

## **RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF RUSHDEN TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 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	Janet Pinnock	Robin Underwood
	Ron Pinnock		

Town Clerk: Vivienne Prodger

#### **137/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

#### **138/20 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Steven North, Richard Lewis, Marian Hollomon, Gill Mercer, Philip Humphrey, Andy Mercer and Colin Wright

#### **139/20 MINUTES**

##### **RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

#### **140/20 MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORT**

*'My consort and I attended Imperial Court's Garden Party. Due to the rain it was held indoors, we played games and betted on horses. We met some lovely people and they were all positive and enjoyed living in Imperial Court. We also met Ray, the in house entertainer, he organizes trips for the residents and helps to keep the elderly fit with his exercise regimes.*

*On July 28<sup>th</sup> it was my Civic Service. I thoroughly enjoyed this special day with my closest friends and family around me. Thank you all for coming; it was a memorable day for us all.*

*My consort and I attended Music in the Walled Garden on 11<sup>th</sup> August. We enjoyed listening to music from two talented guitarists and the Brookettes from Sharnbrook, three women performing a range of songs from the 40s, 50s and 60s. We are extremely lucky as a town to have the Walled Garden as a music and function venue.*

*On Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August we attended afternoon tea and dance at Bede House in Higham Ferrers. It was a very hot day, there was a selection of sandwiches, and cakes with tea. They were playing songs from the 40s, 50s and 60s with a raffle for*

*chosen charities. It was an extremely pleasant afternoon – I forgot my dancing shoes!*

*I am thoroughly enjoying my time as Mayor and am looking forward to our upcoming events in the calendar. Don't forget Proms in the Park this Saturday followed by Bark in the Park Sunday with gluten free dog friendly pizzas on offer!!*

#### **141/20 POLICING ISSUES**

The Town Clerk reported that there had been anti- social behavior in Hall Park and Jubilee Park. The police had been informed and at their request Crime Secure had obtained some excellent CCTV footage from both the Hall Park cameras and the new camera overlooking the War Memorial. Rushden Town Council did action additional security patrols to monitor the situation.

As anti-social behavior in the Parks was one of the JAG priorities we have kept the police well informed and they have made additional patrols when possible. The CCTV footage has provided valuable information to enable them to identify individuals.

Drug dealing continues to be a problem within all the parks and we are continuing to report activities to the police.

#### **142/20 LEADER'S ADDRESS**

*. 'Welcome back after the summer break. Once again we have a busy time ahead. The formation of the Unitary Council is progressing and with it brings a time of uncertainty for all councils involved. It is at times frustrating that the unitary work is slowing progress on some future projects. We do need to look at this change in a positive light and be prepared for any opportunities that may come our way.*

*Once again we have had a great summer of superb events and we should all be proud of what we deliver as a council.*

*Work is taking place at Spencer Park to improve both the Tennis Courts and MUGA and we continue with a busy programme of maintenance works on the Parks and Open Spaces.*

*We started our new Grounds Maintenance Contract with Turney Landscapes on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019 and look forward to continuing a high level of maintenance within our parks. On that note, I am pleased to advise that we have retained our Green Flag status for Hall Park for the sixth consecutive year. A big thank you to all the people who helped make this possible.*

*Over the next few months we will be considering budgets for 2020/21 and looking at maintenance and general projects for the forthcoming year as we are still positively 'Looking to the future'.*

## **143/20 CHAIRMAN'S REPORTS OF COMMITTEES MEETINGS**

### **Planning Consultative Committee 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

The Chairman gave a verbal report on the agenda items from the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

### **Policy & Resources Committee 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

The Chairman gave a verbal report on the agenda items from the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

## **144/20 REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **Planning Consultative Committee 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

#### **RESOLVED**

That the report of the meeting of the Planning Consultative Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019 be received and adopted.

### **Policy & Resources Committee 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

#### **RESOLVED**

That the report of the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2019 be received and adopted.

### **Planning Consultative Committee 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

#### **RESOLVED**

That the report of the meeting of the Planning Consultative Committee held on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019 be received and adopted

## **145/20 RTC 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 – to approve this policy and it was duly signed by the Mayor.
- b) Data Protection Policy – to approve this policy and it was duly signed by the Mayor.
- c) Press and Media Policy – to approve this policy and it was duly signed by the Mayor.
- d) Complaints Procedure – to approve this policy and it was duly signed by the Mayor.
- e) Policy for the recording of meetings – to approve this policy and it was duly signed by the Mayor.

**146/20 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE CONTRACT**

**RESOLVED**

The Grounds Maintenance Contract between Turney Landscapes Ltd and Rushden Town Council, for the period 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019 – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2026 was duly signed by the Mayor.

Chairman/Town Mayor