

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11TH AUGUST 2021 AT THE OFFICES OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL, ROL HOUSE, LONG ROW, OAKHAM

PRESENT: Cllrs, David Romney, Adrian Orchard OBE, Andy Burton, Keith Gilbody, Chris Nix, Adam Lowe (part)

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Cllrs Zoe Nealsen, Jean Denyer MBE, Richard Fresia-Farrelly, Paul Buxton, Sally-Anne Wadsworth

IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY: Mr M Ball from Oakham Canal Green Corridor Project

The Clerk opened the meeting at 18.32. Due to the absent of the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, Cllrs Nealsen and Denyer, the Clerk asked for another Councillor to preside. Proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Orchard and unanimously resolved to elect Cllr Romney

176/21 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Nealsen, Denyer, and Fresia-Farrelly due to other commitments, Cllr Wadsworth due to work commitments and Cllr Buxton due to illness. Proposed these be accepted by Cllr Burton seconded by Cllr Orchard, and unanimously resolved

177/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Burton declared a non-pecuniary interest in items 19 (a-k)

178/21 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Burton seconded by Cllr Gilbody, and resolved with 3 votes and 3 abstentions to confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 14th July 2021 as a true record of that meeting

It was proposed by Cllr Romney under Standing Order 6a, to alter the order of business so that item 13b could be considered next

179/21 TO CONSIDER GRANT-AID APPLICATION – CANAL GREEN CORRIDOR PROJECT

It was proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Lowe, and unanimously resolved to approve the proposed erection of a historic cast iron milepost and information board on the grass verge by the Oakham Canal on Burley Park Way, and the licence for both items will be covered by Council's public liability insurance policy

180/21 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

None

181/21 COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS

None

182/21 CLERKS REPORT

The Clerk's report was noted

183/21 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In the absence of the Chairman no report was given

184/21 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS, WORKING GROUPS AND OUTSIDE BODIES

- a) A verbal report was received from Cllr Lowe advising members on a response from Historic England regarding the pre-application stage of the erection of a new pavilion in Cutts Close. Historic England had advised they would be unable to support the building on the Scheduled Monument. Members noted the outcome and Cllr Romney thanked Cllr Lowe for all his efforts
- b) A verbal report was given by Cllr Romney regarding the successful park events and good feedback he had received

185/21 TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Noted. A verbal report was given by Cllr Burton on correspondence he had received by a business owner regarding a review on parking permits in the town centre

186/21 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT

It was proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Orchard, and unanimously resolved to approve the expenditure and statement of accounts to 31st July 2021 and to note the budget report showing expenditure for the year to date

187/21 AUTHORISATION TO PAY AN INVOICE OVER £5000

It was proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Orchard, and unanimously resolved to authorise the payment of Invoice No 100365, £14380 + VAT for The Christmas Decorators, for 50% confirmation to proceed

At 19.01, Cllr Lowe gave his apologies, left the meeting, and did not return

188/21 APPOINTMENT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

It was proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Orchard, and unanimously resolved to appoint Cllr Nix to the Staffing and Finance Committee

189/21 TO CONSIDER GRANT-AID APPLICATION -OAKHAM TEAM MINISTRY

It was proposed by Cllr Orchard, seconded by Cllr Burton, and unanimously resolved to approve £1000 to support funding for the repair to the church bells and agree expenditure of up to £1500 for any shortfall in the funding from the Diocesan Ringing Guild

190/21 OAKHAM COMMUNITY CENTRE - CCTV SYSTEM

It was proposed by Cllr Orchard, seconded by Cllr Burton, and unanimously resolved that Council would not be willing to contribute to the installation of a CCTV system at this time, however would seek recommendations from a security company for a solution and alternative options, due to the increase of anti-social behaviour and youths clambering on the roof. Proposed by Cllr Orchard, seconded by Cllr Nix, and unanimously resolved to grant Cllr Gilbody permission to act on Councils behalf with further investigation work

191/21 LORD LIEUTENANT'S CELEBRATION EVENT

A verbal update was given by Cllr Burton regarding the proposed event to mark the efforts of essential key workers and service personnel in the Armed Forces, and highlighted the issue of preliminary funding discussions to identify financial requirements

192/21 PRINCESS AVENUE PARKING

It was proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Burton, and unanimously resolved that Council would reject the quotation and look for alternative solutions

