

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

**PRESENT:** Cllrs David Romney (Chair), Joy Clough, Adam Lowe, Sally-Anne Wadsworth, Ian Razzell, Jean Denyer MBE (part), Clerk

**ABSENT:** Cllrs Alan Walters, Paul Ainsley, Nick Woodley, Paul Buxton, Zoe Neal, Mark Lomas

**IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY:** Three

**252/19 APOLOGIES**

- (i) Apologies were received from Cllrs Walters, Ainsley, Woodley, Buxton, Neal and Lomas due to prior commitments
- (ii) Proposed these be accepted by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Denyer and unanimously resolved

**253/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**254/19 MINUTES**

Proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and resolved with 4 votes for and 2 abstentions that subject to typographical errors on items 235/19, 245/19 and the insertion that *Council approves the lease* on item 239/19, the minutes of Oakham Town Council held on Wednesday 27<sup>h</sup> November 2019 were confirmed, signed by the Chairman and adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

**255/19 CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER'S REPORTS**

The Chairman advised Council members and all members of the public present, that a member of the Staffing committee had breached OTC Policy and GDPR (personal data) and on that basis, he was appointing the Deputy Chair (Cllr Wadsworth) to appoint an Investigation Committee to carry out a full investigation

**256/19 COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS**

None received

*At this point in the meeting and in accordance with procedures laid down in Standing Orders 6 (a) the Chairman altered the order of business so that Item 13 could be considered after item 6*

**257/19 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

- (i) A member of the public gave a deputation regarding item 13 on the agenda
- (ii) A member of the public gave a deputation regarding item 8 (a) on the agenda

**258/19 COTTESMORE HUNT**

Proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and resolved with 3 votes for, 2 against by Cllrs Razzell and Romney and 1 abstention by Cllr Denyer that permission is granted to the Cottesmore Hunt to use Cutts Close for its annual Boxing Day meet

**259/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REGULATION 16 CONSULTATION**

This item was withdrawn

*The deputation was made at this point in relation to planning application 8 (a)*

**260/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Members considered the following applications:

- (a) 2019/1228/OUT – Outline application for the erection of up to 40 dwellings with associated open space, landscaping and infrastructure (access for detailed consideration with all other matters reserved for future consideration), Allotment Gardens, Brooke Road  
Recommend refusal on the grounds of unsuitability of the nature of the site, negative impact on protected wildlife, the negative impact on road usage and pedestrian safety and the poor quality of life due to the negative impact of the railway, for those who would have to live there  
 Proposed by Cllr Clough, seconded by Cllr Denyer and resolved with 3 votes for, 1 against and 2 abstentions by Cllrs Razzell and Lowe
- (b) 2019/1276/FUL - Erection of 3 metre boundary fence, 11 Catmose Park Road  
Recommend approval  
 Proposed by Cllr Denyer, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and resolved with 5 votes for and 1 abstention by Cllr Lowe
- (c) 2019/1076/MAF - New commercial development and access on allocated employment land comprising the following: New industrial unit with retail sales element - B2/A1 use for C&M Tractors. New vehicle showroom for C&M VSS - Sui generis use, 2 new office/property hub buildings for Moores - B1/A2 use, land at Hawksmead Business Park  
Recommend approval  
 Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Clough and resolved with 4 votes for and 2 abstentions by Cllrs Lowe and Razzell
- (d) 2019/1223/FUL - Retrospective application for double garage. Proposed 1.8 metre feather edge fence to side of property, 2 Derwent Drive  
Recommend approval  
 Proposed by Cllr Razzell, seconded by Cllr Clough and resolved with 5 votes for and 1 abstention by Cllr Lowe
- (e) 2019/1275/LBA – Rear, single storey, glazed orangery extension, Flores House, 34D High Street  
Recommend approval  
 Proposed by Cllr Clough, seconded by Cllr Denyer and resolved with 4 votes for and 2 abstentions by Cllrs Lowe and Razzell
- (f) 2019/1179/PTA - (T1) 1 no. Yew - To reduce in height by 3 metres to match neighbouring yew tree pulling branches away from buildings. (T2) 1 no. Magnolia - fell. (T3) 1 no. Laurel - fell - This is situated close to stone walls and causing damage, Fair View 3 Mount Pleasant, Uppingham Road  
Recommend approval  
 Proposed by Cllr Denyer, seconded by Cllr Razzell and resolved with 5 votes for and 1 abstention by Cllr Lowe
- (g) 2019/1261/PTA - Remove water shoots from lowest 8m of Hornbeam (T1) nearest house, and reduce spread over house by 1.5m; remove water shoots to 8m from Hornbeam tree (T2) behind - this work has been undertaken previously and will aid the resident to get more light into his garden and enjoy his garden, 54 Springfield Road  
Recommend approval  
 Proposed by Cllr Denyer, seconded by Cllr Clough and resolved with 5 votes for and 1 abstention by Cllr Lowe
- (h) 2019/1181/FUL - Proposed Extension to Existing approved building to create a further 8 linked aftercare apartments and associated car parking and landscape, former site of Rutland, Main Street  
OTC note the application but felt this is the remit of Barleythorpe Parish Council

*At this point in the meeting and in accordance with procedures laid down in Standing Orders 6 (a) the Chairman altered the order of business so that Item 14 could be considered after item 8*

**261/19 OAKHAM UNITED CHARITIES**

Proposed by Cllr Clough, seconded by Cllr Denyer and unanimously resolved to dismiss this item due to not being Council business

*At 19.34, Cllr Denyer gave her apologies, left the meeting and did not return*

**262/19 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Clough and unanimously resolved to approve the Statement of Accounts to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and total expenditure of £32,551.42

**263/19 2020/21 BUDGET ROUND 3**

Members considered and noted the draft budget

**264/19 AUTHORISATION TO AN PAY INVOICE OVER £5000**

Proposed by Cllr Clough, seconded by Cllr Razzell and unanimously resolved to authorise the payment of £9380 + VAT (£11256) for year 2 of the Christmas decorations rental agreement

**265/19 WORKING GROUPS**

Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and resolved with 4 votes for and 1 abstention to put the Town Floral Display out to tender for a three-year contract, and that the precise requirements for tendering would be brought to the January meeting.

**The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 20.24**

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

**Chairman  
8<sup>th</sup> January 2020**