

RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2018 AT RUSHDEN HALL, RUSHDEN, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillor: David Coleman, Town Mayor

Councillors: Richard Lewis Andy Mercer
David Jenney Marian Hollomon
Janet Pinnock Barbara Jenney
Melanie Coleman Tracey Smith
Adrian House Philip Humphrey
Gill Mercer Paul Harley
Carol Childs

Acting Clerk: Paul Wilcox

194/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

195/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Sarah Peacock, Robin Underwood, Kaye Rawlins, Steven North, Ron Pinnock, Colin Wright and Cesare Marinaro.

196/19 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 4th September 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

197/19 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORT

'It has been another busy period and Melanie and I have again been delighted to accept invitations to varied civic events across the area along with giving our support to numerous other organisations both locally and further afield.

Highlights have, of course, included our Civic Service at St.Mary's with the rain fortunately abating prior to the procession to the Church. It was gratifying to see the support for the occasion with a good number of "chains" joining us. May I give special thanks firstly, for the superb input of our staff here at the Hall for making the reception move smoothly and for the excellent refreshments. Secondly, to the "It's my Life" team for joining us. During the period, we also attended other Civic Services for the Chairman of East Northants Council and the Mayor of Higham Ferrers.

The annual opening of Rushden Feast was again well supported with everyone enjoying a fish and chip supper at the Station. Once again, we were pleased to receive complimentary comments from a number of our visitors on the evening. Again, my personal thanks to Melanie and friends for the cake and decorations in the Carriage at The Station, a surprise celebrating my birthday on the evening which saw me officially becoming a pensioner.

During recent weeks we've been fortunate to have attended many other superb events, not least involvement in the Bernard Vann VC Memorial Day which proved a good showcase for the Town. We also attended the 71st US Airforce Birthday Celebrations at the Marriott Hotel, Huntingdon reinforcing our links with our US friends at RAF Alconbury.

We were particularly proud to have attended the 50th Birthday celebrations of the Rushden and Higham Ferrers Branch of the Save the Children Charity, attended by HRH Princess Anne and also supported the Service Six Charity AGM at The Castle, Wellingborough.

Elsewhere, we have enjoyed visits to Kelmarsh Hall with the Chairman of Daventry District Council and Boughton House with the Mayor of Kettering, both venues being worth a visit.

We seem to be spending a lot of time at Rushden Lakes – being invited to formally open the Hobbycraft store; starting the first race at the Spurgeons “Splash and Dash” fund-raising event and being involved in the excellent Heritage Family Fun Day.

Briefly, other events attended included the Mayor of Raunds’ Charity Wine-tasting for Beginners, the Peterborough Bridge Fair opening and Sausage Supper, Rushden Sea Cadets Parade Evening and the Rushden Academy Annual Awards Evening where I was invited to present the “Mayor’s Award”

My thanks to Cesare for deputising for me at Civic Services at March and Whittlesey and for visiting Madge Clark on the occasion of her 100th Birthday – much appreciated.

Moving forward, key events I am keenly anticipating include our Christmas Lights Switch On on the 24th November – not long now with our unsung heroes of the lights team working throughout the year in the background to make this happen. Arrangements are also in hand for our Carol Service at the Heritage Chapel on Friday 14th December and I hope you can join us - further details shortly.’

198/19 POLICING ISSUES

No Members of the Police were Present and no update has been received, Cllr Marian Hollomon updated members on the current JAG Priorities the next JAG meeting is planned for the 22nd October if councilors had any thing they would like raising to contact her directly. Work is currently ongoing with the removal of untaxed vehicles within the town.

199/19 LEADER’S ADDRESS

Deputy Leader Cllr Richard Lewis gave a verbal update to members in the absence of the Leader Cllr Sarah Peacock.

200/19 CHAIRMAN’S REPORTS OF COMMITTEES MEETINGS

Community Services Committee 18th September 2018

The Chairman gave a verbal report on the agenda items from the meeting held on 18th September 2018.

Policy & Resources Committee 25th September 2018

The Chairman gave a verbal report on the agenda items from the meeting held on 25th September 2018.

Planning Consultative Committee 2nd October 2018

The Chairman gave a verbal report on the agenda items from the meeting held on 2nd October 2018.

201/19 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Community Services Committee 5th June 2018

RESOLVED

That the report of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on the 5th June 2018 be received and adopted.

Planning Consultative Committee 21st August 2018

RESOLVED

That the report of the meeting of the Planning Consultative Committee held on 21st August 2018 be received and adopted.

Policy & Resources Committee 28th August 2018

RESOLVED

That the report of the meeting of the Policy & Resources held on 28th August 2018 be received and adopted.

Planning Consultative Committee 11th September 2018

RESOLVED

That the report of the meeting of the Planning Consultative Committee held on 11th September 2018, be received and adopted