193/21 ROL HOUSE SMOKE DETECTORS

It was proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Orchard, and unanimously resolved that Council feel it's the landlord's responsibility and therefore would not be willing to make any contribution to the installation

194/21 COUNCILLOR ID CARDS

It was proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Gilbody, and unanimously resolved approve the purchase of identification cards for staff and Councillors and approve the expenditure of £200

195/21 TO CONSIDER CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

- a) 2021/0839/FUL 19 Nightingale Way Mr Darlington
Conversion of existing garage to a garden room
Recommend Approval
Proposed by Cllr Orchard, seconded by Cllr Gilbody, and resolved with 4 votes and 1 abstention by Cllr Burton
- b) 2021/0838/LBA 5 Mill Street Ms Nagel
Shop frontage was repaired and repainted in a custom Sadolin Superdec dark royal blue/purple. Advertising decals have been applied to interior of the shop and door window. Existing external projecting sign was repaired and customized with Moonflower Guitars logo
Recommend Approval
Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Orchard, and resolved with 4 votes and 1 abstention by Cllr Burton
- c) 2021/0887/FUL 10 Vicarage Road Mr Powell
Single storey extension to South elevation and single storey extension to north west elevation
Recommend Approval
Proposed by Cllr Orchard, seconded by Cllr Romney, and resolved with 4 votes and 1 abstention by Cllr Burton
- d) 2021/0894/PTA 29 Schofield Road Taylor Wimpey (trees on their land)
Horse Chestnut trees – reduction of lateral/side branches that are growing over the garden by 4m and crown lift to 5m
Recommend Approval
Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Orchard, and resolved with 4 votes and 1 abstention by Cllr Burton
- e) 2021/0918/PTA 19 Foxfield Way Mr Collison
Crown reduce to 8 metres – 1 No. Ash, 4 No. Limes and 1 No. Whitebeam trees. Take 1 No. overhanging branch near the top of the Ash tree
Recommend Approval
Proposed by Cllr Orchard, seconded by Cllr Nix, and resolved with 4 votes and 1 abstention by Cllr Burton
- f) 2021/0935/PTA 23 Foxfield Way Sarah Jennings
Fell 1 no. Swedish White Beam. The tree is between 18-21 metres high and has been confirmed as dangerous by two arboriculturists. Due to the current and ongoing level of disease, the tree has developed several cracks of between 1-1.3 metres up the trunk, large holes at the base of the trunk (which is hollow) and a large hole about 3.5 metres up the

trunk. It has been confirmed it will fall because of the condition it is now in, this tree is a clear and imminent risk to property and life due to its location and level of disease

Recommend Approval

Proposed by Cllr Orchard, seconded by Cllr Nix, and resolved with 4 votes and 1 abstention by Cllr Burton

- g) 2021/0921/PTA 25 Foxfield Way Mr Bird
(T7) Lime- remove lower limb. (T1) Sycamore-pollard by 6 metres. (T1) Sycamore, (T4) Whitebeam, (T5) Hornbeam, (T2, T3, T6 & T7) Lime trees -crown to 8 Metres

Recommend Approval

Proposed by Cllr Orchard, seconded by Cllr Gilbody, and resolved with 4 votes and 1 abstention by Cllr Burton

- h) 2021/0860/RES Land between Barleythorpe/Oakham Burley Park Way Larkfleet
Reserved Matters application to substitute apartments for 11 no. three storey houses and associated parking following outline planning application APP/2011/0832

No objection but would ask for consideration of affordable housing

Proposed by Cllr Orchard, seconded by Cllr Gilbody, and resolved with 4 votes and 1 abstention by Cllr Burton

- i) 2021/0852/FUL 65 Lonsdale Way Sarah Charlton
Rear kitchen extension

Recommend Approval

Proposed by Cllr Orchard, seconded by Cllr Nix, and resolved with 4 votes and 1 abstention by Cllr Burton

- j) 2021/0923/CAT 4 Barleythorpe Road Mr Stebbing
Fell 1 No. Holly 2 Reduce 1 No. Holly

Recommend Approval

Proposed by Cllr Orchard, seconded by Cllr Nix, and resolved with 4 votes and 1 abstention by Cllr Burton

- k) 2021/0902/FUL 5 Dove Close Ms Phillipson
Build a porch to front door

Recommend Approval

Proposed by Cllr Orchard, seconded by Cllr Gilbody, and resolved with 4 votes and 1 abstention by Cllr Burton

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 20.00

Signed: _____

**Chairman
8th September 2021**