

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 13TH 2016 AT THE OFFICES OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL, VICTORIA HALL, 39, HIGH STREET, OAKHAM

PRESENT:

Adam Lowe, Martin Brookes, Stan Stubbs, Mrs Joyce Lucas BEM, Vince Howard, Michael Elliott, Michael Haley, Tracy Carr, Peter Ind, Sally Anne Wadsworth, Jasmine Hopkins

ABSENT:

None

One member of the public was also present

093/16 VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE (*Appendix A*)

This item was retracted prior to the meeting

It was proposed by Cllr Martin Brookes, seconded by Cllr Adam Lowe and unanimously agreed that a recorded vote was taken for the next item

094/16 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Cllr Joyce Lucas, seconded by Cllr Michael Haley and agreed with 10 votes for and 1 abstention that Cllr Adam Lowe be elected Chairman of the Council and the Mayor of Oakham for the remainder of the municipal year.

7.05pm the meeting was adjourned for Cllr Lowe to sign his Declaration of Acceptance.

095/16 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

Cllr Adam Lowe signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office for the Chairman which was duly witnessed by the Assistant Clerk to the Council.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.06pm

It was proposed by Cllr Martin Brookes, seconded by Cllr Adam Lowe and unanimously agreed that a recorded vote was taken for the next item

096/16 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN

The following 3 members were nominated:

Cllr Michael Haley – Proposed by Cllr Jasmine Hopkins, seconded by Cllr Adam Lowe and received 7 votes

Cllr Peter Ind - Proposed by Cllr Stan Stubbs, seconded by Cllr Joyce Lucas and received 3 votes

Cllr Martin Brookes – Proposed by Cllr Martin Brookes, seconded by Michael Elliott and received 1 vote

Therefore Cllr Michael Haley be elected Deputy Chairman of the Council and the Deputy Mayor of Oakham for the remainder of the municipal year.

097/16 APOLOGIES - Standing Order 1(u)

- (i) No apologies for absence were received

098/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

099/16 MINUTES (*Appendix B*)

It was proposed by Cllr Martin Brookes, seconded by Cllr Adam Lowe and unanimously resolved that the minutes of the meeting of Oakham Town Council held on Wednesday March 9th 2016 be signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting but to include the following amendment:

- (i) That Minute Number 089/16 have the words “should not be” inserted rather than should be

100/16 COUNCILLOR’S QUESTIONS

None notified

101/16 CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER’S REPORTS

The Chairman reported his attendance at the County Thanksgiving Service held on Sunday 10th April

Cllr Jasmine Hopkins as the Councils representative reported her attendance at the Rutland Access Group and Victoria Hall Trustee meeting

Cllr Martin Brookes reported on his attendance at the High Sheriff in Nomination

Cllr Vincent Howard updated members on the National Beacon Lighting Event due to take place on the evening of April 21st 2016 in Cutts Close

102/16 CLERK’S REPORT – For information only

Due to the absence of the Clerk no report was received

103/16 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None

104/16 WORKING GROUPS AND STEERING GROUPS STRATEGY ASSURANCE

Councillors noted the report

105/16 CITIZEN’S ADVICE RUTLAND FUNDING

It was proposed by Cllr Vince Howard, seconded by Cllr Michael Elliott and agreed with 8 votes for, 1 against and 1 abstention to authorise a payment of £6500 for the funding of two projects

106/16 REQUEST TO USE CUTTS CLOSE FOR FUND RAISING (*Appendix D*)

It was proposed by Cllr Stan Stubbs, seconded by Cllr Sally Anne Wadsworth and unanimously agreed that Jane Jones is given permission to use Cutts Close for fund raising car boots in 2016. This to be on the lower terrace of the park, nearest the Skatepark, with access from Burley Road. The Council would inspect and observe the event to ensure safe use, and no damage to the newly planted trees

107/16 CHRISTMAS TREE 2016 (*Appendix E*)

It was proposed by Cllr Vince Howard, seconded by Cllr Michael Haley and unanimously agreed that this item be deferred and for Cllr Martin Brookes to research further quotations

108/16 SOCIAL MEDIA (*Appendix F*)

It was proposed by Cllr Peter Ind, seconded by Cllr Vince Howard and unanimously agreed that the use of social media is expanded to include local community news and events

109/16 BUSINESS PLAN OPTIONS FOR OCC BUILDING USE (*Appendix G*)

It was proposed by Cllr Stan Stubbs seconded by Cllr Vince Howard and agreed with 10 votes for and 1 abstention

- (i) To approve AW Wainwright carry out a lease survey
- (ii) To authorise expenditure of £250

120/16 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS (*Appendix H*)

It was proposed by Cllr Vince Howard seconded by Cllr Stan Stubbs and agreed with 10 votes for and 1 abstention to approve the Schedule of Payments from March 1st 2016 – March 31st 2016

121/16 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS (*Appendix I*)

It was proposed by Cllr Vince Howard seconded by Cllr Peter Ind and agreed with 10 votes for and 1 abstention to approve the Statement of Accounts to March 31st 2016

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.17pm

Signed _____
27th April 2016
Chairman