**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY JULY 31ST 2019 AT THE OFFICES OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL, VICTORIA HALL, 39, HIGH STREET, OAKHAM**

**PRESENT:**

Cllrs, Ian Razzell (Chair), Adam Lowe, Alan Walters, David Romney, Jean Denyer MBE, Joy Clough, Paul Ainsley, Sally-Anne Wadsworth, Zoe Neal, Paul Buxton

**ABSENT:** Cllrs Mark Lomas and Nick Woodley

**IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY**: One

**12/19 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lomas and Woodley

1. Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Ainsley and unanimously resolved to approve the absence of Cllrs Lomas and Woodley due to prior commitments

**13/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

1. No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared
2. Cllr Ainsley declared an interest in item 11 (ix) on the Agenda. He stated he would not take part in discussion and would abstain in any vote under those items of business
3. Cllr Razzell declared an interest in items 11 (i) and (ix) on the Agenda. He stated he would not take part in discussion and would abstain in any vote under those items of business

**13/19 MINUTES**

Proposed by Cllr Clough, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and resolved with 8 votes for and 2 abstentions to confirm and accept the minutes of the Recreation, Planning and General Purposes Committee meeting held on Wednesday 29th May 2018

*At this point in the meeting and in accordance with procedures laid down in Standing Orders the Chairman altered the order of business so that Item 11(i – viii) could be considered after item 3. Proposed by Cllr Neal, seconded by Cllr Romney and unanimously resolved*

**14/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

1. 2019/0612/ADV          McDonalds Restaurant Ltd

Land Off Lands’ End Way

Recommend approval

Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Lowe and resolved with 9 votes for and 1 abstention

1. 2019/0665/FUL           Mrs Chadni Patel

74 High Street

Recommend approval subject to the internal alterations being compliant with the constraints of Listed Building conditions

Proposed by Cllr Clough, seconded by Cllr Romney and unanimously resolved

1. 2019/0705/LBA           Mrs Chadni Patel
2. High Street

Recommend approval subject to the internal alterations being compliant with the constraints of Listed Building conditions

Proposed by Cllr Clough, seconded by Cllr Romney and unanimously resolved

1. 2019/0680/FUL           Mr David Graham
2. Gaol Street

Recommend approval

Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Ainsley and unanimously resolved

1. 2019/0735/FUL           Mr & Mrs Nicholls
2. Summerfield

Recommend approval

Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Clough and unanimously resolved

1. 2019/0703/FUL           Mr & Mrs Nerini

Fair View 3 Mount Pleasant

Recommend approval

Proposed by Cllr Neal, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and unanimously resolved

1. 2019/0233/LBA           Evan Amburn

Town Pump Market Place

Recommend approval subject to compliance with Listed Building conditions

Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Buxton and unanimously resolved

1. 2019/0694/PTA           Mr Guthrie

4 Catmose Park Road

OTC refers this back to RCC as they felt they were in no position to comment

Proposed by Cllr Clough, seconded by Cllr Romney and resolved with 9 votes for and 1 abstention by Cllr Lowe

**15/19 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

At this point in the meeting, the Chairman invited the member of the public gave a deputation regarding item 11 (ix) on the agenda

1. 2019/0424/FUL          Mr Munton

            151 Cold Overton Road

Recommend refusal on the grounds that this revised application does not address the issues of overdevelopment of the site, overshadowing neighbouring properties, lack of architectural merit, and not being in keeping with the local street scene, which were the reasons for recommending refusal of the previous application.

If the application is refused, OTC requests that the County Council takes appropriate enforcement action given that some unauthorised construction appears to have been undertaken

Proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Romney and resolved with 8 votes for and 2 abstentions by Cllrs Razzell and Ainsley

**16/19 MAINTENANCE AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE CENTENARY FIELD**

Proposed by Cllr Clough, seconded by Cllr Lowe and unanimously resolved to approve the installation of a new rubbish bin sited 5ft from the memorial bench in the park, and that Council authorises the expenditure of up to £500

**17/19 CUTTS CLOSE EVENTS**

Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Neal and unanimously resolved that

* Council approve the additional date of Sunday 25th August 2019
* Council authorise the public conveniences to be open until 8pm on 25th August 2019
* Council grant permission for Bills Bar to hold an outside bar
* That Council authorises the expenditure, and that a sum not to exceed £800 is allocated from the Promotions of Oakham budget for inclusion of the above
* Cllr Wadsworth liaises with the local police

**18/19 REQUEST TO USE CUTTS CLOSE**

(i) Proposed by Cllr Ainsley, seconded by Cllr Romney and unanimously resolved to grant permission for yoga sessions in Cutts Close, during August and September 2019, with the following stipulations:

* Times of 9am – 10am, so this doesn’t conflict with Didi rugby
* No charge or donation for the activity
  + Council is provided with proof of insurance including public liability

(ii) Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Lowe and unanimously resolved to grant permission for Pinders Circus to use Cutts Close during Thursday 19th March – Sunday 22nd March 2020

1. Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Neal and unanimously resolved

to grant permission for Teds Amusements to supply a refreshment van and small fairground equipment during Sunday 18th August and Sunday 25th August 2019

**19/19 CUTTS CLOSE FUN DAY**

Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Neal and unanimously resolved that

Council authorises the expenditure, and that a sum not to exceed £500 is allocated from the Promotions of Oakham budget

**20/19 PLAYGROUND INSPECTIONS**

Proposed by Cllr Neal, seconded by Cllr Clough and unanimously resolved to elect a Councillor from each ward to examine their play area, and report back to the office any findings for the office to action.

The following Councillors were duly elected:

Cllr Wadsworth (North East – Cutts Close)

Cllr Walters (South – Willow Crescent)

Cllr Romney (North West – Royce’s playing field)

Cllr Clough (Barleythorpe Road – Centenary Field)

**21/19 STRATEGIC VISION FOR OUR PARKS AND OPEN SPACES**

Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Ainsley and unanimously resolved that a

Task and Finish group is set up to discuss and agree the future of parks and open spaces

**The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 8.23pm**

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

**11th September 2019**

**Chairman**