

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 12TH, 2018 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, Peter Ind

ABSENT: Cllrs, Zoe Neal, David Romney

IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY: 18 members of the public

Prior to the commencement of the business, a minute silence was held in tribute to a former Oakham Town Council Clerk, Mr Idris Evans and a Rutland County Councillor Mr Terry King who both sadly passed away

207/18 APOLOGIES - Standing Order 1(u)

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

208/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- (i) No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared
- (ii) Cllr Lucas declared an interest in item 12 on the Agenda. Cllr Lucas stated she would take part in discussion and in any vote under that item of business
- (iii) Cllr Brookes declared an interest in item 8 on the Agenda. Cllr Brookes stated he would take part in discussion and in any vote under that item of business

209/18 MINUTES

- (i) Proposed by Cllr Ind, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and resolved with 9 votes for and 1 abstention that the minutes of the meeting of Oakham Town Council held on Wednesday 10th October 2018 were confirmed, signed by the Chairman and adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting
- (ii) Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Skipworth and resolved with 7 votes for and 3 abstentions that the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of Oakham Town Council held on Monday 19th November 2018 were confirmed, signed by the Chairman and adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting

210/18 CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER'S REPORTS

- (i) Cllr Lowe gave a verbal report regarding his visit with members of the Twinning Association to Barmstedt, north Germany
- (ii) Cllr Ind gave a verbal report as a representative of the Council on a Dementia event he attended on 11th December 2018 and the Parish Forum

211/18 COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS

None received

212/18 CLERKS REPORT – For information only

The removal of the Christmas decorations is scheduled between 10th-14th January 2019

213/18 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

- (i) The Chairman of Oakham In Bloom gave a short statement in relation to item 12
- (ii) A Trustee of the Rutland House Community Trust gave a short statement in relation to item 8
- (iii) Short statements were made by two residents in relation to item 8

At this point in the meeting it was proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Bottomley and unanimously resolved to alter the order of business so that Item 12 could be considered after item 8

214/18 RUTLAND HOUSE COMMUNITY TRUST

- (i) As per Standing Order 6 (f) the Chairman proposed to agree in principle for an additional care home for 8 residents plus alterations to existing care home to create 7 independent apartments as per the planning application, and it was seconded by Cllr Brookes to allow for debate. Councillors discussed the proposal. An amendment was proposed by Cllr Brookes and seconded by Cllr Clough that the plans for the building be agreed but permission not given for additional roadway and parking on the site to allow for more amenity land. Therefore, the motion as amended was then proposed by Cllr Brookes and seconded by Cllr Denyer and approved with 5 votes for, 3 against and 2 abstentions.
- (i) Proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Brookes and unanimously resolved that Council on behalf of the resident's, ask RHCT to take into consideration their concerns and ensure a suitable screen of trees. This will be incorporated into their lease and will be managed and the responsibility of RHCT
- (ii) Proposed by Cllr Brookes, seconded by Cllr Clough and resolved by 8 votes for, 1 against and 1 abstention that the Working Group continues to review the land rent with RHCT and any variation to the lease
- (iii) Proposed by Cllr Brookes, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and resolved with 5 votes for, 1 against and 4 abstentions that Cllr Brookes is elected onto the Working Group
- (iv) Proposed by Cllr Brookes, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and resolved with 9 votes for, and 1 abstention that Council grants permission for the Clerk to instruct a Solicitor, a land valuation and approves any associated expenditure

215/18 WORKING GROUPS AND STEERING GROUPS STRATEGY

Cllr Wadsworth gave a verbal report as a member of the Promotion and Publicity Working Group and thanked members who helped to make the Christmas Tree switch on a success

Cllr Skipworth thanked the members of the Christmas Working Group for their hard work and efforts regarding the towns Christmas decorations

216/18 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

- (i) Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Lowe and resolved with 8 votes for and 2 abstentions to approve the Statement of Accounts to 31st October 2018
- (ii) Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Lowe and resolved with 7 votes for and 3 abstentions to approve the Statement of Accounts to 30th November 2018

217/18 AUTHORISATION TO AN PAY INVOICE OVER £5000

Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Bottomley and unanimously resolved to authorise the following payment of:

- (i) The Christmas Decorators
Invoice No. 100246
for £9380 + VAT (£11256)
Year 1 Christmas Rental Agreement

218/18 TOWN'S SUMMER FLORAL DISPLAYS

- (i) After much discussion it was proposed by Cllr Clough, seconded by Cllr Lucas and resolved with 8 votes for and 2 abstentions to engage with Plantscape for 2019-20 and to amend the schedule with some modifications.
- (i) Proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and resolved with 9 votes for and 1 abstention that a Working Group is set up, consisting of Cllrs Buxton, Wadsworth, Clough and a representative from Oakham In Bloom

219/18 LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN - MOVING RUTLAND FORWARD

Members reviewed and considered the 4th Local Transport Plan. The Clerk will respond to Rutland County Council on behalf of the Council and will encapsulate the following comments; Oakham Town Council is in general support of the Local Transport Plan and embrace the aims and approve the width of the vision, finding it aspirational and far reaching.

Their main points for comment relate to services for Oakham, in particular the hopper, Dial-a-Ride services and the local bus services to surrounding towns.

Oakham Town Council would like to be actively involved in projects relating to services in Oakham.

220/18 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

Proposed by Cllr Ind, seconded by Cllr Bottomley and resolved with 9 votes for, and 1 against approve the expenditure of £675 (ex VAT) for an additional 1.5 days for Openplan in preparation of the final submission of the Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 8.15pm

Signed: _____

**9th January 2019
Chairman**