

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2020, VIA ZOOM

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

ABSENT:

IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY: 3

184/20 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

None received

185/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- a. Cllr Burton declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 11
- b. Cllr Romney declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 17

186/20 MINUTES

Proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Buxton and resolved with 7 votes for and 1 abstention to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2020 as a true record of that meeting

187/20 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

Cllr Begy gave a public deputation regarding item 15 on the agenda

188/20 COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS

None

189/20 CLERKS REPORT, ACTIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVE

General Maintenance

- Due to vandalism, there was a call out to the gent's toilets in Church Street. Damage to a door
- The Christmas contractors were called out to the town Christmas Tree twice. These were both due to an electrical fault with the large stars. These have now been removed.
- 6 Council banners have now been put up

Actions

Item	Date	Min Ref	Action	By Whom	Action/update
Market Square Barriers	28/10/20	165/20	Removal of the barriers	Office	Ongoing – Notice has been given to the Whipper Inn regarding their pavement license and this terminates on 25/12/20. Therefore, the removal of the barriers and remarking of the parking bays will take place early in the New Year.

At this point in the meeting it was proposed by Cllr Romney under standing orders, to alter the order of business so that Item 14 could be considered next.

190/20 MAYORAL CHAIN OF OFFICE

Proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Buxton and resolved with 3 votes for, 1 against and 4 abstentions that Council approves the purchase of a replacement Mayoral Chain of Office, and for the Clerk to instruct Vaughtons at a cost of £5294 plus carriage/vat

191/20 CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER'S REPORTS

Cllr Romney in his capacity as Mayor of Oakham, officially opened the Wellbeing and Care Advice centre at 29a High Street, Oakham on Wednesday 2nd December 2020. Cllr Romney also took this opportunity on behalf of members to congratulate Cllr Denyer MBE for the recognition by the Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland and the High Sheriff, for her part in the community wide effort through the Covid crisis

192/20 WORKING GROUPS

None received

193/20 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

- a. Proposed by Cllr Fresia-Farrelly, seconded by Cllr Burton, and unanimously resolved to approve the Statement of Accounts to 30th November 2020.
- b. Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Denyer, and unanimously resolved to approve expenditure of the Christmas Decorations invoice 100326 - £9380 plus vat

194/20 TO CONSIDER CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

- a. 2020/1183/FUL- 6 Catmose Park Road – Mr & Mrs. Cowgill. Demolition of existing bungalow. Construction of 1 no.2 storey, 5-bedroom dwelling and associated landscaping.
Recommend refusal on the grounds of over development of the site.
Proposed by Cllr Neal, seconded by Cllr Denyer and unanimously resolved
- b. 2020/1299/FUL - Haywood's House Kilburn Road- Mr P Trower. Proposed sports lighting and replacement fence to existing tennis court area.
Recommend approval.
Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Burton and unanimously resolved
- c. 2020/1298/FUL- 50 Willow Crescent – P Clark & R Taylor. Proposed two storey extension to existing dwelling, updated parking area and associated works.
Recommend approval.
Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Burton and unanimously resolved
- d. 2020/1216/LBA- 10 Northgate - Mr J Robinson. Change of use for ground floor retail unit from class A1 to ground floor flat class C3a. Re-decorate external brick work on elevation facing Northgate. Redecoration and repairs to timber frames to existing painted timber windows on the front and side facades. Removal of timber lean to lobby on rear facade, replace with new timber open sided porch using similar proportions. Existing rotten timber windows to be replaced with new timber double glazed windows to rear elevation windows on ground and first floors. Internal alterations to ground floor accommodation to create a new apartment. Some internal studwork partitions to be removed. New bathroom fitted utilising existing drainage positions. New kitchen fitted utilising existing drainage positions. New opening formed to link through to bedroom corridor. Ground floor requires a full electrical require updating and be compliant.
Recommend approval.
Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Burton and unanimously resolved

- e. 2020/1334/FUL-35 Warn Crescent – Mr & Mrs. Baines. Proposed side extension to dwelling. Replacement roof and new Bi-Fold door on existing rear conservatory. Recommend approval.
Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Burton and unanimously resolved

195/20 CONSIDER INITIAL PROPOSAL FOR PRECEPT BUDGET FY21/22

The Chairman of the Finance Committee and the Clerk ran through the budget cost centres for the draft budget FY2021-22. Accordingly, every single budget item was considered separately at the meeting where Councillors views were expressed. It was agreed another Finance Committee meeting to be arranged, to finalise, amend as appropriate and to recommend to full Council, at its January meeting, adoption of the Committee's budget & precept proposals

196/20 APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO THE PARISH FORUM

Proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Lowe and unanimously resolved that Cllr Burton is duly appointed

197/20 TO CONSIDER RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL FOR TREE PLANTING ON ALSTHORPE ROAD

Proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Burton and unanimously resolved to approve the proposal

198/20 TO CONSIDER RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL'S PARKING STRATEGY

Proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Burton and unanimously resolved to support

199/20 COUNCIL VACANCIES

Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Neal and unanimously agreed that Council:

- a. Wishes to co-opt to fill its 4 vacancies
- b. The appointment of the interview panel will consist of Cllrs Burton, Wadsworth, Denyer and Neal
- c. The vacancy is to be advertised via Councils website, Facebook, notice boards, local media and to approve the expenditure of no more than £750.00
- d. The closing date for the applications is Friday 15th January 2021
- e. The interviews will take place week commencing Monday 21st January 2021

200/20 ROYCE'S RECREATION MEMORIAL BENCH

Proposed by Cllr Neal, seconded by Cllr Burton and unanimously agreed that Council accept the recommendations and set up a working group and policy for future incentives. The working group will consist of Cllrs Burton, Wadsworth, and Buxton

201/20 RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON DISCUSSIONS REGARDING CHARGEMASTER

Proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Burton and unanimously agreed to instruct a Solicitor on behalf of Council to give formal notice and to recover costs

202/20 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Correspondence from The Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland in relation to Dying Matters in Rutland was acknowledged

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 19.45

Signed: _____

**Chairman
13th January 2020**