

## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021, VIA ZOOM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs David Romney (Chair), Sally-Anne Wadsworth, Paul Buxton, Andy Burton, Richard Fresia-Farrelly, Adam Lowe, Jean Denyer MBE, Clerk to the Council

**ABSENT:** Cllr Zoe Neal

**IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY:** None

### **17/21 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received

### **18/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- a. Cllr Lowe declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10a and 16
- b. Cllr Buxton declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10a

### **19/21 MINUTES**

Proposed by Cllr Fresia-Farrelly seconded by Cllr Lowe and resolved with 6 voted for and 1 abstention to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021 as a true record of that meeting

### **20/21 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

None

### **21/21 COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS**

None

### **22/21 CLERKS REPORT, ACTIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVE**

Work orders were raised for the removal of Tresham signs and cement blocks from the woodland area of the Centenary field, plus an emergency call out to the Community Centre regarding a leaking roof

### **23/21 CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER'S REPORTS**

- a. Due to the current pandemic situation and in accordance with Standing order 31, Cllr Romney on behalf of the Council provided donations of non-perishable items to the Rutland Memorial Hospital. Cllr Romney also took this opportunity on behalf of members to thank Cllr Denyer for her efforts regarding the Melton Maternity Hospital project.
- b. Cllr Burton gave a verbal report on the recent meeting of the Parish Forum he had attended

### **24/21 WORKING GROUPS**

- a. Proposed by Cllr Buxton, seconded by Cllr Burton and unanimously resolved that Cllr Denyer and a representative from Oakham In Bloom are duly elected to the Floral working group
- b. Proposed by Cllr Buxton, seconded by Cllr Lowe and unanimously resolved to merge both Promotion and Publicity and the Christmas working group and rebrand to 'Events'

### **25/21 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Proposed by Cllr Fresia-Farrelly, seconded by Cllr Lowe and unanimously resolved to approve a request from Young People's Services for a donation of £500 needed as a start-up grant for a new skate park project

**26/21 TO CONSIDER CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL**

- a) 2020/1473/OUT Mr Gareth Ball  
Outline planning application for the construction of up to 62 no. dwellings (Use Class C3) with associated landscaping, open space and access, drainage, and services infrastructure; to include details of access off Braunston Road, with all other matters reserved  
Members principle concerns in respect of the application suggest before this is considered, further investigation should be taken into account regarding the flooding/drainage issues and the surrounding highway network  
Proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Fresia-Farrelly, and resolved with 5 votes for and 2 abstentions
- b) 2021/0036/FUL Paulina Kalitan  
Alterations to listed building in relation to the change of use to ground floor to A3. Temporary change of use to ground floor to A5.  
34A-34C High Street  
Recommend approval to the change of use, but object to the alteration to the serving hatch  
Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Burton, and unanimously resolved
- c) 2021/0037/LBA Paulina Kalitan  
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Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Burton, and unanimously resolved
- d) 2021/0062/ADV Rutland Count Council  
Statutory notices sign at Catmose Street  
Recommend approval  
Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth, and unanimously resolved

**27/21 CO-OPTION PROCESS**

Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Burton, and unanimously resolved, that Cllr Romney is duly appointed as an additional member onto the interview panel

**28/21 AUTHORISATION TO AN PAY INVOICE OVER £5000**

Proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Burton, and unanimously resolved to authorise the payment of £12764.70 for the community street lighting recharge 2020-21

**29/21 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

Proposed by Cllr Denyer, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth, and unanimously resolved to approve the Statement of Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2021

**30/21 PRESS AND MEDIA**

Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Lowe, and resolved with 5 votes for and 2 abstentions that this item is deferred until the Policies and Procedures working group produce a Communications policy for approval by full Council and in the interim Cllr Wadworth and the Clerk will act as moderators for Council's Facebook page

**31/21 CUTTS CLOSE**

Proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth, and unanimously resolved to grant permission in principle (due to any restrictions at that time) for Hollands Fair to use Cutts Close from 25th April until 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

**32/21 TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER DRAFT DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR RUTLAND AND SOUTH KESTEVEN**

Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Denyer, and resolved with 5 votes for and 2 abstentions that members send any feedback/comments to Cllr Burton and in coordination with the office will send a collective response on behalf of Council

**33/21 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC**

Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Burton, and unanimously resolved to exclude the public and press for consideration of the following contractual matters, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, section 1

**34/21 CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS**

This item was deferred

**35/21 OAKHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE LEASE**

Proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth, and unanimously resolved to approve the lease. Cllr Romney also took this opportunity on behalf of members to thank Cllr Burton for his input and help

**The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 19.48**

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

**Chairman  
10<sup>th</sup> March 2021**