

RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 22ND APRIL 2021 VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillor: Sarah Peacock – Chairman

Councillors: Robin Underwood Richard Lewis
Barbara Jenney Cameron Clarke
Gill Mercer Andy Mercer
David Jenney Adrian House
David Coleman Colin Wright.
Janet Pinnock Melanie Coleman [Ex officio]

Town Clerk: Vivienne Prodger

397/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Councillors declared an 'other interest' in the consideration of Agenda item 4 Approval or payments as they are all known to Clive Wood.

398/21 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Steven North and Philip Humphrey

399/21 MINUTES

The minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting of 16th February 2021 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 16th February 2021 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

400/21 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

Members had been circulated with details of payments made since 9th February 2021 amounting to £117,147.89

RESOLVED

That payments amounting to £117,147.89 be approved (as attached to these minutes).

401/21 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

Members had been previously circulated with a detailed copy of the Income and Expenditure report to 31st March 2021. There had been no queries from members prior to the meeting.

The Town Clerk went through the report and answered any questions raised at the time of the meeting and it was

RESOLVED

That the Income and Expenditure Report 31st March 2021 be accepted.

402/21 COVID UPDATE

Rushden Town Council are continuing to follow current Covid regulations. Staff are continuing to work on rota shifts, with the exception of Neil and Sean who predominately work outside.

We are continuing to work with NNC to provide information and support for businesses and intend to have a gazebo in the High Street to hand out stickers and posters once the shops re-open in May.

Both sports pavilions remain closed at this time, however pitches are being used, following Covid guidance.

We have been informed that Council meetings will be required to be face-to-face after 7th May 2021. Members considered this to be unnecessary and a letter of complaint is to be issued and lodged through NCALC. The arrangements for the AGM will need to be considered once a ruling from the High Court regarding meetings, has been decided.

403/21 FACILITIES HIRE

Members considered the hire of Rushden Hall and the Walled Garden as requests had been received for the hire of both facilities. After careful consideration it was

RESOLVED

- i) Wedding Hire within the Hall would follow current Covid guidelines until 21st June
- ii) Hire of the Walled Garden would follow current Covid guidelines for meeting outside, to be reviewed after 21st June 2021
- iii) General hire of the public buildings within Rushden Hall not to recommence until after review on 21st June 2021.

404/21 PROJECTS AND ON GOING MAINTENANCE

WARD	Location	Job Description	Contractor	Start Date	Completion Date
Sartoris	Rushden Hall	Exterior painting of woodwork	In House – on going		
	Rushden Hall	Disabled Toilet	PAD Builders	December 2020	Completed
	Rushden Hall	Defibrillator Installation at disabled toilet	In House		Completed
	Rushden Hall	Rebuilding wall adjacent to green container in walled garden	PAD Builders	February 2021	April 2021
	Rushden Hall	Damp proofing old kitchen and store rooms	John Toseland	February 2021	

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Spencer	Spencer Park	Repair works to watercourse	John Clark Groundworks	February 2021	April 2021
	Spencer Park	Table Tennis base	John Clark Groundworks	March 2021	Completed
	Spencer Park	Table Tennis Table	Playground Supplies	April 2021	May 2021

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Hayden	Queen Street	Installation of Defibrillator	Mays Electrical	February 2021	Completed
	Cemetery	Improvements to footpaths	TBC	April 2021	

WARD	Location	Job Description	Contractor	Start Date	Completion Date
Pemberton	Melloway Park	Toddler Play equipment	TBC	April 2021	May 2021
	Haddon Close	Installation of Defibrillator	Mays Electrical	February 2021	Completed

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Bates	Manor Park	Master Plan	Hinton Cook	Submitted ENC December 2019	
	Sports Site	Archeological Survey	KD Archeology	March 2021	
	Sports site	Master Plan	Hinton Cook	Submitted to ENC December 2019	
	Manor Park	Badger Survey	Cherryfields	March 2021	
	Manor Park	Reptile Survey	Cherryfields	March 2021	
	Manor Park	Drainage Survey	MK Drainage	April 2021	

Bus Shelters for Rectory Road and Skinners Hill to be delivered end of April 2021

Chairman