

## RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2018 AT RUSHDEN HALL, RUSHDEN, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillor: David Coleman, Town Mayor  
Councillors: Richard Lewis            Ron Pinnock  
                  David Jenney             Marian Hollomon  
                  Janet Pinnock             Robin Underwood  
                  Barbara Jenney             Sarah Peacock  
                  Kaye Rawlins                Gill Mercer  
                  Colin Wright                Melanie Coleman  
                  Tracey Smith                Paul Harley  
                  Carol Childs                Andy Mercer

Town Clerk:     Vivienne Prodger

#### **55/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors David Jenney, David Coleman and Barbara Jenney declared an 'other interest' in the consideration of Agenda Item 15.

#### **56/19 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Steven North, Adrian House and Cesare Marinaro.

#### **57/19 MINUTES**

##### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

#### **58/19 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE**

Cllr David Coleman, Town Mayor read the following Declaration of Acceptance:-

*'I, David George Coleman, having been elected to the office of Mayor of Rushden, hereby declare that I take the said office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties thereof according to the best of my judgement and ability.*

*I do solemnly declare that I will uphold the highest standards in the performance of the functions of my office in accordance with the National Code of Local Government Conduct.'*

#### **59/19 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORT**

*'Firstly, may I thank all members who attended and supported me at my Mayor making during May. It was so good to see you, along with family and friends, who joined in making it such a memorable occasion.*

*Five weeks in and I must report that it has been a most rewarding and enjoyable time for Melanie and myself. I must commend all involved in the organisation and co-ordination of Celebrate Rushden week, a thoroughly enjoyable event offering something for everyone through its varied programme.*

*Commencing on the first Saturday with the Salvation Army Craft Fair and concluding with the RHTS Father's Day Car Rally, we managed to attend and support 31 events during the week. There were many highlights, not least being the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of the*

*OVO Energy Women's Cycle tour which was certainly a coup for our town. The Soap Box Derby, The Rushden Town Band's stunning performance at the Park Road Baptist Church, the Rotary Club Inter-Schools Mass Choir in our wonderful Walled Garden – and too many other enjoyable occasions to mention. It was so pleasing and humbling to meet so many dedicated and hard-working individuals and organisations from across the Town.*

*In addition to the Celebrate Rushden week, invitations have been coming in from far and wide and it has been gratifying to represent the Town across the wider area on ten further occasions. These have included the Civic Leader's Day at RAF Alconbury; the Princess of Wales' Regiment Freedom of the Town Parade in Huntingdon and the Mayor of Peterborough's Farewell Ball where we were pleased to have been joined by Barbara and David (Jenney). Other destinations have included Thrapston, Raunds, Northampton and Kettering. In Rushden, we have attended an enjoyable RBL Coffee morning featuring Dr. Busker, a highly successful fund-raising evening for East Northants Child Contact Services at Pizzeria Venezia where the food was superb.*

*Moving on, I'm particularly pleased that Cesare and Sabina Marinaro will be supporting us as Deputy this year and I hope that they can similarly enjoy opportunities as they arise.*

*I am delighted to be participating in the RBL Armed Forces Day on Saturday and the prospect is for a busy year ahead, to which I am looking forward.'*

#### **60/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

Councillor Richard Lewis reported the following result for the referendum on the Rushden Neighbourhood Plan:-

Votes Recorded

Number cast in favour of a Yes 3067

Number cast in favour of a No 539

Electorate: 23702    Ballot Papers Issued: 3621    Turnout: 15.27%

The Rushden Neighbourhood Plan has now been officially adopted as a Planning Policy Document by East Northamptonshire Council.

Councillor Lewis thanked all members for their hard work and determination resulting in a robust and sound Neighbourhood Plan that we should all be proud of.

#### **61/19 POLICING ISSUES**

Councillor Hollomon reported that the last JAG meeting was held on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018. The following priorities were agreed for the next quarter:-

1. Drug use and drug dealing to be kept as a priority for both Rushden and Higham Ferrers
2. Anti-Social Behaviour at Saffron Road Recreation Ground, Higham Ferrers
3. Anti Social Behaviour at the Memorial Gardens, Rushden

Councillor Hollomon stated that there had been a lot of burglaries locally in recent months and warned members to be vigilant both in their homes and cars.

