

RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 10th JANUARY 2023 AT RUSHDEN HALL, RUSHDEN COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillor: Philip Humphrey – Chairman

Councillors: Melanie Coleman David Coleman
 Gill Mercer Andy Mercer
 Janet Pinnock Cameron Clarke
 Richard Lewis Adrian House
 Steven North Paul Harley
 Tracey Smith

Town Clerk: Vivienne Prodger

264/23 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

It was resolved that Cllr Philip Humphrey be appointed as Chairman for the Policy and Resources Committee for the year 2022/2023

265/23 APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

It was resolved that Cllr Melanie Coleman be appointed as Vice Chairman for the Policy and Resources Committee for the year 2022/2023.

266/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Richard Lewis declared ‘an other’ interest, on agenda item 7, Rushden Town Band.

267/23 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Kaye Rawlins, Barbara Jenney and Adrian Winkle.

268/23 MINUTES

The minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting of 22nd November 2022 had been previously circulated to members and it was

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on the 22nd November 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

269/23 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

Members had been circulated with details of payments made since 25th November 2022 amounting to £95128.86

RESOLVED

That payments amounting to £95128.86 be approved (as attached to these minutes).

270/23 COMMUNITY GRANTS

Members considered the following Community Grant applications:

- a) Salvation Army
- b) Rushden Town Band

RESOLVED

- a) Salvation Army

RESOLVED

To decline a grant to the Salvation Army as they national accounts show very large reserves. Grants for warm rooms are available from NNC.

- b) To award Rushden Town Band a grant of £3000.00

271/23 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND DESIGN CODE

The Town Clerk informed members that Troy Planning had received a large number responses to the consultation for green spaces and heritage assets. All this information is to be collated and a report will be with us in the next couple of weeks.

Troy planning are continue to work on both the Neighbourhood Plan and Design Code with a further consultation due in the spring.

272/23 BOUNDARY REVIEW

Members discussed the current Boundary Review and it was

RESOLVED

A response would be formulated by the Leader, the Deputy Leader and the Town Clerk in consultation with Cllr Andy Mercer.

273/23 BUDGET 2023/2024

RESOLVED

To recommend to Full Council that a budget increase of 9% be applied. The precept request from NNC to be £1,282,840.

274/23 CURRENT WORK IN PROGRESS AND PROJECTS

| WARD | Location | Job Description | Contractor | Start Date | Completion Date |
|---------------------------|---------------|---|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Sartoris West Ward | Rushden Hall | Interior Painting Offices | In House | December 2022 | |
| | Hall Park | Sensory Garden Additional Benches and fencing | various | December 2022 | February 2023 |
| | Rushden Hall | Pointing up and capping in walled garden and bulge in wall adjacent to footpath | J Swann | October 2022 | April 2023 |
| | Hall Park | Sensory Garden signage and interactive guide | Various | March 2023 | |
| | Rushden Hall | Garage Roof | Awaiting quotes | TBC | |
| | Hall Park | Resurfacing footpath from Wymington Road entrance | TBC | | |
| | Hall Car Park | Stage flooring | Awaiting further quotes | March 2023 | |
| | Hall Park | Resurfacing carpark near Sensory Garden entrance – disabled parking | TBC | | |

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| Spencer North Ward | Spencer Park | Tennis Court Management Gates | LTA | October 2022 | February 2023 |
| | Spencer Park | Bowling Pavilion Refurbishment | TBC | TBC | |
| | Spencer Park | Annual tree maintenance | Turney's | October 2022 | |
| | Spencer Park | Resurfacing footpath | TBC | March 2023 | |

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| Sartoris East | Cemetery | Tree works | Turney's | October 2022 | February 2023 |
| | Cemetery | Memorial Wall construction | PAD Builders | September 2022 | Completed |
| | Jubilee | Art work on pavilion | Mark Pacan | June 2022 | |

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| | Jubilee | Play equipment | TBC | TBC | |
| | Jubilee | Zip Wire | TBC | TBC | |

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| Pemberton | Rose Avenue | Removal of concrete standing – proposal for Community Garden? | | | |
| | Rose Avenue | Replacement Play equipment | | March 2023 | |

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| Bates | Manor Park | Revised Master Plan | Hinton Cook | October 2022 | Completed |
| | Sports site | Master Plan | Hinton Cook | Submitted to ENC December 2019 | Completed |
| | Manor Park | Revised Viability Study | King West | October 2022 | |
| | Ascot Drive | New play equipment | Play Ground supplies | June 2022 | Completed |

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| Hayden Central | Area adjacent to Iceland Cark Park – Welcome Back Fund | Additional planting and removal of fence | Various | November 2022 | February 2023 |

Spring/Summer plants and baskets ordered

Costs for Noticeboards in the bus shelters to be looked at

Chairman