

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 9TH 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, Zoe Neal, David Romney

ABSENT: Cllr Peter Ind

IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY: 2 members of the public

01/19 APOLOGIES - Standing Order 1(u)

- (i) Apologies were received from Cllr Ind due to a prior commitment
- (ii) Proposed these be accepted by Cllr Bottomley, seconded by Cllr Skipworth and resolved With 10 votes for and 1 abstention

02/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

03/19 MINUTES

Proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Skipworth and resolved with 9 votes for and 2 abstentions that the minutes of the meeting of Oakham Town Council held on Wednesday 12th December 2018 were confirmed, signed by the Chairman and adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting

04/19 CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER'S REPORTS

None received

05/19 COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS

None received

06/19 CLERKS REPORT

The removal of the Christmas decorations is scheduled for 12th and 13th January 2019

07/19 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

The Chairman of Oakham Town Partnership gave short statement and was also invited by the Chairman to answer any questions in relation to item 10 on the agenda.

08/19 WORKING GROUPS AND STEERING GROUPS STRATEGY

- (i) Cllr Lowe gave a verbal report as a member of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
- (ii) Cllr Wadsworth gave a verbal report as a member of the Promotion and Publicity Working
- (iii) Cllr Clough summarised report (TC00119) on behalf of the floral displays working group. It was then proposed by Cllr Neal, seconded and Cllr Skipworth and unanimously resolved that the council agree a reduced planting schedule and agree a gold and red planting colour scheme

Cllr Lucas thanked Oakham In Bloom and the members of both the floral and Christmas decorations working groups for their hard work and efforts

09/19 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Skipworth and resolved with 10 votes for and 1 abstention to approve the Statement of Accounts to 31st December 2018

10/19 2019/20 BUDGET ROUND 3/3

Members received a screen presentation from the Clerk who ran through the budget cost centres of the draft budget for the financial year 2019-20.

Accordingly, every single budget item was considered separately by the meeting where Councillors final views were expressed. Final amendments to the draft were agreed.

*It was proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Romney and resolved with 7 votes for and 4 abstentions to extend the meeting by 15 minutes to allow for business to be concluded.
The meeting was adjourned at 20.21 and reconvened at 20.25*

After a detailed discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Skipworth and resolved, by 10 votes for and 1 against by Cllr Brookes that:

- (i) the draft budget document for 2019-20 be accepted
- (ii) the annual addition of £5500 was accepted under the heading of Grants to cover requests from organisations
- (iii) to accept the "earmarked reserves fund"
- (iv) the Clerk would now issue the precept notice to Rutland County Council

For minute record purposes, the final budget total was £265,180 (two hundred and sixty-five thousand, one hundred and eighty pounds).

Signed: _____

**30th January 2019
Chairman**