## **62/19 LEADER'S ADDRESS**

*'After a very busy week last week, we should all be very pleased with the way the Women's Tour went. All the teams for East Northants Council and Rushden Town Council worked very hard to ensure the event went as smoothly as possible and I would like to thank all involved for their hard work and professional attitude. The sight of over a hundred cyclists riding through Hall Park was really quite special and we have certainly never seen so many police in the park!*

*Events for Celebrate Rushden went well and the Soap Box Derby was very successful and well attended. A few tweaks maybe needed for next year! I would like to thank Janet and Richard for their hard work in organizing Celebrate Rushden and all who helped them. We have a busy summer ahead with Party in the Park in a few weeks, Proms, the Dog Show and the Bernard Vann event in September.*

*With the uncertainty surrounding the County Council at the moment it is important we continue to keep focused and deliver our projects and events in our usual professional manner. Here's to a good summer.'*

## **63/19 PUBLIC ART**

Councillor Peacock advised that the Policy and Resources Committee had considered using the street artist who decorated the shutter at Sassy Belle to undertake some work at Spencer Park. Members were circulated with examples of Adrian Turner's work and it was

### **RESOLVED**

That Adrian Turner be commissioned to design and paint a mural on one of the walls on the Spencer Park pavilion and possibly the back of the old bowls pavilion.

## **64 /19 CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS OF COMMITTEES MEETINGS**

### **Policy & Resources Committee 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018**

The Chairman gave a verbal report on the agenda items from the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2018.

### **Planning Consultative Committee 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

The Chairman gave a verbal report on the agenda items from the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### **Community Services Committee 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

The Chairman gave a verbal report on the agenda items from the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018

## **65/19 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2018**

### **a) Annual Governance Statement 2017/2018**

Members had been circulated with a copy of the Annual Governance Statement for 2017/2018 and the Town Clerk went through this in detail. After consideration it was

### **RESOLVED**

That the Annual Governance Statement for 2017/2018 is approved by this Council

### **b) Annual Accounting Statements 2017/2018**

Members had been circulated with Accounting Statements for 2017/2018 and these were considered.

After consideration it was

**RESOLVED**

That Accounting Statements for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018, is approved by this Council

**c) Statement of Accounts 2017/2018**

Members had been circulated with Statement of Accounts for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

**RESOLVED**

That the Statement of Accounts for 2017/2018, is approved by this Council

**66/19 POLICIES**

Members had been circulated the following Rushden Town Council policies for consideration

- a) Data Protection Policy
- b) Consent Privacy Notice
- c) Press and Media Policy
- d) Complaints Procedure

**RESOLVED**

The above policies were approved and duly signed by the Town Mayor.

**67/19 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Community Services Committee 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018

**RESOLVED**

That the report of the meeting of the Planning Consultative Committee held on 6th February 2018, be received and adopted.

Policy & Resources Committee 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**RESOLVED**

That the report of the meeting of the Policy & Resources held on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018, be received and adopted.

Planning Consultative Committee 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**RESOLVED**

That the report of the meeting of the Planning Consultative Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018, be received and adopted.

Community Services Committee 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**RESOLVED**

That the report of the meeting of the Planning Consultative Committee held on 27th March 2018, be received and adopted.

Planning Consultative Committee 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018

**RESOLVED**

That the report of the meeting of the Planning Consultative Committee held on 3rd April 2018, be received and adopted

Policy & Resources Committee 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**RESOLVED**

That the report of the meeting of the Policy & Resources held on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018, be received and adopted.

Planning Consultative Committee 24th April 2018

**RESOLVED**

That the report of the meeting of the Planning Consultative Committee held on 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018, be received and adopted

Planning Consultative Committee 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018

**RESOLVED**

That the report of the meeting of the Planning Consultative Committee held on 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018, be received and adopted