

## **RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 2022 AT RUSHDEN HALL, RUSHDEN COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillor: David Jenney - Chairman

Councillors: Philip Humphrey      Adrian Winkle  
David Coleman      Gill Mercer  
Andy Mercer      Janet Pinnock  
Melanie Coleman      Cameron Clarke  
Richard Lewis      Adrian House  
Kaye Rawlins      Steven North  
Paul Harley      Tracey Smith  
Barbara Jenney

Town Clerk: Vivienne Prodger

#### **221/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Philip Humphrey declared a 'bias' interest, on agenda item 4 Approval of Payments, and left the room when this item was discussed and took no part in discussion and voting thereon.

Councillors Philip Humphrey, Tracey Smith and Paul Harley declared a 'bias' interest, on agenda item 5 Shop Front Grant for Vlora Restaurant Ltd, and left the room when this item was discussed and took no part in discussion and voting thereon.

#### **222/23 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence

#### **223/23 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> October 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 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

#### **224/23 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS**

Members had been circulated with details of payments made since 12<sup>th</sup> October 2022 amounting to £168,156.91

#### **RESOLVED**

That payments amounting to £168,156.91 be approved (as attached to these minutes).

### **225/23 SHOP FRONT GRANT**

Members considered the following Shop Front Grant application:

- a) Vlora Restaurant Ltd
- b) Crystelle Belle

#### **RESOLVED**

- a) Vlora Restaurant Ltd

Members felt more information was required regarding works to the exterior of the building together with costings. The Town Clerk is to obtain further information.

- b) Crystelle Belle

Members considered that this application did not meet the criteria of the grant scheme and therefore declined this request.

### **226/23 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

Members scrutinized the Income and Expenditure Report April –October 2022 and it was

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Income and Expenditure report for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 –31<sup>st</sup> October 2022 be accepted.

### **227/23 HIGH STREET AND BUSINESS WORKING PARTIES**

Cllr Philip Humphrey reported that the business meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November was very successful with over 50 people attending. Troy Hayes gave a detailed presentation of the proposed Design Code and updates for the Neighbourhood Plan. The interactive survey supplied proved very popular and Troy will be collating these results.

A consultation is to go ahead shortly for a call for Green Spaces and items to be added to the Heritage list. This consultation will continue for a month and the information gained from this will be used for both the Design Code and the updated Neighbourhood Plan.

### **228/23 COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE**

At their meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022 the Community Services Committee made a recommendation to award a grant to East Northamptonshire Community Services to help with funding the foodbank and Rushden homeless accommodation. The Town Clerk informed members that she had spoken the ENCS and at present the

foodbank was being well funded by Government grants, but funding was urgently needed for provisions for the homeless accommodation. Members considered this matter and it was

## RESOLVED

That Rushden Town Council award a grant of £3,000 to East Northamptonshire Community Services to help fund the provision of homeless accommodation in Rushden.

## **229/23 NORTHAMPTONSHIRE LARGER COUNCILS PARTNERSHIP (NLCP)**

Councillor Melanie Coleman reported that she and the Town Clerk had attended a meeting of the Northamptonshire Larger Councils partnership.

The meeting consisted of a presentation regarding GIS Data Capture Service and engagement with the Unitary Councils.

Danny Moody led on the engagement with Unitary Councils. He felt that now the 'honeymoon period' was now over and that communication with North Northamptonshire Council and West Northamptonshire Council was not satisfactory. A number of delegates relayed instances of non- communication from both Councils. It is hoped that communication and engagement will improve in the next year.

## **230/23 WORKS IN PROGRESS/PROJECTS**

WARD	Location	Job Description	Contractor	Start Date	Completion Date
<b>Sartoris West Ward</b>	Rushden Hall	Interior Painting Offices	In House – on going	September 2022	
	Hall Park	Sensory Garden Additional Benches and fencing	various	October 2022	
	Rushden Hall	Pointing up and capping in walled garden	J Swann	October 2022	Completed
	Hall Park	Interactive Hall Park and Sensory Garden Guide Town Guide Interactive Map complete	Pilot Marketing Town Guide final now completed and on website  Sensory Garden work in progress	June 2022	Completed
	Rushden Hall	Installation of computer network system for new offices	CSR Digital Ltd	September 2022	Completed
	Hall Park	Walled Garden internal wall	J Swann Stonework's	August 2022	Completed

	Hall Car Park	Resurfacing car park near Sensory Garden entrance – disabled parking	TBC		
	Hall Park	Resurfacing footpath and Wymington Road entrance	TBC		

WARD	Location	Job Description	Contractor	Start Date	Completion Date
<b>Spencer North Ward</b>	Spencer Park	Tennis Court Management Gates	LTA	October 2022	
	Spencer Park	Bowling Pavilion Refurbishment	TBC	TBC	
	Spencer Park	Annual tree maintenance	Turney's	October 2022	
	Spencer Park	Resurfacing footpath	TBC		

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<b>Sartoris East</b>	Cemetery	Tree works	Turney's	October 2022	
	Cemetery	Memorial Wall construction	PAD Builders	September 2022	Completed
	Jubilee	Art work on pavilion	Mark Pacan	June 2022	
	Jubilee	Play equipment	TBC	TBC	
	Jubilee	Zip Wire	TBC	TBC	

WARD	Location	Job Description	Contractor	Start Date	Completion Date
<b>Pemberton</b>	Rose Avenue	Removal of concrete standing – proposal for Community Garden?			

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<b>Bates</b>	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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<b>WARD</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Job Description</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
<b>Hayden Central</b>	Area off Orchard Place car park – Welcome Back Fund	Deep clean, refurb bin store, gable wall re paint Brick Wall repairs	Inter County	March 2022	Completed
			TBC	October 2022	
	Area adjacent to Iceland Cark Park – Welcome Back Fund	Additional planting and removal of fence	Various	November 2022	

Chairman