

RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE HELD AT RUSHDEN HALL, RUSHDEN ON TUESDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2019 COMMENCING AT 7.30PM.

Present: Councillor: Adrian House - Chairman

Councillors: Gill Mercer
Paul Harley
Sarah Peacock
David Coleman
Cesare Marinaro [ex officio]

Janet Pinnock
Melanie Coleman
Tracey Smith
Barbara Jenney

Town Clerk: Vivienne Prodger

158/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

159/20 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Richard Lewis, Marian Hollomon and Carol Childs.

160/20 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 4th June 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

161/20 SPEED CAMERAS

The Chairman informed members that a good response had been received following the article in Rushden Matters regarding the positioning of a mobile Speed Cameras. The suggested list of sites was as follows:

Speed Camera List

Bedford Road, Northampton Road, Avenue Road, Newton Road, Washbrook Road, Griffith Street, Wellingborough Road, Irchester Road, Higham Road, Grangeway, Purvis Road

This list will now be given to Steven Barber of NCC Highways, and he will then establish which sites are feasible for hosting the mobile camera.

162/20 CELEBRATE RUSDHEN

Members discussed Celebrate Rushden and whether this event should take place in 2020. Members all agreed this is a good event for Rushden and it should continue, particularly the Soap Box Derby which attracted a lot more competitors this year. It was therefore

RESOLVED

To recommend to Policy and Resources that we continue with Celebrate Rushden with the previous provision of budget. Members all agreed that they would be happy to be co-opted onto

the Town Council Celebrate Rushden working party should they not have been re-elected after the May 2020 elections.

163/20 REMEMBRANCE DAY

The Chairman explained that has now become apparent that Remembrance Day is considered a Civic Event and as such should be organised by the Local Authority, which in this case is Rushden Town Council. Members discussed this matter at length and it was

RESOLVED

To recommend to Policy and Resources that RTC adopt Remembrance Day as an official Town Council Civic Event. RTC members of the proposed working party to be Cllr Adrian House, Cllr Colin Wright and Town Clerk, Vivienne Prodger.

164/20 EVENTS WORKING PARTY

RESOLVED

That the minutes from the Events Working Party meetings held on 4th April, 20th June and 5th September 2019 were signed as a true record

165/20 DOG FACILITIES

The Town Clerk advised we had been approached by a company who would like to put Dog Bag dispensers in the parks. Members considered this matter and whilst they considered it was a good idea, they felt it could lead to a misunderstanding about who should provide dog bags. They felt it should be the responsibility of dog owners not the Town Council and therefore did not support the idea.

166/20 HALL PARK

A request had been received for additional play equipment for the 10 – 14 years age group. Although we already have some equipment for this age range, because the viper swing had now been damaged three times in its Hall Park location, it was considered this would be a good opportunity to replace this piece of equipment.

Members considered several pieces of equipment that would appeal to all ages and it was

RESOLVED

That the current Viper Swing, situated in Hall Park, would be replaced by the HAGS Titan dynamic piece of equipment

167/20 POLICING AND HIGHWAYS

a) Policing –

A report from the JAG meeting held on the 16th July 2019, as follows:

1. Inclusion of Irthlingborough Town Council within JAG

We welcomed Irthlingborough's Town Clerk Mrs. Angie Daly and Cllr Jon Gray to our JAG meeting.

2. Further locations for CCTV within Rushden Town / Higham Ferrers

Before installing any new CCTV within the Towns it was discussed that evaluations will be undertaken to ascertain where the new CCTV will have the most impact within the towns.

3. Update on Agreed Priorities

Drug use and dealing across Rushden and Higham Ferrers

Work has continued across the two towns to target areas of concern. There had been good results from working with the proactive team.

Anti-Social Behaviour at Saffron Road Recreation Ground, Higham Ferrers.

There have been no reports of any anti-social behaviour at Saffron Road Recreation Ground since our last meeting 3 months ago.

Anti Social Behaviour at all Public Toilets in Rushden.

There have been regular controls at all the public toilets within Rushden, and no reports have come in with regards to any Anti Social Behaviour or drug use within the toilets.

4. Priorities

It was discussed that we are to reduce the priorities down to one priority per Town.

- a. Anti Social Behaviour in all Public Parks within Rushden & Higham Ferrers.

5. Any other business

Invite Highways to our next JAG Meeting on the 8th October 2019.

Drug Dogs to make a presence around the Pubs in Rushden & Higham Ferrers.

Lots of Graffiti has been reported within both Towns – Waste Management are looking into getting this removed.

Rushden Town Council stated they are in the process of getting a mobile speed camera and they are to identify locations throughout the town to put onto the licence.

- b) **Highways** - There were no issues reported at this meeting

168/20 PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER

Members discussed the issue of people congregating in the High Street and in particular outside the HSBC bank. There had been a number of complaints from members of the public as they found them intimidating. There had also been complaints about anti-social behavior in some of the alleyways off the High Street.

There is also still anti-social behavior taking place on the War Memorial Gardens, although this had reduced slightly, due to the installation of the CCTV on the wall at the dentists.

Members considered these issues and it was

RESOLVED

To recommend to the Policy and Resources Committee that a Public Space Protection Order is issued for the War Memorial Gardens and the Town Centre area.

169/20 TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT

Heritage Family Fun Day (HFFD) Sunday 15th September 2019 – Key facts

1. HFFD was held as part of the annual 10 day Nene Valley Festival and National Heritage open weekends
2. Supported by Rushden Lakes/The Crown Estate
3. The event brought together a family day out that offered an opportunity for new visitors to learn about the heritage and history of the local area.

