**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE RECREATION, PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 27TH, 2018 AT THE OFFICES OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL, VICTORIA HALL, 39, HIGH STREET, OAKHAM**

**PRESENT:**

Cllrs Adam Lowe, David Romney, Sally-Anne Wadsworth, Anne Skipworth,

Joyce Lucas BEM, Paul Buxton, Martin Brookes, Daniel Bottomley

**ABSENT**: CllrsJean Denyer MBE, Peter Ind

3 members of the public were also present

**11/18 APOLOGIES – Standing Order 1(u)**

1. Apologies were received from Cllrs Denyer and Ind
2. It was proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Bottomley and resolved with 6 votes for and 2 abstentions to approve the absence of Cllr Denyer due to a prior commitment
3. It was proposed by Cllr Skipworth, seconded by Cllr Buxton and unanimously resolved to approve the absence of Cllr Ind due to a prior commitment

**12/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

(i) No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared

(ii) No other interests were declared

**13/18 MINUTES *(Appendix A)***

It was proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Lowe and resolved with 7 votes for and 1 abstention to confirm and accept the minutes of the Recreation, Planning and General Purposes Committee meeting held on Wednesday 30th May 2018

**14/18 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

A member of the public gave a deputation regarding item 14 (iii) on the Agenda

**15/18 COUNCILLOR’S QUESTIONS**

None notified

**16/18 ST GEORGE’S BARRACKS PROJECT (*Appendices B, Bi, Bii*)**

After much discussion it was proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Brookes and unanimously resolved that a response is sent to Rutland County Council by the Chairman on behalf of the Council incorporating its view and comments regarding the St George’s Barracks’ consultation

**17/18 WORK TO TREES IN WILLOW CRESCENT ALLOTMENTS (*Appendix C)***

It was proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Buxton and resolved with 7 votes for and 1 abstention that Council approve the works to be carried out and authorise the expenditure of £1295 within the budget heading allocated to Planting and Tree Surgery

**18/18 CATMOSE COLLEGE RESILIENCE AWARD (*Appendices D, Di)***

It was proposed by Cllr Brookes, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and unanimously agreed to fund a shield and a small crystal trophy with engraving on an annual basis.

*Before the resolution was passed, Cllr Brookes agreed to fund a (12”) Maple plaque with engraving for the 2017 and 2018 nomination. Cllr Buxton also agreed to fund the small crystal trophy with engraving for the 2017 and 2018 nomination. The Chairman of the Committee thanked both Councillors for their generosity*

**19/18 WW1 CENTENARY FIELD (*Appendix E*)**

It was proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and resolved with 6 votes for and 2 abstentions that Council approves the name for the Tresham land as *Gibson’s Centenary Field,* subject to the family’s approval.

If approval is not sought by the Gibson family, then the Clerk is given authority to register the land with Fields in Trust as *Oakham Town Centenary Field.*

**20/18 PARK SIGNS (*Appendices F, Fi*)**

It was proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and resolved with 7 votes for and 1 abstention to approve:

1. the purchase of 7 signs at £52 each plus fitting under the budget heading allocated to Park Furniture. This will include an additional sign located at Willow Crescent
2. to approve the design with reduced lettering size
3. to incorporate additional wording of “*No Overnight Camping”* to the 3 signs at Royce’s
4. to investigate the purchase and possibility of braille stickers

**21/18 REQUEST TO USE CUTTS CLOSE**

It was proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Lucas and unanimously resolved to grant permission for Pinders Circus to use Cutts Close from Thursday 7th March until Sunday 10th March 2019

**22/18 CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

It was proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Lucas and unanimously resolved to approve the disposal of the worn out broken icicle strings stored in the Shelter

**23/18 AUTHORISATION TO PAY AN INVOICE OVER £5000**

(i)It was proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Skipworth to defer this item. This motion fell with 4 votes for and 5 against with the Chairman having the casting vote.

(ii) It was then proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Lucas and resolved with 6 votes for, 1 against and 1 abstention that Council note the invoice (104922) from Plantscape and to authorise the Clerk to pay the £10,141.68.

*This is under the budget heading of Floral Displays and as per resolution 066/16*

**24/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1. 2018/0453/ADV Life Rituals Ltd

To front elevation, fix permanent illuminated hanging sign with business name and logo

24 Mill Street

Recommend approval with the caveat that the illuminated sign is turned off when the shop is closed.

Proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Lucas and resolved with 7 votes for and 1 against

1. 2018/0369/LBA Life Rituals Ltd

To front elevation, fix permanent illuminated hanging sign with business name and logo. Attach 2 no. plain brackets to either side of doorway to hang plants seasonably

24 Mill Street

Recommend approval

Proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and unanimously resolved

1. 2018/0375/FUL Mr R Uppal

Change of use of rear extension to A1 use from office, retrospective application for separate retail unit in courtyard, conservatory extension to first floor (existing terrace)

1. Church Street

Recommend refusal on the grounds that members feel that the applicant has breached planning considerations and disregarded planning guidelines in which the neighbour has brought to the attention of RCC on a couple of occasions

Proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Skipworth and unanimously resolved

1. 2018/0381/FUL Mr Saddington

Single storey extensions

8 Lonsdale Way

This has already been determined, but members note the application

1. 2018/0382/FUL N K Duncan

Two storey extension

77 Kings Road

This has already been determined, but members note the application

1. 2018/0398/FUL Mr & Mrs Testa

To drop the curb allowing vehicular access to an existing parking area

Grove House, 46 Ashwell Road

Recommend approval

Proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Skipworth and unanimously resolved

1. 2018/0396/LBA Mrs J Figgis

Internal alterations to ground floor plus removal of partitions to first and second floors

Independence House, 15 Burley Road

Recommend approval

Proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Skipworth and unanimously resolved

1. 2018/0523/FUL Mr M Imison

Variation of condition 2 of application 2018/0523/FUL

104 Burley Road

Recommend approval

Proposed by Cllr Skipworth, seconded by Cllr Lucas and unanimously resolved

(ix) 2018/0407/FUL Mr & Mrs D Semple

Proposed side extension over existing garage and single storey rear extension

7 Shannon Way

Recommend approval

Proposed by Cllr Buxton, seconded by Cllr Skipworth and unanimously resolved

(x) 2018/0413/PTA Mr Bell

1 No. Lime Tree – Crown raised to approx. 4m above ground level. 1.No Western Red Cedar – remove the low primary branch extending on the north bedroom window. 1 No Yew tree – Reduce back to boundary. 1 No Yew tree reduce back by up to 3m

41 Stamford Road

Recommend approval

Proposed by Cllr Brookes, seconded by Cllr Skipworth and unanimously resolved

*The Chairman of the Committee thanked Cllr Wadsworth for organising the event he had attended and wished Oakham In Bloom good luck when judging takes place on 4th July*

**There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.39pm**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**25th July 2018**

**Chairman**