

## **DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020, HELD VIA ZOOM**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs David Romney (Chair), Adam Lowe, Sally-Anne Wadsworth, Zoe Neal, Jean Denyer MBE, Clerk to the Council

**ABSENT:** Cllrs Paul Buxton, Mark Lomas

**IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY:** One

### **120/20 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllr Buxton due to technical reasons. Proposed these be accepted by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Neal, and unanimously resolved

### **121/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received

### **122/20 MINUTES**

Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Neal and resolved with 4 votes for and 1 abstention to confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2020 as a true record of that meeting

### **123/20 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

A deputation was given by the Chairman of Neighbourhood Plan Steering group in relation to item 14 on the agenda

### **124/20 COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS**

None

### **125//20 CLERKS REPORT, ACTIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVE**

#### **General Maintenance**

- Removal of graffiti from the skatepark, Cutts Close

#### **Council Play Areas**

- High pressure maintenance cleans have been carried out on the play equipment to all three parks

#### **Trees**

- Emergency call out to All Saints Church due to a fallen tree following the storms
- Emergency call out to Royce's recreation ground due to a fallen branch. The area was cleared and made safe
- Work order has been issued for clearing out nest boxes in Cutts Close

#### **Other**

- The Council offices are a host for the inspection copies of the Local Plan
- Work order has been issued for the annual full electrical testing of power points for Christmas decorations
- Work order has been issued for the annual testing of street lighting units in preparation for the Christmas decorations

### Correspondence received

- Letter from a resident regarding the temporary one-way system (supplementary document circulated)

### 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
Princess Avenue	12/08/20	114/20	A work order for 3 parking studio signs has been raised	Office	Ongoing

### 126/20 CHAIRMAN AND MEMBER'S REPORTS

None

### 127/20 WORKING GROUPS

A report was received from Cllr Wadsworth on behalf of the Christmas working group, regarding ice white Icicle lights on the shop facades along Mill Street. Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Neal and unanimously resolved to award the contract to the Christmas Decorators, for installation of a 1-year rental at a cost of £3689

### 128/20 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and unanimously resolved that the Statement of Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 and the schedules of invoices totalling £12,586.04 be approved

### 129/20 COTTESMORE HUNT

Due to new legislation announced by the Government with the introduction of a ban of gatherings above 6 people, the Cottesmore Hunt organisers have decided to defer this item

### 130/20 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS

Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Neal unanimously resolved that due to resignations, the appointment of the interview panel will consist of Cllrs Romney, Denyer, Wadsworth, Neal, and the Clerk

### 131/20 BANK SIGNATORIES

Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Neal and unanimously agreed that due to a Councillor resignation, the removal of Paul Ainsley and that Cllr Sally-Anne Wadsworth is now duly appointed, as an authorised signatory to:

- a) The Council's Current Account
- b) Cambridge Building Society Notice Account

### 132/20 REVIEW AND CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL'S POLICIES

Proposed by Cllr Neal, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and unanimously agreed without any amendment to adopt the following policies:

- a) Employee Privacy Notice Policy
- b) Model Publication Scheme
- c) Risk Assessment

**133/20 LOCAL PLAN**

Proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Romney and unanimously agreed that Councils response will be, *that Oakham Town Council as a corporate body, views on the Rutland County Council Local Plan are captured within the Oakham, Barleythorpe Neighbourhood Plan, which is currently going to regulation 16, after some minor amendments that align it with the Local Plan. OTC Councillors may still choose to submit their own views and opinions directly to RCC*

**134/20 TO CONSIDER PLANNING CHANGES PUBLISHED BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT**

Members noted the proposed changes

**The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 18.51**

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

**Chairman  
30 September 2020**