**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY JULY 25TH, 2018 AT THE OFFICES OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL, VICTORIA HALL, 39, HIGH STREET, OAKHAM**

**PRESENT:**

Cllrs Adam Lowe, Sally-Anne Wadsworth, Paul Buxton, Martin Brookes, Daniel Bottomley, Anne Skipworth, David Romney, Zoe Jones

**ABSENT:** CllrsPeter Ind, Jean Denyer MBE and Joyce Lucas BEM

**IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY**: None

Prior to the commencement of the business, the Chairman welcomed Cllr Jones to Oakham Town Council

**148/18 APOLOGIES - Standing Order 1(u)**

1. Apologies were received from Cllrs Lucas, Ind and Denyer
2. Proposed by Cllr Bottomley, seconded by Cllr Buxton and resolved 7 votes for and 1 against to accept the apologies from Cllr Lucas due to a prior commitment
3. Proposed by Cllr Skipworth, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and unanimously resolved to accept the apologies from Cllr Ind due to a prior commitment
4. Proposed by Cllr Buxton, seconded by Cllr Bottomley and resolved 7 votes for and 1 against to accept the apologies from Cllr Denyer due to personal matters

**149/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1. No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared
2. No other interests were declared

**150/18 COUNCILLOR’S QUESTIONS**

None notified

**151/18 CLERK’S REPORT**

A verbal report was given regarding the renewing of the tarmac pathway running from Church Street, to the west, to the public car park. The contractors are now in the third stages and are making very good progress. The archaeologist and Historic England have confirmed no features were seen within this deposit nor was there any indication of any structural remains. The office has received may compliments from the public regarding the installation

 **152/18 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

None

**153/18 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2018 – 2020**

1. Proposed by Cllr Skipworth, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and resolved with 7 votes for and 1 abstention to authorise the additional expenditure of £3596 for the infrastructure costs and that £1760 is taken out of reserves for year ending 2018-2019
2. Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and unanimously resolved

That a 50% deposit of this year’s contract is paid on confirmation to proceed and the invoice in excess of £9,000 be subject to ratification by resolution of the Council

 **154/18 AUTHORISATION TO PAY AN INVOICE OVER £5000**

 Proposed by Cllr Skipworth, seconded by Cllr Brookes and unanimously resolved that Council authorises a payment to Plantscape, Invoice No. 104922, £10,141.68 for the 2018 Floral display

 **There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 6.39pm**

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

 **Chairman**

 **8th August 2018**