

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 30TH 2019 AT THE OFFICES OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL, VICTORIA HALL, 39, HIGH STREET, OAKHAM

PRESENT:

Cllrs Adam Lowe (Chair), Joyce Lucas BEM, Martin Brookes, Daniel Bottomley, Jean Denyer MBE, Anne Skipworth, Paul Buxton, Sally-Anne Wadsworth, Joy Clough, David Romney, Peter Ind

ABSENT: Cllr Zoe Neal

IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY: 4 members of the public

Prior to the commencement of the business, a minute silence was held in tribute to a former Oakham Town Council Mayor, Mr Peter May who sadly passed away.

The Chairman also advised members that items 13 (iv) and 15 on the agenda had been withdrawn prior to the meeting

11/19 APOLOGIES - Standing Order 1(u)

- (i) Apologies were received from Cllr Neal due to a prior commitment
- (ii) Proposed these be accepted by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Lucas and unanimously resolved

12/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- (i) No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared
- (ii) No other interests were declared

13/19 MINUTES

Proposed by Cllr Bottomley, seconded by Cllr Skipworth and resolved with 10 votes for and 1 abstention that the minutes of the meeting of Oakham Town Council held on Wednesday 9th January 2019 were confirmed, signed by the Chairman and adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting

14/19 CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER'S REPORTS

- (i) Cllr Ind gave a verbal report as Councils representatives for the Parish Forum. Cllr Ind advised members that the date for the next meeting, is 4th March, 7pm at RCC
- (ii) Cllr Bottomley gave a verbal report on a meeting he attended on the 9th January as Councils representative for St George's Barracks project.
The reports were received and noted by the meeting.

15/19 COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS

None received

16/19 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None

17/19 MAYORAL CHAIN OF OFFICE

Proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Buxton and resolved with 7 votes for, 2 against (Cllr Brookes) and 1 abstention that Council agree in principle to purchase a replacement regalia but ask that the Clerk seeks 2 additional quotations

18/19 REPLACEMENT TREES IN ROYCES RECREATION GROUND

Proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Buxton and resolved with 10 votes for and 1 against that Council agree in principle to purchase 2 replacement trees but ask that the Clerk seeks 2 additional quotations

19/19 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

In relation to the Fox Hunt Meeting in Oakham, the Chairman read out an email from a resident. Members also received and noted a letter from League Against Cruel Sports. It was proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and resolved with 9 votes for and 2 against that the Chairman acknowledges the letter

20/19 SERVICE CONTRACT FOR 5 HANDWASHING/DRYING UNITS AT CHURCH STREET PUBLIC TOILETS

Proposed by Cllr Brookes that Council do not renew the annual contract. There was no seconder, so this motion fell. It was then proposed by Cllr Clough, seconded by Cllr Lucas and resolved with 9 votes for and 2 against that Council agrees to a service contract with Wallgate for a period of 1 year, and the Clerk be authorised to sign the contract on behalf of the Council.

It was also noted that if any councillor wished to research the issue for alternatives they could do so and bring a report to Council

21/19 PERSONNEL ADVICE & SOLUTIONS LTD

Proposed by Cllr Ind, seconded by Cllr Skipworth and unanimously resolved to authorise the continuation of the current agreement for 6 months

22/19 REQUEST TO USE CUTTS CLOSE

- (i) Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Clough and unanimously resolved to grant permission for Hollands Fair to use Cutts Close from:
30th April until 6th May 2019 and 11th August until 17th August 2019 with the caveat that arrival on a Sunday must be after 2.30pm
- (ii) Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Skipworth and unanimously resolved to grant permission for an Ice Cream vendor (Mr Whippy Soft Ice Cream) to be parked in Cutts Close on a Sunday from 23rd June 2019 until Sunday 18th August 2019
- (iii) Proposed by Cllr Skipworth, seconded by Cllr Buxton and unanimously resolved to grant permission for Rutland Concert Band to use Cutts Close Bandstand and pyrotechnics for their 1812 Overture on Saturday 29th June 2019

23/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (i) 2018/1314/FUL Mr & Mrs Wainwright
Single storey rear extension and alterations to existing garage
10 Gunthorpe Close
Recommend Approval
Proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Clough and unanimously resolved
- (ii) 2018/1341/FUL Mr S Murray
Change of use from 2 no cottages to commercial shop use (Class A)
18 & 20 Gaol Street
Recommend Refusal on the grounds that the premises are in a conservation area. There are empty shop premises on the High Street. There would be a loss of affordable housing, amenity and heritage
Proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and unanimously resolved
- (iii) 2019/0037/RG3 Rutland County Council
Regulation 3 application for change of use of first floor of Jules House from Residential to Office use (B1), returning the whole building back to office use
Jules House, 1 Cold Overton Road
Proposed by Cllr Clough, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth to recommend approval.
This motion fell with 3 votes for, 6 against and 2 abstentions
Recommend Refusal on the grounds of loss of youth services
Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Ind and resolved with 6 votes for, 1 against and 4 abstentions
- (iv) 2018/1337/CAT Alan Wadsworth
This application was withdrawn

24/19 EXEMPT ITEM

Proposed by Cllr Bottomley, seconded by Cllr Lucas and resolved with 10 votes for and 1 against to exclude the Public and Press during consideration of items 15 and 16 on the agenda, under Section 100 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended due to the confidential nature of the matters to be discussed

25/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

This item was withdrawn and deferred prior to the meeting

26/19 OCC BUILDING

Record Note Item 16 / Minute reference 26/19 are recorded on a separate confidential page of the minutes and will be filed with the Town Council official minute book

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 8.26pm

Signed: _____

**13th February 2019
Chairman**