

RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 27TH AUGUST 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 Ron Pinnock
David Coleman

Town Clerk: Vivienne Prodger

119/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors 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.

120/20 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Steven North, Robin Underwood and Cesare Marinaro

121/20 MINUTES

The minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting of 16th July 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 16th July 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

122/20 APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

Members had been circulated with details of payments made since 1st July 2019 amounting to £101,285.49

RESOLVED

That payments amounting to £101,285.49 be approved (as attached to these minutes).

123/20 COMMUNITY GRANTS

Members considered the following grant applications:

- a) Rushden Collectors Circle
- b) Rushden Hall Pensioners Parliament

RESOLVED

- a) To award a Community Grant of £220.00 to Rushden Collectors Circle
- b) To award a Community Grant of £682.00 to Pensioner Parliament

124/20 SHOP FRONT GRANTS

Members considered the following shop front grant applications:

- a) Ink and Lasers

RESOLVED

- a) Ink and Lasers was awarded a shop front grant of £750

125/20 BT TELEPHONE KIOSKS

Members discussed the letter from ENC regarding telephone kiosks at Haddon Road and Upper Queen Street. The telephone kiosks are due to be de-commissioned by British Telecom because of lack of use. It had been suggested that the kiosks could be used to house defibrillators. Members thought this was a very good use for the kiosks and it was

RESOLVED

To retain the BT Telephone Kiosks subject to clarification regarding maintenance and future running costs and the feasibility of using them for housing defibrillators.

126/20 RUSDHEN TOWN COUNCIL POLICIES

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

RESOLVED

- a) Community Grant Aid Policy – subject to a couple of minor amendments this Policy to be recommended for approval and signature at Full Council

- b) Data Protection Policy – subject to a couple of minor amendments this Policy to be recommended for approval and signature at Full Council
- c) Press and Media Policy – subject to a couple of minor amendments this Policy to be recommended for approval and signature at Full Council
- d) Complaints Procedure - this Policy to be recommended for approval and signature at Full Council
- e) Policy for recording of meetings - subject to a couple of minor amendments this Policy to be recommended for approval and signature at Full Council

127/20 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM

The shadow board for Unitary is continuing to move forward with preparations for 2021. Local Government elections including Town Council elections will be held in May 2020 and we will need to be mindful of the usual ‘purdah’ restrictions will be in place in March 2020.

128/20 PROJECTS/WORK IN PROGRESS

Location	Job Description	Quotes	Committee Approval if applicable	Contractor	Commence/ Finish Dates
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
Fosse Green	New Play Equipment Section 106 monies – Grensons Site section 106				Completed
Trafford Park	New play equipment Section 106 monies – Station Road Site			Playground Supplies installation. Equipment to be purchased	September 2019

				directly from suppliers	
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	Autumn 2019?
Hall Park	Re-roofing stone shed			PAD Builders	Completed
Skidders Hill and Rectory Road	Bus Shelter Refurbishment				September 2019
Rushden Hall	Repairs to finials and parapets Roof				Completed
Manor Park	Geo Survey	Yes	Asset Management and P & R	Soiltechnics	Completed
Manor Park	Topographical Survey	Yes	Asset Management and P & R	BrightSurv Ltd	Completed
The Mallards	Repairs to bridge-handrails etc	Yes	N/A	A E Cook	September 2019
Manor Park	New masterplan			Hinton Cook	September 2019
Sport Site	Geo Survey		P & R?	Soiltechnics	September 2019?

Sport Site	Topographical Survey		P & R?	Bright Surv Ltd	September 2019?
Various Locations – Spencer Park, Jubilee Park, Hall Park and potential telephone kiosks	Installation of Defibrillators				September/ October 2019

Chairman