

## **RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019 AT RUSHDEN HALL, RUSHDEN, COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

Present: Councillor: Sarah Peacock – Chairman

Councillors:	Janet Pinnock	Adrian House
	Philip Humphrey	Colin Wright
	Richard Lewis	David Jenney
	Barbara Jenney	Andy Mercer
	Gill Mercer	Steven North
	David Coleman	

Town Clerk: Vivienne Prodger

#### **174/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Richard Lewis declared a 'bias' interest on agenda item 5 Community Grants and left the room when this item was discussed and took no part in discussion and voting thereon.

#### **175/20 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Ron Pinnock, Robin Underwood and Cesare Marinaro

#### **176/20 MINUTES**

The minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting of 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019 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 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

#### **177/20 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS**

Members had been circulated with details of payments made since 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019 amounting to £192,929.60

#### **RESOLVED**

That payments amounting to £192,929.60 be approved (as attached to these minutes).

### **178/20 COMMUNITY GRANTS**

Members considered the following grant applications:

- a) Rushden Mind

#### **RESOLVED**

- a) This application was deferred until the next meeting of this committee, awaiting further information.

### **179/20 SHOP FRONT GRANTS**

Members considered the following shop front grant applications:

- a) Evergreen Fish Bar

#### **RESOLVED**

- a) This application was deferred until the next meeting of this committee, awaiting further information.

### **180/20 COMMUNITY SERVICES**

Members considered recommendations from the Community Services Committee and the following resolutions were approved-

#### **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.

#### **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.

#### **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.

### **181/20 RUSDHEN TOWN COUNCIL POLICIES**

Members had been circulated with Rushden Town Council Policies. These policies were scrutinized by members and it was

## RESOLVED

- a) Equal Opportunities Policy – subject to a couple of minor amendments this Policy to be recommended for approval and signature at Full Council
- b) Data Breach Policy – subject to a couple of minor amendments this Policy to be recommended for approval and signature at Full Council
- c) Staff Personal Data Policy – subject to a couple of minor amendments this Policy to be recommended for approval and signature at Full Council

## **182/20 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM**

The Chairman informed members that the approval of the Unitary had now been delayed due to the lack of Parliamentary time available at present. The shadow board is still continuing to work towards the formation of a Unitary council in 2021.

## **183/20 PROJECTS/WORK IN PROGRESS**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Job Description</b>	<b>Quotes</b>	<b>Committee Approval if applicable</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Commence/ Finish Dates</b>
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 Some funding to come from Grensons Site Section 106		Approved P & R	En-Tout-Cas	September 2019
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	Disabled Toilets Spec for build and cost for larger tank and drainage from existing toilets	To be submitted under full tender process		To be tendered	October 2019
Hall Park	CCTV		To be agreed	Crimesecure	October 2019
Skidders 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 – Spencer Park, Jubilee Park, Hall Park and potential telephone kiosks	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?
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**184/20 DRUG DOG OPERATIONS**

Members discussed the possible of funding a Drug Dog for operations with Rushden and it was

**RESOLVED**

To inform Licensing at East Northants Council that Rushden Town Council is happy to fund a Drug Dog Operation within Rushden.

Chairman