

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13TH JANUARY 2021, VIA ZOOM

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

ABSENT: Cllr Jean Denyer MBE

IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY: 1

01/21 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Denyer. Proposed these be accepted by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth, and unanimously resolved

02/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. Cllr Burton declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 10
- b. Cllr Buxton declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 14

03/21 MINUTES

Proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Neal and unanimously resolved to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9th December 2020 as a true record of that meeting

04/21 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None

05/21 COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS

None

06/21 CLERKS REPORT, ACTIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVE

Market Square - Subject to weather conditions Rutland County Council plan to reinstate the original Market Place parking bays/markings and remove the current restrictions from Monday 11th January

Christmas Decorations - The contractor had to rearrange the take down schedule this year due to the COVID restrictions, resulting in a few delays to their original plan. It has now been planned for Thursday 14th and complete the High Street on Sunday 17th, with any final work on Monday 18th. Traffic management and a cherry picker are arranged for Sunday

07/21 CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER'S REPORTS

Cllr Burton gave a verbal report on the recent meeting of the Parish Forum he had attended

Cllr Buxton re-joined the meeting and apologies were given due to technical problems

08/21 WORKING GROUPS

- a. Proposed by Cllr Fresia-Farrelly, seconded by Cllr Burton, and unanimously resolved to review the working groups at its February meeting. Therefore, it was proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth, and unanimously agreed that:
- b. Cllr Burton, and a representative from Oakham In Bloom are duly appointed to the Floral working group
- c. Cllrs Burton and Fresia-Farrelly are duly appointed to the Christmas working group
- d. Cllr Burton is duly appointed to the Promotion and Publicity working group

09/21 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Proposed by Cllr Neal, seconded by Cllr Lowe, and unanimously resolved to approve the Statement of Accounts to 31st December 2020 and expenditure of £16,445.09

10/21 CONSIDER AND APPROVE PROPOSALS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR FY2021/22 BUDGET AND PRECEPT

Proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth, and unanimously resolved to approve the proposed budget and Precept, of £275,595 (two hundred and seventy-five thousand, five hundred and ninety-five pounds and for the Clerk to issue the Precept notice to Rutland County Council

11/21 EXTERNAL AUDITORS REPORT

Proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Burton and unanimously resolved to accept the external auditors report from PKF Littlejohn LLP

12/21 CENTENARY FIELD

Proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and unanimously resolved, to defer consideration of this item so that a site visit may be undertaken by members

13/21 OAKHAM BANNER CAMPAIGN

Proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and unanimously agreed to approve the design of the banner, subject to adding Council's crest, approve the expenditure of up to £1000 and to liaise with Rutland County Council on additional suitable locations

14/21 MEMORIAL SEAT

Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Neal and unanimously agreed that Council support the community project to install a Memorial seat at the library entrance and approve the expenditure to meet any funding shortfall if required

15/21 SHELTER PLANS

Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Neal and unanimously agreed that Council authorise the expenditure of up to £6000 to enable the Council to get some accurate costs from prospective builders

16/21 TO CONSIDER CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

- a. 2020/1394/FUL Mr & Mrs Krawczyk
First floor extension over existing garage & small single storey extension to front elevation
10 Witham Avenue
Recommend approval. Proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth
- b. 2020/1435/PTA Mr P Slattery
1 No. Yew Tree (T10). Crown reduce to provide 1m clearance of the house and 1m clearance of the garage roof
Green Hollins 11 Stamford Road
Recommend approval. Proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth
- c. 2020/1466/FUL Mrs Clarke
Erection of single storey rear and side extensions
2 Warn Crescent
Recommend approval. Proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 19.19

Signed: _____

**Chairman
10th February 2021**