

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY JULY 12<sup>TH</sup> 2017 AT THE OFFICES OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL,  
VICTORIA HALL, 39, HIGH STREET, OAKHAM**

**PRESENT:**

Cllrs, Michael Haley (Chair), Peter Ind, Mrs Anne Skipworth, Andrew Bennett, Martin Brookes, Adam Lowe, Mrs Joyce Lucas BEM, David Romney

**ABSENT:** Cllr Miss Sally-Anne Wadsworth

4 members of the public were also present

Cllr Oliver Bird (RCC) was invited to speak by the Chairman on Agenda items 11 and 12

**438/17 APOLOGIES - Standing Order 1(u)**

- (i) An apology for absence had been received from Cllr Sally-Anne Wadsworth
- (ii) It was proposed by Cllr Martin Brookes seconded by Cllr David Romney and unanimously resolved to approve the absence of Cllr Wadsworth due to a prior commitment

**439/17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- (i) No Disclosable Pecuniary Interests were declared
- (ii) No other interests were declared

**440/17 MINUTES (*Appendix A*)**

It was proposed by Cllr Martin Brookes, seconded by Cllr Andrew Bennett and resolved with 5 votes for, 1 against and 2 abstentions subject to the following amendment, *Cllr Skipworth left the meeting for 5 minutes*, that the minutes of the meeting of the Oakham Town Council held on the Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017 were adopted as a true and accurate record

**441/17 CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER'S REPORTS**

- (i) The Chairman gave a verbal report of the functions he had attended in his capacity as Mayor
- (ii) Cllr Joyce Lucas, as the Council's representative, gave a verbal report on her attendance at a meeting of Oakham In Bloom. Cllr Lucas also gave feedback following the Proms in the Park event
- (iii) Cllr Adam Lowe, gave a verbal report on the councillor training he had attended with Cllr Lucas on 11<sup>th</sup> July. Cllr Lowe also gave a verbal report on behalf of Cllr Wadsworth following the success of the events in the park

**442/17 COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS**

None received

**443/17 CLERK'S REPORT – For information only**

**Band Concerts**

Please contact Cllr Sally-Anne Wadsworth if you are able to host any of the concerts:

- 16 July – Rutland Concert Band
- 23 July - Rushden Town Band
- 30 July - Deeping Dixielanders
- 06 Aug – Mississippi Jazzmen
- 13 Aug – Kibworth Band
- 20 Aug – Wrinkle Rock

## **Green Flag**

Results and feedback will be available from Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2017

### **444/17 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

A member of the public enquired on Oakham Town Council's involvement in the proposed plans for the Town Centre improvement scheme

### **445/17 WORKING GROUPS AND STEERING GROUPS STRATEGY**

*(Appendices Bi –Bii)*

Members noted the reports

### **446/17 SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER 32**

It was proposed by Cllr Martin Brookes, seconded by Cllr Peter Ind and unanimously resolved to agree to suspend Standing Order 32 (Casual Vacancies and Co-option of Councillors) in order that Item 10 on the agenda can be considered

### **447/17 CO-OPTION OF A NEW MEMBER**

It was proposed by Cllr Adam Lowe, seconded by Cllr Martin Brookes and resolved with 6 votes for, 1 against and 1 abstention that Mr Paul Buxton is co-opted onto Oakham Town Council for the South West Ward

### **448/17 PARKING REVIEW – SCHEME PROPOSAL FORM (*Appendix C*)**

- (i) It was proposed by Cllr David Romney, seconded by Cllr Adam Lowe to support the proposal of double yellow lines with no time restriction. This motion fell with 3 votes for, 4 against and 1 abstention
- (ii) It was proposed by Cllr Ann Skipworth to recommend that the restriction is on one side at least the full length of the road. There was no seconder so the motion fell
- (iii) It was proposed by Cllr Peter Ind, seconded by Cllr Martin Brookes and resolved with 6 votes for, 1 against to support the proposal but members object to a double yellow line
- (iv) It was proposed by Cllr Peter Ind, seconded by Cllr Anne Skipworth and agreed with 7 votes for and 1 abstention, that the Council would not be willing to make a financial contribution

### **449/17 PARKING CHANGES REVIEW (*Appendix D*)**

It was proposed by Cllr Michael Haley, seconded by Cllr Martin Brookes and unanimously resolved that a letter received from a resident in Dean's Street will be passed to Rutland County Council for action

### **450/17 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS (*Appendix E*)**

It was proposed by Cllr Peter Ind, seconded by Cllr David Romney and resolved with 7 votes for, and 1 abstention to approve the Statement of Accounts – June 2017

### **451/17 BUSINESS PLAN FOR OCC BUILDING (*Appendix F*)**

- (i) It was proposed by Cllr Martin Brookes, seconded by Cllr Peter Ind to defer this item so a working group could be set up. This motion fell with 3 votes for, 4 against and 1 abstention
- (ii) It was proposed by Cllr David Romney, seconded by Cllr Joyce Lucas and resolved with 7 votes for and 1 against Council resolved to lease the building to Oakham Studio as outlined in the report submitted to Council May 2017 and to approve the expenditure of £550, subject to planning approval

**452/17 EXEMPT ITEM**

It was proposed by Cllr Michael Haley, seconded by Cllr David Romney and resolved with 7 votes for and 1 against to exclude the Press and Public under Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended, during consideration of Item 16 on the agenda as it concerns confidential matters

*To allow for members to read the confidential report, the meeting was adjourned at 20.23 and reconvened at 20.28*

**453/17 STAFFING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (*Appendix G*)**

It was proposed by Cllr Adam Lowe, seconded by Cllr David Romney and resolved with 7 votes for and 1 against to accept the recommendation that Mrs Gemma Hughes is offered the position of Office Assistant, as advertised, employment to commence subject to employment notice

**There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 20.38**

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

**9<sup>th</sup> August 2017**  
**Chairman**