

**MINUTES OF THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 12th February 2018 at 7.30pm
IN THE RACKLIFF CENTRE LOWER GREEN ROAD**

Members Present: Cllrs, B Edwards (Chairman), J Blackburn, H Duncombe, J Clark, R Benoy, K Punyer and D Smith.

Officer Present: S Denne

In Attendance: County Councillor J McInroy and Borough Councillor J Podbury

Members of the Public: There were two 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 Britcher (prior engagement) and Borough Cllr Huggett
3. **Declaration of Interests** — There were none.
4. **Declarations of Lobbying** – There were none.
5. **Minutes** of the meeting held on 8th January 2018 were agreed, and it was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman signed them as a true record
- 5.2 **Matters outstanding from these minutes:** None
- 5.3 **Matters outstanding from previous minutes:** None
6. **Session for County and Borough Councillors on matters concerns the Parish** – Cllr Podbury informed the members that she had received a complaint with regards HGVs using Nellington Road. County Cllr McInroy to make enquiries with KCC Highways as to what can be done to prevent lorries using the narrow road. She also informed the members that Speldhurst would be discussing the proposed boundary swap between Speldhurst and Rusthall. County Cllr McInroy visited Langton Road with KCC Highways, where it was requested that a crossing should be installed. Unfortunately it is cost prohibited at this time. A member suggested that the speed limit be reduced from 40 to 30. Cllr McInroy agreed to speak to KCC Highways about the idea. He also visited Woodside Road, where it has been requested for the road to become a one way system. He said the idea had potential. He also informed the members that he had yet to hear anything further about the MUGA at the top of Edward Street.
7. **Committee Reports:** Planning Meeting 8th January 2018 draft minutes have been circulated.
8. **To agree appointment of internal auditor** – It was agreed to appoint Mr David Buckett as internal auditor for 2017/2018.
9. **Report on The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)** – Cllr Duncombe and the Clerk attended the work shop and found the event very informative. The company running the event would be able to act as DP officer for a substantial amount less than original thought. Clerk to obtain a quote but not to go ahead until more information is received once the GDPR bill has been accepted. It was agreed that the Clerk obtain quotes for a fire proof safe in which the original minutes should be kept.

10. **Honours Board** – Cllr Edwards and Cllr Smith put forward suggestions on how best to record the names of Parish Chairmen and Councillors. It was agreed that the Cllrs would consider all options and make a final decision at the March Council Meeting.
11. **Finance-** i. To agree to costs for new computer and installation – This was agreed ii. To agree to removal of signatories from Unity Bank – It was agreed to remove Cllr Benoy’s name as a signatory, due to his resignation. iii. Replacement of large allotment sheds – Cllr Edwards to obtain costings for a large shipping container.
12. **Ground Maintenance and Grass Cutting Contract** – The draft contract was agreed, although Cllr Clark raised concerns that it would cost more to have grass cuttings removed. Clerk to advertise.
13. **Trees** – It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain quotes for work to be carried out on Oak trees at the Southwood Road extension site.
14. **To consider electric points for cars** – It was agreed to defer this subject until further information was gathered.
15. **20 is plenty** – It was agreed that the RVA would put it on their next meeting’s agenda for discussion. Article to go in the next Rusthall Life, asking for the residents opinions.
16. **Chair’s Report** – Cllr Edwards informed the members that he was still investigating whether the Parish Council would be able to adopt the War Memorial as owner was unknown. He thanked the members on behalf of the Bonfire and Fete Committee for RPC donation for the village Christmas tree lights. Perhaps the RPC would be able to consider contributing towards the Christmas tree in 2018. Cllr Clark replied that he may be able to source a tree. Clerk to discuss with him later in the year. Finally Cllrs Edwards thanked Cllrs Punyer and Benoy, who both resigned from the RPC due to business commitments, for their dedication to the village and all their hard work ‘We will be hard pressed to find someone to fill their boots’. Cllr Benoy informed the meeting that he would still be able to help out with the allotments and the delivery of Rusthall Life.
17. **Clerk’s Report** - Clerk informed members that the first stage of advertising for new Cllrs was in place. She also informed members that PC was required to book, to have a PCSO attend a meeting, three months in advance. Clerk spoke to owner of Dingley Dell with regards the ivy growing on their wall. Clerk also mentioned Rusthall in Bloom, RVA to put it on their agenda.
18. **Diary Dates** - 20th February WW1 Commemoration meeting and 27th February Clerk at DP meeting at Town Hall.
19. **Accounts for Payment** – payments of invoices authorised, as listed (to follow)
20. **Open session for questions from the public:** There were none
21. **Items for Information:**
 - a) Cllr Clark thanked Cllrs Benoy and Punyer for all they had done. He also informed the meeting that the Red Lion was to become a Tai restaurant.
 - b) Cllr Punyer thanked the members.
 - c) Cllr Smith informed the members that he would be moving shortly, nearer to the centre of the village.
 - d) Cllr Duncombe enquired about moving the polling station. Clerk informed her that she was awaiting a visit from TWBC.
 - e) Cllr Benoy informed the members that he had enjoyed his time on the PC but could not commit to meetings due to his business.

The Meeting Closed at 21.25