

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2020 AT THE OFFICES OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL, VICTORIA HALL, 39, HIGH STREET, OAKHAM

PRESENT: Cllrs David Romney (Chair), Joy Clough, Paul Buxton, Alan Walters, Paul Ainsley, Ian Razzell, Zoe Neal, Mark Lomas, the Clerk

ABSENT: Cllrs Adam Lowe, Sally-Anne Wadsworth, Jean Denyer MBE, Nick Woodley

IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY: Two

31/20 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lowe, Wadsworth, Denyer and Woodley. It was proposed by Cllr Razzell, seconded by Cllr Ainsley and unanimously agreed that apologies be accepted

32/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Clough declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10

33/20 MINUTES

Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Buxton and unanimously resolved that the minutes of full Council held on Wednesday 29th January 2020 were confirmed, with an amendment that apologies were received from Cllr Lomas, and signed by the Chairman and adopted as a true and accurate record of that meeting.

34/20 CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER'S REPORTS

A verbal report was received from Cllr Buxton as Oakham In Bloom's representative
An update was received from Cllr Ainsley regarding Councils website
An update was received from Cllr Razzell as the Military representative

35/20 COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS

None received

36/20 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

- (i) A committee member from the Tennis Club gave short statement and was also invited by the Chairman to answer any questions in relation to item 12 on the agenda.
- (ii) The Chairman of the Neighbourhood Steering Group gave short statement and was also invited by the Chairman to answer any questions in relation to item 7 on the agenda.

For the next item of business, a declaration by the Chairman was given that the resolution is taken by a recorded vote

37/20 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN REGULATION 16 CONSULTATION AND SUBMISSION

Proposed by Cllr Walters, seconded by Cllr Razzell and resolved with:
5 votes for by Cllrs Walters, Clough, Ainsley, Razzell and Lomas, 2 against by Cllrs Romney and Neal and 1 abstention by Cllr Buxton, that Council do not accept the plan and for all interested members be considered for further representation on the steering group

38/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) 2019/1308/FUL – remove an existing 1.5m wall parallel to Mayfield and replace with 1.8m wooden fence supported by concrete base boards and posts to be placed 7.6cms away from the property boundary/road kerb, 27 Springfield Way – Recommend Approval
Proposed by Cllr Walters, seconded by Cllr Clough and unanimously resolved

b) 2020/0092/LBA – proposed conversion of building to form a single dwelling house, 21 Northgate – Recommend refusal on the grounds, Council are unable to make a decision without a Heritage Impact Assessment report

Proposed by Cllr Clough, seconded by Cllr Razzell and unanimously resolved

c) 2020/0047/LBA – illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building, The Wheatsheaf 2-4 Northgate – Recommend Approval

Proposed by Cllr Clough, seconded by Cllr Buxton and unanimously resolved

d) 2020/0077/PTA – 1 no, Lime Tree- crown lift to 9 metres to clear adjacent property by 4 metres, The Admiral Hornblower, 64 High Street - Recommend Approval

Proposed by Cllr Neal, seconded by Cllr Razzell and unanimously resolved

e) 2020/0021/FUL – reserved matters to alter approved plans for phase 9 area C only. In order to make amendments to 9 no. plots, remove 5 no. plots and create some garages approved under reserved matters application 2016/0673/RES in relation to permission APP/2011/0832, land between Barleythorpe and Oakham Burley Park Way – Recommend refusal of the removal of 5 homes due to a shortage of smaller houses

Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Clough and unanimously resolved

39/20 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Proposed by Cllr Ainsley, seconded by Cllr Razzell and unanimously resolved to approve the Statement of Accounts to 31st January 2020

At this point in the meeting it was proposed by Cllr Walters, seconded by Cllr Romney and unanimously resolved to alter the order of business so that Items 10, 12, 13, and 14 could be considered and to exclude the press and public due to confidential and contractual matters

40/20 APPOINTMENTS OF OAKHAM UNTIITED CHARITIES

Proposed by Cllr Walters, seconded by Cllr Lomas and resolved by 5 votes for, 2 against and 1 abstention by Cllr Clough to approve the 3 nominations and Mrs E Needham, Miss J Hughes and Mr Cattigan are duly appointed as Trustees of the Charity

41/20 TENNIS CLUB

Proposed by Cllr Razzell, seconded by Cllr Walters and unanimously resolved that Council do not grant the Deeds of Variation at this stage and for the Clerk to seek legal advice on Councils current status and options

42/20 FLORAL DISPLAYS

Proposed by Cllr Walters, seconded by Cllr Razzell and resolved by 5 votes for and 3 abstentions to award the contract for the Town's floral displays for the period 2020-2022 to Windowflowers Ltd at £14039 per annum and that the Clerk, be authorised to sign the Contract on behalf of the Council.

43/20 OFFICE RELOCATION

Proposed by Cllr Neal, seconded by Cllr Walters and resolved with 6 votes for, 1 against and 1 abstention to approve the lease subject to the insertion of 'independent surveyor'.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 20.27

Signed: _____

**Chairman
11th March 2020**