

RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 23RD JULY 2019 AT RUSHDEN HALL, RUSHDEN, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillor: Cesare Marinaro, Town Mayor

Councillors:	David Coleman	Melanie Coleman	David Jenney
	Carol Childs	Barbara Jenney	Tracey Smith
	Adrian House	Paul Harley	Kaye Rawlins
	Sarah Peacock	Richard Lewis	Marian Hollomon
	Philip Humphrey	Gill Mercer	Colin Wright
	Andy Mercer		

Town Clerk: Vivienne Prodger

94/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

95/20 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Janet Pinnock, Robin Underwood, Steven North and Ron Pinnock.

96/20 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 18th June 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

97/20 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORT

'Wow, I have had another busy month as Mayor of Rushden and it has been a pleasure to represent the town!'

On Wednesday 19th June my consort attended the U3A Tea Party at RHTS Goods shed. They are a fantastic group who organise so many events for the over 55s. They bring many people together, accommodating to everyone's interests such as dancing, arranging days out and country park walks, there really is something for everyone!

On 22nd June it was Armed Forces Day. At 1 o'clock we attended various events at Rushden Station, meeting Ahmed Ibrahim Mukhtar. We enjoyed tea on the train and watching the variety of planes that flew over. It was great to see so many people from the town attending to commemorate such a special day. On the Sunday we attended the service for the Armed Forces Day at the Heritage Chapel on Park Road. Vicar Linnet Smith took the service and made it memorable.

On 25th June the Rushden Pensioners Forum was held at the Masonic Hall. The pensioners enjoyed strawberry cream tea and the venue was full to capacity with two singers, singing a variety of songs keeping us all entertained!

On Wednesday 26th June, my consort and I attended Civic Leaders Open Day at RAF Molesworth. The theme was working together and we had various American soldiers of different ranks sharing their experiences and their role on the air base. We enjoyed a working bomb disposal dog demonstration.

On Friday 28th June my consort and Melanie attended the opening of the Dementia Café in Victoria House. Melanie cut the ribbon and they both enjoyed listening to the residents speaking highly of the home and the carers.

On Tuesday 2nd July, we attended the opening of the brand new Cineworld in Rushden! Wow, what a great attraction for Rushden! My family and I were lucky enough to enjoy Spiderman together in 4DX, it was absolutely fantastic and I felt privileged that we were able to experience it altogether for the first time!

On Wednesday, we travelled to RAF Alconbury for their Independence Day Celebrations! It was a great evening, meeting many Americans and enjoying the fun fair with lots of hot dogs and burgers! The fireworks were the best I have seen yet (Hall Park will be better), they definitely know how to put on such a spectacular display!

On Saturday 6th July, the Pemberton Centre held the European Tang Soo Do British Championships! Such a great event to be held in our town. I thoroughly enjoyed watching the competitions.

Party in the Park was held on 13th July, it was lovely meeting the hard working people at the large variety of charity stalls. My family and I loved participating in the range of games and activities they were hosting in order to raise money for their chosen charities. It is great to see how many people in our town work hard to raise money for so many different charities. The atmosphere in the evening was amazing and the Beatles Tribute band was very good! I hope you all enjoyed your pizzas at the end of the night!

It has been another very busy month however I am thoroughly enjoying my time as Mayor and am looking forward to all of my future events such as my Civic Service, Bark in the Park and the Proms! ‘

98/20 POLICING ISSUES

Councillor Marian Hollomon, Chairman of the JAG presented the following minutes:

Minutes of JAG Meeting held on 16th July 2019 at 10:30am, Rushden Town Council, Rushden Hall

1. Inclusion of Irthlingborough Town Council within JAG

Irthlingborough JAG has expressed an interest in becoming part of the Rushden/Higham JAG. It was agreed this would be a sensible working arrangement for the three towns and we therefore welcomed Irthlingborough's Town Clerk Mrs. Angie Daly and Cllr Jon Gray to the 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 patrols at all the public toilets within Rushden, and no reports of further 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. Drug issues would still be continued to be dealt with under the regular police workload. The agreed priority was therefore

- a. Anti Social Behaviour in all Public Parks within Rushden, Higham Ferrers and Ithrlingborough.

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.

6. Time and date of next meetings

Tuesday 8th October 10.30am – Higham Ferrers Town Council

Tuesday 7th January 2020 – 10.30am - Rushden Town Council

99/20 LEADER'S ADDRESS

'After a lot of hard work, it is good that the Grounds Maintenance Tender work has been completed and will be considered further down the agenda. This has involved a lot of detailed work and consultation with solicitors but we have now reached a satisfactory conclusion. A big thank you to all the Councillors and staff who took part in this process, at least we don't have to do it again for another seven years!

Once again Party in the Park was a huge success, the crowds seemed bigger than ever this year. This is an event we should all be proud of and thanks must go to the hardworking events team who manage to improve this event year on year. The weather was kind to us and everyone had a good day and the evening performance was superb.

The Counterfeit Beatles were brilliant, and very pleased to have been immortalised by the bikes! They now have a picture of the 'beatles bikes' on their publicity website.

We will be continuing with various projects over the summer. Work has commenced on the refurbishment of the tennis courts and further work will be carried out in Spencer Park over the next few months.

Finally, I would just like to wish you all a good summer break and look forward to seeing you all back here in the Autumn.'

100/20 CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS OF COMMITTEES MEETINGS

Planning Consultative Committee 9th July 2019

The Chairman gave a verbal report on the agenda items from the meeting held on 9th July 2019.

Policy & Resources Committee 16th July 2019

The Chairman gave a verbal report on the agenda items from the meeting held on 16th July 2019.

Personnel Committee 10th July 2019

The Chairman gave a verbal report on the agenda items from the meeting held on 10th July 2019.

101/20 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Planning Consultative Committee 28th May 2019

RESOLVED

That the report of the meeting of the Planning Consultative Committee held on 28th May 2019 be received and adopted.

Policy & Resources Committee 18th June 2019

RESOLVED

