

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE VIRTUAL MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON THURSDAY 22ND APRIL 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, Zoe Neelson, Adrian Orchard OBE

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Cllrs Adam Lowe and Richard Fresia-Farrelly

IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY: None

Members observed a minute's silence in memory of His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh

74/21 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Lowe and Fresia-Farrelly due to work commitments. Proposed these be accepted by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Orchard, and unanimously resolved

75/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared

76/21 MINUTES

Proposed by Cllr Burton seconded by Cllr Nelson, and unanimously resolved to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 31st March 2021 as a true record of that meeting

77/21 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

There were no deputations declared

78/21 COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS

The following question has been asked by Cllr Orchard

OTC is a committed group of willing volunteers. We have good diversity in specific areas but are lacking in age diversity. Over a third of Oakham is aged 30 or under and almost half under 4

Has OTC a plan to actively encourage new members from the under-represented age groups?

The response, without discussion:

Council cannot be seen in favour of or against age diversity and would encourage anyone 18 years and over, and is eligible, to stand for election or to be co-opted

79/21 CLERKS REPORT

Members noted the report

80/21 CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER'S REPORTS

- a) Cllr Romney accepted an invitation sent on behalf of HM Lord-Lieutenant of Rutland, Dr Sarah Furness PhD to attend a Service of Commemoration for HRH The Duke of Edinburgh
- b) The Mayor and Mayoress also presented prizes to the entrants of the Treasurer Hunt
- c) Cllr Burton gave a verbal report on the recent meeting of the Parish Forum he had attended. Councillors had received the minutes of this meeting

81/21 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

None received

82/21 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Burton and unanimously resolved to approve the Statement of Accounts to 31st March 2021

83/21 OAKHAM BANNER CAMPAIGN

Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Burton and unanimously resolved to approve the wording and design

84/21 PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORTS

Council noted the reports and unanimously resolved the following resolutions:

Royce's Recreation Ground

- a) Multi play unit – proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Burton to authorise work to eliminate any trip hazards
- b) Toddler Swing - proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth to obtain a quotation for wet-pour
- c) Super Nova - proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth to obtain a quotation for re-surfacing
- d) Air Walker - proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Burton to continue monitoring

Cutts Close

- a) Super Nova - proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Neelson to obtain a quotation for grass matting
- b) Toddlers Roundabout - proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Orchard to authorise replacement bearings
- c) Toddlers Multi-play - proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Orchard to authorise replacement rope

Willow Crescent

- a) Roundabout - proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Neelson to obtain a quotation for grass matting
- b) Trim Trail - proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Burton to authorise remedial timber treatment
- c) Park gate - proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Burton that work be carried out to correct the closure settings of the gates to 4-8 seconds

85/21 PARISH TREES

Proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Neelson and unanimously resolved that Council instructs the RCC Forestry Officer to carry out a tree report and approves the expenditure of £2020.72

86/21 TO CONSIDER CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

- a) 2021/0145/LBA Berkeley Trustee Co Ltd
Proposal replacement of shop front windows and door and second floor window with double glazed unit.
49A High Street
Recommend approval
Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth, and unanimously resolved
- b) 2021/0385/FUL Mr and Mrs Lamb
Rear single storey extension.
4 Gilmore Close
Recommend approval
Proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth, and unanimously resolved

- c) 2020/1427/FUL Mr and Mrs Sizer
Proposed porch, single storey side extensions to west and east elevations and flat roof rear single storey extension. Renovation works
34 Stamford Road
Recommend approval with the caveat neighbours' concerns are taken into consideration.
Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Neilson, and unanimously resolved
- d) 2021/0079/FUL Mr Dalllen Tan
Proposal two storey extension
17 Balmoral Road
Recommend approval
Proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Orchard, and unanimously resolved

87/21 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINT – CHURCH STREET CAR PARK

Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Orchard, and unanimously resolved to award the contract for the installation of a dual twin charging point to Pod Point and approve the expenditure of £5763.60 + vat

88/21 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

89/21 CHARGE POINT AGREEMENT

Record Note Minute reference 89/21 is recorded on a separate confidential page and will be filed with the Town Council official minute book

90/21 CUTTS CLOSE PATH

Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Orchard, and unanimously resolved that Council note the report and authorise the expenditure and installation of three signs

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 19.34

Signed: _____

**Chairman
5th May 2021**