

**Minutes of The 1st Environment Committee held at The Rackliff Centre on
Monday 18th October 2021 at 7.00 pm**

Members Present:

Cllr A Britcher – Allan (ABA), Cllr A Taylor (AT), Cllr Liz Ellicott (LE), Cllr P Gripper (PG)
Non voting members; Jenny Blackburn; Jane Sharratt & Phillip Wheeler

Officer Present:

Ms L Neusten (LN)

In Attendance:

None

Members of the Public:

None

Election of Committee Officers:

Chair – Cllr A Britcher-Allan - Nominated by Cllr P Gripper; Seconded Cllr L Ellicott. Vote
- unanimous

Vice Chair- Cllr A Taylor – nominated by Cllr A Britcher Allen; Seconded by Cllr P Gripper.
Vote unanimous.

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. To receive and approve apologies for absence
None

3. Declarations of Personal and Prejudicial Interests
No

4. Declarations of Lobbying
No

5. Open session for questions from the public: nothing to report

6. Electrical Vehicle Charging Points in Rusthall: Cllr A Britcher-Allan reported that A KCC scheme to fund installation and maintenance of charging points. Parish Council have applied to have 4 x 24w points installed on Parish owned land on Southwood Road opposite the allotments. Closing date for applications 15.10.2021. we await a response. Charging will come at a cost to drivers, any funds raised that exceed cost to install would remain with Parish Council as profit.

7. **Emergency Response Plan:** Cllr A Britcher-Allan suggested the Parish should consider a strategy to employ in the event of an emergency that affects the Village eg. Bad weather; fire; etc The plan should include roles & **communications** and be formalised on a document held at Rackliff Centre and reviewed annually. **ACTION:** Cllr A Britcher-Allan – reach out to community and establish interest.

8. **Cycle Racks in Rusthall:** Cllr A Britcher-Allan: We have an ideal spot adjacent to Cheese Pizza. Action: Proposal Cllr A Britcher-Allan – to apply for a Land Registry search (£40) and establish ownership of land. Seconded Cllr P Gripper. Vote – unanimous. **Action:** Officer Neusten – to apply for Land registry search and establish who actually owns that piece of land.

9. **Items for consideration:**

9.i **Suggestions and discussions**

- a) Aim to increase use of public transport
- b) Aim to get an Electric Bus on 264 route
- c) Improve resident's energy efficiency – promote improving insulation; installation of heat pumps; double/triple glazing etc.
- d) Increase number of litter picks around the village.
- e) Jenny Blackburn is Pond Warden at Fremlin Close Pond. At some point this will need to be handed on to a new warden.
- f) Women's safety after dark on Rusthall Road/ bus route in particular.
- g) Support for local school and promote community inclusion following recent resignation of all school Governors.

9.ii **Delegation to Committee members of agreed actions:**

- a) All – through PR via Rusthall Parish Council
- b) Cllr A Britcher-Allan: To contact Arriva and get ball rolling.
- c) Phillip Wheeler – to look into detail of Government White Paper and investigate grants available
- d) Cllr A Taylor to look at dates for litter picks.
- e) No action at this point
- f) Cllr A Britcher-Allan; Liaise with Terry Hughes at TWBC to ask Police to increase their presence.
- g) No action at this point

10. **Items for information:**

Items for next agenda: Folly Wild Life Hospital; Commons Conservators & other organisations we could liaise with.

11. **Date of Next Meeting – Monday 17th January 2022 at 730pm**

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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Dated 17/1/22