

**MINUTES OF THE RECREATION AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 11<sup>TH</sup> 2019 AT THE OFFICES OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL, VICTORIA HALL, 39, HIGH STREET, OAKHAM**

**PRESENT:**

Cllrs, Alan Walters, Joy Clough, Paul Ainsley, Nick Woodley, Clerk

**ABSENT:** Cllrs Ian Razzell, David Romney, Jean Denyer MBE, Adam Lowe, Zoe Neal, Sally-Anne Wadsworth, Paul Buxton, Mark Lomas

**IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY:** One

*In the absence of the Chairman, the meeting was chaired by the Vice Chairman, Cllr Walters*

*Prior to the commencement of the business, a minute silence was held in tribute to Mr Michael Hinman who sadly passed away on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019. Oakham Town Council expressed their thanks for his contribution to the Neighbourhood Plan as a member of the Steering Group*

**22/19 APOLOGIES**

- (i) Apologies were received from Cllrs Razzell, Romney, Denyer, Lowe, Neal, Wadsworth and Buxton
- (ii) Proposed by Cllr Clough, seconded by Cllr Woodley and unanimously resolved to approve the absence of Cllrs Razzell, Romney, Denyer, Lowe, Neal, Wadsworth and Buxton due to prior commitments

**23/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- (i) No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared
- (ii) Cllr Ainsley declared an interest in item 5 (i) on the Agenda. He stated he would not take part in discussion and would abstain in any vote under those items of business

**24/19 MINUTES**

Proposed by Cllr Clough, seconded by Cllr Ainsley and resolved with 3 votes for and 1 abstention to confirm and accept the minutes of the Recreation and Planning Committee meeting held on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019

**25/19 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

The Chairman invited the member of the public to give his deputation regarding item 5 (i) on the agenda

**26/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- (i) 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 Woodley, seconded by Cllr Clough and resolved with 3 votes for and 1 abstention by Cllr Ainsley
- (ii) 2019/0815/FUL Mr Ashley Dennis  
Change of use to Class A3 on ground floor to relocate bar/waiting area.  
4 Burley Corner, High Street  
Recommend approval  
Proposed by Cllr Clough, seconded by Cllr Ainsley and resolved with 3 votes for and 1 abstention by Cllr Woodley

- (iii) 2019/0614/FUL McDonalds Restaurants  
Erection of a freestanding restaurant with drive-thru facility, car parking, landscaping and associated works, including Customer order displays.  
Off Lands' End Way  
Proposed by Cllr Woodley, seconded by Cllr Clough and unanimously resolved to defer this application due to information received by RCC, but with the understanding this will come back for determination at a later stage
- (iv) 2019/0836/FUL Mrs J Baker  
Front extension to dwelling.  
43 Welland Way  
Recommend approval  
Proposed by Cllr Woodley, seconded by Cllr Clough and unanimously resolved
- (v) 2019/0847/LBA Mr & Mrs Tyler  
Proposed alterations to rear area of existing shop to form rear access/egress.  
15 High Street
- (vi) 2019/0849/LBA Mr & Mrs Tyler  
Rear single storey flat roof extension. Internal alterations. Alterations to existing shop frontage.  
17 High Street
- (vii) 2019/0898/FUL Mr & Mrs Tyler  
Internal alterations to conjoin ground floor retail space of No. 17 with No. 15 High Street to form a single shop/retail unit. Alterations to existing shop frontages. Single storey extension to rear  
15 and 17 High Street

For items (v), (vi) (vii) Council recommends refusal on the grounds of:

- This is a listed building and should be subject to a professional historic building survey and assessment prior to planning consent being considered, and any works undertaken should conform to advice from Historic England
- Ground works associated with digging a stair well in the back yard should be subject to archaeological monitoring
- Information should be supplied as to access to, use of, or impact on the upper stories of the building
- Preserve the fabric of the frontage of the building in keeping with the listed building status

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

- (viii) 2019/0937/LBA Mr Robert Smith  
Change of use from shop and dwelling to a single dwelling.  
30 Northgate  
Recommend approval  
Proposed by Cllr Ainsley, seconded by Cllr Clough and unanimously resolved

## **27/19 PARKS AND OPEN SPACES TASK AND FINISH GROUP**

Proposed by Cllr Clough, seconded by Cllr Woodley and unanimously resolved to defer this item but ask that the Clerk circulates an email for expression of interest

## **28/19 CENTENARY FIELD FENCE**

Proposed by Cllr Clough, seconded by Cllr Woodley and unanimously resolved that:

- (i) That Council instruct the Clerk to write to the landowner, Tresham Institute, to request permission for Oakham Town Council to remove the remains of the old fence, due to its deteriorating state.
- (ii) That the Task and Finish group request an open discussion with Tresham Institute about their expectations for the playing field in light of the terms of the lease

**29/19 PLANTSCAPE AUDIT**

Proposed by Cllr Woodley, seconded by Cllr Ainsley and unanimously resolved that:

- (i) That Council agree to the Clerk sending a letter to Plantscape for their comments regarding deficiencies following an audit
- (ii) That the Floral Working Group be authorised to explore options for the Oakham Floral Displays in 2020

**30/19 ROYCES RECREATION PLAY EQUIPMENT**

It was proposed by Cllr Woodley, seconded by Cllr Clough and unanimously resolved that issues relating to the nest swing and other play equipment is considered by the Parks and Open Spaces Working Group

**31/19 PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORT**

Members noted the quarterly independent playground inspection report. Future reports and a strategy to be considered by the Parks and Open Spaces Working Group, but in the interim all remedial work relating to a medium risk or above to be actioned immediately

**Cllr Walters thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 8.52pm**

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

**26<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
Chairman**