

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2020, VIA ZOOM

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

ABSENT: None

IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY: None

149/20 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for lateness were received from Cllr Wadsworth due to technical problems

150/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

151/20 MINUTES

Proposed by Cllr Neal, seconded by Cllr Buxton and resolved with 5 votes for and 1 abstention to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 30th September 2020 as a true record of that meeting

152/20 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None

153/20 COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS

None

154/20 CLERKS REPORT, ACTIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVE

General Maintenance

- New parking signs have been erected at the Community Centre, Princess Avenue
- A fence has been repaired on the Centenary Field, Barleythorpe Road
- An emergency call out to a large Ash tree which had broken off and overhanging on the footpath on the Barleythorpe Road
- Cut back overhanging limbs on the Oak Tree which overhang in the gardens of 22 and 24 Tolthorpe Road
- Cut back overhanging limbs on the Oak Tree in Willow Crescent allotments

Council Play Areas and Parks

- Bench and picnic table has been installed in Royce's park
- High pressure maintenance cleans have taken place in Cutts, Royce's and Willow Crescent park

Other

- Annual full electrical testing of the power points for the Christmas decorations has been carried out
- Annual testing of Street Lighting Units in preparation for the Christmas decorations has been carried out
- The bunting in the High Street will be taken down week commencing 2nd November

Correspondence received

- Letter received from RCC to advise of a CIL disbursement of £750 for the erection of 2 new dwellings on land at Kings Road

Actions

Item	Date	Min Ref	Action	By Whom	Action/update
Tennis Club	15/07/20	101/21	A commercial Surveyor has been instructed to carry out a valuation	Office	Ongoing

155/20 CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER'S REPORTS

The brand-new McDonald's restaurant will be officially opened on 4th November 2020 by the Mayor of Oakham, Cllr David Romney

156/20 CO-OPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Neal and unanimously agreed that the 2 applicants are recommended as new members of the Council:

- (i) Andy Burton was duly co-opted to the Oakham North East Ward and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office via Zoom
 - (ii) Richard Fresia-Farrelly was duly co-opted to the Oakham South Ward and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office via Zoom
- Cllr Romney welcomed Cllrs Burton and Fresia-Farrelly to Oakham Town Council

At 18.40 Cllr Wadsworth, joined the meeting

157/20 WORKING GROUPS

Members noted an update report regarding the Cutts Close shelter

158/20 CENTENARY FIELD

Proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and unanimously agreed to approve the final layout for the outdoor fitness activity unit

159/20 NHP ALIGNMENT WITH THE LOCAL PLAN

- (i) Proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Romney and unanimously agreed that Councils additional response to Rutland County Council will be, *the NH steering group have looked at the Local Plan and White Paper, accept the minor amendments and are happy that the 3 documents align*
- (ii) Proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Romney and unanimously agreed that Cllr Burton is duly appointed at Council's representative onto the Neighbourhood Steering group

160/20 OAKHAM BANNER CAMPAIGN

Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and unanimously agreed to approve the design of the banner, subject to the removal of "*this Christmas*" and the expenditure for 4 x (3000 x 1000mm) and 2 x (1200 x 1000mm)

161/20 ELECTRICAL CHARGING POINT

Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and unanimously agreed Council asks the Clerk to seek legal advice regarding the refund/licence and then write to Chargemaster regarding the costs incurred. Given the lack of communication from Chargemaster, members feel they should be looking at alternative providers for its own scheme and asks the office to contact Pod Point for more information

162/20 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Neal and unanimously agreed to approve the Statement of Accounts to 30th September 2020 and expenditure of £23,356.37

163/20 PLAYGROUND INSPECTION REPORTS

- (i) Proposed by Cllr Neal, seconded by Cllr Buxton and unanimously agreed to instruct Playscape to carry out operational (quarterly) playground inspections at £75 per playground
- (ii) Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Fresia-Farrelly and unanimously agreed that with regards to the Forest Play Panel in Willow Crescent, to reinstate the missing items or if this is not possible to remove completely and seek a replacement
- (iii) Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Romney and unanimously agreed that with regards to the Trim Trail in Willow Crescent that due to the slipperiness of the timber the equipment is treated

164/20 ROYCES RECREATION PLAY EQUIPMENT

Members discussed the background to the installation and subsequent removal of the old nest swing. However, it was generally felt that the proposed charge and design by Playscape represented good value for money and it was proposed by Cllr Neal, seconded by Cllr Burton and unanimously agreed to install a new basket swing as per the quotation of £3149 + vat

165/20 MARKET SQUARE BARRIERS

Members considered correspondence received in relation to the Market Square barriers, and determined what further actions are necessary, by the Council. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Fresia-Farrelly, seconded by Cllr Burton and unanimously agreed that with immediate effect to revert back to its original parking layout and remove the barriers, but to be reviewed in the New Year

At 19.30pm Cllr Lowe gave his apologies and left the meeting due to work commitments

166/20 TO CONSIDER ANY CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

- a) 2020/1088/PTA - 10 Uppingham Road – All Seasons Tree Care
Copper Beech T1 Reduce by 4 metres on all sides and reshape to promote future growth remove secondary branches and, in some cases, open the canopy by thinning. all work to BS3998 and all dead wood will be removed
Recommend approval - proposed by Cllr Neal, seconded by Cllr Romney and unanimously agreed
- b) 2020/1090/PAT – 57 Stamford Road – Mr George
T1 – Poplar – Fell
Recommend refusal as no reason had been given regarding its removal - proposed by Cllr Neal, seconded by Cllr Romney and unanimously agreed
- c) 2020/1087/FUL – 22 Pickford Close – Mr and Mrs. Denman
Single story extension to rear elevation and first floor bedroom extension to front elevation
Recommend approval - proposed by Cllr Romney seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and unanimously agreed

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 19.39

Signed: _____

**Chairman
11th November 2020**