

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 AT THE OFFICES OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL, VICTORIA HALL, 39, HIGH STREET, OAKHAM**

**PRESENT:**

Cllrs Adam Lowe, Sally-Anne Wadsworth, Joyce Lucas BEM, Paul Buxton, Martin Brookes, Daniel Bottomley, Jean Denyer MBE, Anne Skipworth

**ABSENT:** Cllrs Peter Ind and David Romney

**IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY:** Four members of the public

**130/18 APOLOGIES - Standing Order 1(u)**

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

**131/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- (i) No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared
- (ii) Cllr Brookes declared an interest in item 18 on the Agenda. He stated he would take part in discussion and in any vote under that item of business

**132/18 MINUTES**

Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Bottomley and resolved with 7 votes for and 1 abstention that the minutes of the meeting of Oakham Town Council held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 were confirmed, signed by the Chairman and adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting

**133/18 CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER'S REPORTS**

None received

**134/18 COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS**

None received

**135/18 CLERK'S REPORT**

Band Concert – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Due to the World Cup taking place and a large community event planned in the town. In consultation with the Rutland Concert Band, it was suggested, that to allow for everyone to enjoy both events, the concert times for this Sunday only have been changed from 2.30 – 4.30pm to 1pm – 3pm.

Cutts Close Path

Works to the path in Cutts Close has now been scheduled for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2018. The University of Leicester Archaeological Services will be attending.

Bunting

In the shelter is some pieces of old damaged bunting. Council has been approached by Brooke Hill Academy. They would be delighted to take these off our hands if members are happy. This means it can be disposed of with no cost to Council.

Cutts Close – Bouncy Castle

Following the explosion that killed a girl in Norfolk which prompted Council that they will not permit the use of bouncy castles or inflatables at any events taking place on its land, Rutland Inflatables were notified and cancelled for the foreseeable future.

### **136/18 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

Mr Christopher Clark in his capacity as Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group read out a short statement on behalf of the committee.

*During the deputation Cllr Brookes left the room at 7.06pm and returned at 7.09pm*

### **137/18 WORKING GROUPS AND STEERING GROUPS**

Members received and noted the following verbal reports from:

- (i) A representative of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
- (ii) Finance Working Group

### **138/18 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Bottomley and unanimously resolved to approve the statement of accounts to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and the financial budget to 30<sup>th</sup> June 2018

### **139/18 THE APPOINTMENT OF BANK SIGNATORY**

Proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and unanimously resolved to appoint Cllr Skipworth as a bank signatory for the Melton Building Society

### **140/18 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Nominations were invited for members:

- (i) Oakham Town Task and Finish Group  
Proposed by Cllr Skipworth, seconded by Cllr Lucas and unanimously resolved to appoint Cllr Bottomley
- (ii) Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group  
Proposed by Cllr Buxton, seconded by Cllr Skipworth and unanimously resolved to appoint Cllr Buxton
- (iii) It was then proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Lucas and resolved with 5 votes for, and 3 abstentions that Cllr Brookes should be removed as Council's representative for the Neighbourhood Plan following a request from the Steering Group
- (iv) Proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and resolved with 7 votes for and 1 abstention to appoint Cllr Lowe as the new representative for the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group
- (v) St George's Barracks Development Committee  
3 nominations were received.
  - Proposed by Cllr Buxton, seconded by Cllr Skipworth to elect Cllr Bottomley
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  - Proposed by Cllr Brookes seconded by Cllr Bottomley to elect Cllr BrookesTo determine the vote, it was agreed by a show of hands. The Councillor who had the lowest number of votes would be omitted and the vote taken again. The vote was Cllr Bottomley, 4 votes, Cllr Skipworth, 3 votes and Cllr Brookes, 1 vote. A new vote was taken. It was 4 votes for Cllr Bottomley and 3 votes for Cllr Skipworth. Therefore, Cllr Bottomley was appointed as Council's representative

### **141/18 OUTDOOR FITNESS OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT**

Proposed by Cllr Bottomley, seconded by Cllr Lucas and resolved with 7 votes for and 1 against that Council wishes to adopt the fitness equipment to be situated on the grass area between Sculthorpe Close and Burley Park Way and to approve associated expenditure

### **142/18 MAGICAL LANTERN WALK**

Proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Skipworth and resolved with 7 votes for and 1 abstention that Council in principle are in support of the idea

**143/18 PERSONNEL ADVICE & SOLUTIONS LTD**

Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Skipworth and unanimously resolved to authorise the continuation of the current agreement for 6 months

**144/18 EXEMPT ITEMS**

It was proposed by Cllr Skipworth, seconded by Cllr Denyer and resolved with 6 votes for and 2 against to exclude the Press and Public under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended, during consideration of items 16 and 18 on the Agenda as they concern confidential matters

**145/18 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS 2018 – 2020**

Members considered the quotations and designs received. It was proposed by Cllr Buxton, seconded by Cllr Lucas and resolved with 7 votes for and 1 abstention that the provision of Oakham's Christmas display and tree be awarded to The Christmas Decorators for a three-year period 2018 – 2020, choosing option 2 with the coloured festoon lights and to approve the expenditure of £15,163 per year

**146/18 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 28**

It was proposed by Cllr Brookes, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and unanimously resolved to agree to suspend Standing Order 28 in order that item 18 on the Agenda can be considered

**147/18 CO-OPTION FOR THE OAKHAM NORTH EAST WARD VACANCY**

Following receipt of two applications for the Oakham North East Ward vacancy, both applicants were considered for appointment:

Proposed by Cllr Lucas and seconded by Cllr Lowe to elect Mr Spencer.

Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth and seconded by Cllr Bottomley to elect Mrs Berry.

There were no votes for Mr Spencer and 5 votes for Mrs Berry, therefore with an absolute majority, Mrs Berry was duly elected.

After the votes had been concluded at 8.03pm, the press and public were invited back into the meeting where the Chairman declared the successful candidate

**There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05pm**

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

**8<sup>th</sup> August 2018  
Chairman**