

**MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 31<sup>ST</sup> 2021 AT THE OFFICES OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL, ROL HOUSE, LONG ROW, OAKHAM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs David Romney (Chair), Sally-Anne Wadsworth, Paul Buxton, Andy Burton, Richard Fresia-Farrelly, Jean Denyer MBE, Zoe Nealson, Adrian Orchard OBE

**ALSO PRESENT:** Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk

**ABSENT:** Cllr Adam Lowe

**IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY:** Four

**58/21 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

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

**59/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no interests declared

**60/21 MINUTES**

Proposed by Cllr Burton seconded by Cllr Orchard, and unanimously resolved to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2021 as a true record of that meeting

**61/21 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

Three deputations were received regarding item 12 on the agenda

*At the start of the meeting it was proposed by Cllr Romney under Standing Order 6a, to alter the order of business so that Item 12 could be considered next.*

**62/21 ROYCES RECREATION GROUND**

Proposed by Cllr Romney seconded by Cllr Wadsworth, and unanimously resolved to award a contract to Playscape and approve the expenditure of £13,920 for the installation of a half basketball court on Royce's Recreation ground

**63/21 COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS**

None

**64/21 CLERKS REPORT, ACTIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

The Clerk's report was noted

**65/21 CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER'S REPORTS**

- a) The Mayor is continuing to engage with the residents and on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March he was delighted to present prizes to the entrants of the 'decorate an egg competition'. Cllr Romney also thanked the Mayoress for her efforts
- b) A verbal report was received from Cllr Burton as Council's Parish Forum representative

**66/21 WORKING GROUPS**

- a) A verbal report was received from Cllr Burton on behalf of the Business working group
- b) A verbal report was received from Cllr Nealson on behalf of the Media working group
- c) An update was received from Cllr Buxton regarding the Christmas decorations tender
- d) An update was received from Cllr Wadsworth regarding the Easter Treasure Hunt

**67/21 TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

Correspondence was noted. Citizens Advice Rutland to be discussed as an agenda item for the May meeting

**68/21 HYGIENE WASTE DISPOSAL AT PUBLIC TOILETS**

Proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Fresia-Farrelly and unanimously resolved to award the contract for the provision of sanitary disposal to AA Cleaning Services, which is aligned with the Cleaning Contract (April 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 – November 30<sup>th</sup> 2023) at a cost of £1704 p/a. The Clerk to contact PHS Group for payment of compensation for non-compliance

**69/21 CENTENARY FIELD**

Proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and unanimously resolved to authorise the following:

- a) Anti-slip decking at the entrance off Barleythorpe Road and Huntsman Drive
- b) Kissing Gate at the entrance of Barleythorpe Road
- c) Significant gaps in the outer perimeter fenced to be repaired or filled in
- d) Removal of the Ash Trees
- e) Chain link fencing to be removed from the wooded area
- f) The purchase of 4 additional bins

**70/21 TO CONSIDER CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL**

- a) 2021/0281/PTA Mr Sentence  
Reduce height of Hazel trees (G2) along drive to 3.5m  
12 Catmose Park Road  
Recommend approval  
Proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Fresia-Farrelly and unanimously resolved
- b) 2021/0123/LBA Mr and Mrs Tyler  
Newly positioned staircase  
17 High Street  
Recommend approval  
Proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Fresia-Farrelly and unanimously resolved
- c) 2020/1414/FUL Mr Joyce  
Retrospective works- Gabion Baskets along edge of property to support garage and driveway.  
54 Lonsdale Way  
Recommend approval  
Proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and unanimously resolved
- d) 2021/0077/FUL Mr and Mrs Hawkey  
Proposed single storey rear extension. Alterations to existing rear elevation- replace hipped roof with raised flat roof and roof lantern, replace existing sliding doors with window. Replace 2 no. first floor windows with double glazed units to rear. New Air Source Heat Pump to rear of property.  
72 High Street  
Recommend approval  
Proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Nealson and unanimously resolved
- e) 2021/0121/PTA Unknown  
T2- Goat Willow in front garden of No 10. Remove branches overhanging No.8 and reducing natural light in the kitchen. Also, to stop future growth damaging the roof of no.8. The owners of No.10 have fully agreed with this action.  
10 Catmose Park Road  
Recommend approval  
Proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Denyer and unanimously resolved

- f) 2021/0182/FUL Mr Dade  
Proposed single storey front and side extensions to replace existing porch and garage,  
and single storey rear extension.  
11 Kennedy Close  
No comment – subject to Bat report
- g) 2021/0196/FUL Mrs Bennett  
First floor extension and alterations to dwelling.  
18 Forth Close  
No comment – subject to Bat report

**71/21 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) 1960, section 1

**72/21 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Fresia-Farrelly and unanimously resolved to accept the policy schedule with Zurich Insurance for 2021-22

**73/21 SERVICE AGREEMENT**

Proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Fresia-Farrelly and unanimously resolved to award the service contract renewal to Wallgate Ltd for 1 year, authorise the Clerk to sign the contract on Councils behalf and set up a working group to look other possibilities for the future

**The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 19.54**

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

**Chairman  
14<sup>th</sup> April 2021**