4. Local businesses were invited to have a stall free of charge at the event.
5. **46** local business and community groups set up a stall to promote their business and wares to a new audience.
6. New this year was an Open Top Heritage bus tour with local tour guides and three free screenings of the Higham Ferrers Charters film in Cineworld at Rushden Lakes.
7. The 2019 autumn edition of the “Shop Local in Rushden and Higham Ferrers” voucher booklet was launched at HFFD, over **4000** copies of the booklet have been given away. Enquiries for inclusion in future booklets have been received from businesses outside the Rushden and Higham area.

8. The following local businesses and community groups took part in the heritage family fun day:

UKESS First Aid, Rushden	Anytime Fitness, Rushden
Destination Nene Valley	Nenescape
Rushden History Society	Rushden Town Council
Rushden Museum	Jan's Floral Boutique
Swimtime Home Counties	Slimming World, Rushden & Higham Ferrers
Ma's Buttons, Rushden	Beat Route Radio, Rushden
The Daisy Chain, Higham Ferrers	Cupalicious, Higham Ferrers
Rushden Allotments	Nene Legal, Rushden
Rushden & District Lions	Utility Warehouse, Rushden
Colemans Craft Warehouse	Sharnbrook Mill Theatre, Sharnbrook
Higham Ferrers Town Council	Higham Ferrers Tourism Group
Higham Ferrers Chichele Society	Friends of St Mary's Church Higham Ferrers
Higham Ferrers Book	Higham Ferrers Charters Group
Higham Ferrers Material Girls	Cancer Research UK (Rushden)
Syreedherne Pagan Gifts, Higham Ferrers	The Arcade - 3 businesses
Royal British Legion, Rushden branch	Rushden Historical Transport Society
RSPCA Northamptonshire Branch	Family at War Naafi Van
Home Instead	Crystelle Belle Weddings
Serve, Rushden and Higham Ferrers	Rushden Sea Cadets
Higham Ferrers Archaeology Research Society (Hifars)	

9. Family activities on the day included:

Face painting	Medieval Ink, Quill and Parchment Making
Children’s Story Teller	A Victorian Photo Booth
Perkin the Jester	Medieval Musicians
The Salvation Army Band	Rushden Town Band
The Rushden Giant Puppets provided by Rushden & Higham Council of Churches	
The Rushden Town Council mascot - Cyril the Squirrel	
Open top bus tours provided by Diamond Coaches with 2 x local tour guides Richard Oberman and Janet Pinnock	

10. Budget

Funding for the event = £2.5K community funding through Rushden Lakes/The Crown Estate plus £3k match funding from the Nene Valley Festival.

11. Feedback

Fantastic feedback has been received from businesses, community groups and Rushden Lakes centre management team (copies of the full report have been circulated to all Rushden Town Councillors).

170/20 RUSHDEN TOWN PARTNERSHIP

Report of meeting held on 8th July 2019

1. TREASURER'S REPORT

Adrian reported that those members who had a highlighted entry on the website had been approached to renew their subscription. To date two had been received. He would now send out a second reminder.

Only sufficient funds remained to sustain the website for a further 10 months. The RTP leaflet carried details of the A-Z directories and could no longer be used if the website omitted the directories. More members were needed (min. 25) to retain the website as it is.

Roman reported he had spoken to various people and had indicated they would come to a members' meeting but not to a networking meeting.

After discussion, it was felt that a membership letter should go to all those listed on the website.

It was also agreed to hold an open meeting on Tuesday 6 August, 5.30pm for 6.00pm, when all could be invited to attend. Cesare would be approached to see if the meeting could be held at Pizzeria Venezia. Chantelle agreed to devise a note to go out via mailchimp. The draft letter would be circulated before it was sent out.

2. FUTURE EVENTS

Barbara pointed out that RTP had previously organised events at St George's Day (April) and as part of Celebrate Rushden (June). If it was intended to hold these again then we needed to start organising them now. It was agreed that everyone put forward ideas.

171/20 SPENCER PARK PAVILION

The matter of artwork on the Pavilion was discussed and it was agreed that the Town Clerk arrange a meeting with Adrian Turner to discuss possible designs.

172/20 CCTV CAMERAS

Members had been circulated with a report from CrimeSure, highlighting anti-social behavior that had occurred in Rushden during the last three months. Members agreed this information is very information and the new camera in High Street South is having a positive effect.

173/20 WARD PROJECTS

Location	Job Description	Quotes	Committee Approval if applicable	Contractor	Commence/ Finish Dates
Rushden Hall	Interior painting	n/a	n/a	In house	Ongoing
Spencer Park	Tennis Courts Improvements		Approved P & R	En-Tout-Cas	Completed
Spencer Park	MUGA Improvements		Approved P & R	En-Tout_Cas	September 2019

	Some funding to come from Grensons Site Section 106				
Trafford Park	New play equipment Section 106 monies – Station Road Site			Playground Supplies installation Equipment to be purchased directly from suppliers	September 2019
Hall Park	Disabled Toilets Plans agreed and planning application to be submitted			Architect instructed to draw up plans	Submission of Planning Application September 2019
Hall Park	CCTV		Agreed	Crimesecure	October 2019
Skinner's Hill and Rectory Road	Bus Shelter Refurbishment				October 2019
Rushden Hall	Repairs to finials and parapets Roof				Completed
Sports Site	Geo Survey	Yes	Asset Management and P & R	Soiltechnics	October 2019
Sports Site	Topographical Survey	Yes	Asset Management and P & R	BrightSurv Ltd	October 2019
The Mallards	Repairs to bridge – handrails etc	Yes	N/A	A E Cook	October 2019
Manor Park	New Masterplan			Hinton Cook	September 2019
Various locations-	Installation of Defibrillators				September/October 2019
Speed Camera	Various Sites within the town		Subject to approval from Highways Authority		November 2019
Hall Park	Play equipment		Replacement for Snake Rope		November 2019?

Chairman