

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY JANUARY 30<sup>TH</sup> 2019 AT THE OFFICES OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL, VICTORIA HALL, 39, HIGH STREET, OAKHAM**

**PRESENT:**

Cllrs Adam Lowe (Chair), Joyce Lucas BEM, Martin Brookes, Daniel Bottomley, Jean Denyer MBE, Anne Skipworth, Paul Buxton, Sally-Anne Wadsworth, Joy Clough, David Romney, Peter Ind

**ABSENT:** Cllr Zoe Neal

**IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY:** 4 members of the public

*Prior to the commencement of the business, a minute silence was held in tribute to a former Oakham Town Council Mayor, Mr Peter May who sadly passed away.*

*The Chairman also advised members that items 13 (iv) and 15 on the agenda had been withdrawn prior to the meeting*

**11/19 APOLOGIES - Standing Order 1(u)**

- (i) Apologies were received from Cllr Neal due to a prior commitment
- (ii) Proposed these be accepted by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Lucas and unanimously resolved

**12/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- (i) No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared
- (ii) No other interests were declared

**13/19 MINUTES**

Proposed by Cllr Bottomley, seconded by Cllr Skipworth and resolved with 10 votes for and 1 abstention that the minutes of the meeting of Oakham Town Council held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2019 were confirmed, signed by the Chairman and adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting

**14/19 CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER'S REPORTS**

- (i) Cllr Ind gave a verbal report as Councils representatives for the Parish Forum. Cllr Ind advised members that the date for the next meeting, is 4th March, 7pm at RCC
- (ii) Cllr Bottomley gave a verbal report on a meeting he attended on the 9<sup>th</sup> January as Councils representative for St George's Barracks project.  
The reports were received and noted by the meeting.

**15/19 COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS**

None received

**16/19 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

None

**17/19 MAYORAL CHAIN OF OFFICE**

Proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Buxton and resolved with 7 votes for, 2 against (Cllr Brookes) and 1 abstention that Council agree in principle to purchase a replacement regalia but ask that the Clerk seeks 2 additional quotations

**18/19 REPLACEMENT TREES IN ROYCES RECREATION GROUND**

Proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Buxton and resolved with 10 votes for and 1 against that Council agree in principle to purchase 2 replacement trees but ask that the Clerk seeks 2 additional quotations

**19/19 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

In relation to the Fox Hunt Meeting in Oakham, the Chairman read out an email from a resident. Members also received and noted a letter from League Against Cruel Sports. It was proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and resolved with 9 votes for and 2 against that the Chairman acknowledges the letter

## **20/19 SERVICE CONTRACT FOR 5 HANDWASHING/DRYING UNITS AT CHURCH STREET PUBLIC TOILETS**

Proposed by Cllr Brookes that Council do not renew the annual contract. There was no seconder, so this motion fell. It was then proposed by Cllr Clough, seconded by Cllr Lucas and resolved with 9 votes for and 2 against that Council agrees to a service contract with Wallgate for a period of 1 year, and the Clerk be authorised to sign the contract on behalf of the Council.

It was also noted that if any councillor wished to research the issue for alternatives they could do so and bring a report to Council

## **21/19 PERSONNEL ADVICE & SOLUTIONS LTD**

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

## **22/19 REQUEST TO USE CUTTS CLOSE**

- (i) Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Clough and unanimously resolved to grant permission for Hollands Fair to use Cutts Close from:  
30<sup>th</sup> April until 6<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and 11<sup>th</sup> August until 17<sup>th</sup> August 2019 with the caveat that arrival on a Sunday must be after 2.30pm
- (ii) Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Skipworth and unanimously resolved to grant permission for an Ice Cream vendor (Mr Whippy Soft Ice Cream) to be parked in Cutts Close on a Sunday from 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019 until Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2019
- (iii) Proposed by Cllr Skipworth, seconded by Cllr Buxton and unanimously resolved to grant permission for Rutland Concert Band to use Cutts Close Bandstand and pyrotechnics for their 1812 Overture on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019

## **23/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- (i) 2018/1314/FUL Mr & Mrs Wainwright  
Single storey rear extension and alterations to existing garage  
10 Gunthorpe Close  
Recommend Approval  
Proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Clough and unanimously resolved
- (ii) 2018/1341/FUL Mr S Murray  
Change of use from 2 no cottages to commercial shop use (Class A)  
18 & 20 Gaol Street  
Recommend Refusal on the grounds that the premises are in a conservation area. There are empty shop premises on the High Street. There would be a loss of affordable housing, amenity and heritage  
Proposed by Cllr Lucas, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and unanimously resolved
- (iii) 2019/0037/RG3 Rutland County Council  
Regulation 3 application for change of use of first floor of Jules House from Residential to Office use (B1), returning the whole building back to office use  
Jules House, 1 Cold Overton Road  
Proposed by Cllr Clough, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth to recommend approval.  
This motion fell with 3 votes for, 6 against and 2 abstentions  
Recommend Refusal on the grounds of loss of youth services  
Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Ind and resolved with 6 votes for, 1 against and 4 abstentions
- (iv) 2018/1337/CAT Alan Wadsworth  
This application was withdrawn

**24/19 EXEMPT ITEM**

Proposed by Cllr Bottomley, seconded by Cllr Lucas and resolved with 10 votes for and 1 against to exclude the Public and Press during consideration of items 15 and 16 on the agenda, under Section 100 (2) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended due to the confidential nature of the matters to be discussed

**25/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

This item was withdrawn and deferred prior to the meeting

**26/19 OCC BUILDING**

Record Note Item 16 / Minute reference 26/19 are recorded on a separate confidential page of the minutes and will be filed with the Town Council official minute book

**The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 8.26pm**

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

**13<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
Chairman**