about speed watch and was informed to contact the speed watch coordinator. A further member of the public asked the members what the PC were doing to address traffic speeds. The Chairman informed him that the Highways Committee were drawing up a plan and 20 is plenty was being considered.
21. **Items for Information** –
 - a) RVA guest speaker will be Gary Stephenson TWBC speaking on recycling.
 - b) Fete to be held 29th June 2019.
 - c) The public inquiry to consider the Council’s compulsory purchase orders (CPOs) for its Calverley Square development will begin in February 2019
 - d) Urgent Meeting of gardening club to be held 31st January to discuss who to take over club.
 - e) Family History Group 17th January 10.30

The meeting closed at 21.10

..... Chairman

Dated