

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2019 AT THE OFFICES OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL, VICTORIA HALL, 39, HIGH STREET, OAKHAM**

**PRESENT:**

Cllrs Adam Lowe (Chair), Martin Brookes, Paul Buxton, Sally-Anne Wadsworth, Joy Clough, David Romney, Joyce Lucas BEM, Zoe Neal, Daniel Bottomley

**ABSENT:** Cllrs, Peter Ind, Jean Denyer MBE, Anne Skipworth,

**IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY:** Three

**68/19 APOLOGIES**

- (i) Apologies were received from Cllrs, Ind, Skipworth and Denyer due to prior commitments
- (ii) Proposed these be accepted by Cllr Bottomley, seconded by Cllr Buxton and resolved with 8 votes for and 1 abstention

**69/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- (i) No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared
- (ii) Cllr Bottomley declared an interest in item 13 (iv) as owner of the property. Cllr Bottomley stated he would remain in the room, but would not take part in discussion and in any vote under that item of business

**70/19 MINUTES**

Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and resolved with 4 votes for and 5 abstentions that the minutes of the meeting of Oakham Town Council held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019 were confirmed, signed by the Chairman and adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting

**71/19 CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER'S REPORTS**

- (i) Cllr Wadsworth gave a verbal report on a Youth Services meeting she had attended
- (ii) Cllr Buxton gave a verbal report on an Oakham In Bloom meeting he had attended as Councils representative
- (iii) Cllr Lowe tabled a report regarding the German Twinning visit  
The reports were received and noted by the members

**72/19 COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS**

In accordance with Standing Orders, Cllr Joy Clough tabled the following questions:

I understand the Neighbourhood Plan has gone back to the company 'Open Plan' to have changes taken in, and that the regulation 14 consultation of the resulting documents will commence early in May.

- (i) Did the Steering Group have the chance to comment on submitted changes?  
In response the Chairman answered yes
- (ii) Will the Steering Group this time have approved the document before final printing?  
In response the Chairman answered yes
- (iii) Given the questionable quality of the last version from Open Plan, should the Town Council, as authorising body, not have the opportunity to approve this version before consultation is initiated?  
In response the Chairman answered no

### **73/19 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

None received

### **74/19 CLERKS REPORT**

The office will be closed for the Easter break on Good Friday (19<sup>th</sup> April) and Easter Monday (22<sup>nd</sup> April)

The installation of the towns floral displays is scheduled for Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019

### **75/19 WORKING GROUPS**

- (i) Cllr Wadsworth gave a brief verbal update from the Promotions and Publicity working group
- (ii) Cllr Clough gave a brief verbal update from the Floral working group
- (iv) Proposed by Cllr Brookes, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and resolved with 9 votes for and 1 abstention by Cllr Lowe, that Council approve the request of a Bouncy Castle in Cutts Close at the Proms in the Park event, with the caveat that a reputable supplier is used, and the relevant checks are carried out

### **76/19 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Lucas and resolved with 8 votes for and 1 against to approve the Statement of Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

During discussion it was noted the high electricity bill in Church Street carpark. This is due to an increase use of the electric car charging point. It was then proposed by Cllr Brookes that the charging points were turned off with immediate effect, while Council investigates the possibility of recharging users. There was no seconder, so the motion fell

### **77/19 2019-2020 NATIONAL SALARY AWARD**

Proposed by Cllr Buxton, seconded by Cllr Lucas and resolved with 8 votes for and 1 against to approve the new pay scales for 2019-2020 and they are backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019

### **78/19 OCC BUILDING**

- (i) Proposed by Cllr Brookes, seconded by Cllr Clough to defer this item until full details and appropriate plans for the proposed alterations were supplied. This motion fell with 2 votes for, 6 against, and 1 abstention
- (ii) Proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Lucas and resolved with 6 votes for, 2 against by Cllrs Brookes and Clough, and 1 abstention to approve additional refurbishment work so they can be referred to in the Heads of Terms to the draft Lease

*At this point in the meeting, Cllr Brookes made an inappropriate comment about the Clerk. The Chairman asked Cllr Brookes to withdraw his comment. Cllr Brookes refused*

### **79/19 PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

Members were asked to consider double yellow lines to be implemented on Cold Overton Road.

- (i) Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Lowe to support the proposal. This motion fell with 3 votes for, 4 against and 2 abstentions
- (ii) Proposed by Cllr Clough, seconded by Cllr Buxton and resolved with 5 votes for and 4 abstentions that members agree that cars exiting from the Medical Practice onto Cold Overton Road is a safety issue. Possible solutions, taking into account applicable 'lines of sight', could involve double or single yellow lines, reflecting perhaps the opening hours of the surgery, or other measures.
- (iii) Proposed by Cllr Brookes, seconded by Cllr Buxton and resolved with 7 votes for and 2 abstentions that the Clerks writes to RCC stating OTC would welcome recommendations by the Highways Department

## 80/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- (i) 2019/0227/FUL Mrs D Pearce  
Erection of a single storey rear extension and a garage  
7 Ashwell Road  
Recommend Approval  
Proposed by Cllr Clough, seconded by Cllr Wadworth and unanimously resolved
  
- (ii) 2019/0299/FUL Mr P Rosillo  
Conversion of an existing Conservatory (previous planning permission Application Number FUL/2010/0541/JM) into a more permanent single-story extension utilising the existing Conservatory footprint  
Recommend Approval  
Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Bottomley and unanimously resolved
  
- (iii) 2019/0270/FUL Mr T Slattery  
Front entrance extension  
St Joseph's Catholic Church, Station Road  
Recommend Approval  
Proposed by Cllr Clough, seconded by Cllr Neal and resolved with 8 votes for and 1 against
  
- (iv) 2019/0193/FUL Mr M Capewell  
Single storey rear extension to provision for loss of space creating ground floor accessible wet room  
68 Cold Overton Road  
Recommend Approval  
Proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Clough and resolved with 8 votes for and 2 abstentions
  
- (v) 2019/0316/PTA  
T1 - 1 no. Beech - Crown raise by up to 5m over the lawn. G1 -1 no. Yew - Prune back off house to give 3.5m clearance, 1.5m off beneath building and by up to 4m over driveway by end tip pruning  
13 Stamford Road  
Recommend Approval  
Proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Clough and unanimously resolved

**The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 7.49pm**

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

**8<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
Chairman**