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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE** **RECREATIONAL, PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 6.30 P.M. AT THE OFFICES OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL, ROL HOUSE, LONG ROW, OAKHAM, RUTLAND LE15 6NL**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs. Burton, Denyer, Nealson, Romney and Gilbody

**ALSO PRESENT:** K Bell (Locum Town Clerk) & 2 representatives from Pigeon Investment (left after item 3.1)

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs Buxton, Graham, Lowe, Nix, Orchard & Wadsworth

The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all present

### 21/11 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

The Council was advised that apologies had been received from Cllrs. Buxton, Graham, Lowe, Nix, Orchard and Wadsworth. It was

Proposed, seconded and:

**RESOLVED:** That the Apologies received from Cllr Buxton (Work Commitment) be accepted. **Unanimous**

Proposed, seconded and:

**RESOLVED:** That the Apologies from Cllr Graham (Work Commitment) be accepted. **Unanimous**

Proposed, seconded and:

**RESOLVED:** That the Apologies received from Cllr Lowe (Prior Commitment) be accepted. **Unanimous**

Proposed, seconded and:

**RESOLVED:** That the Apologies from Cllr Nix (LRALC Cllr Training) be accepted. **Unanimous**

Proposed, seconded and:

**RESOLVED:** That the Apologies received from Cllr Orchard (Work Commitment) be accepted. **Unanimous**

Proposed, seconded and:

**RESOLVED:** That the Apologies from Cllr Wadsworth (LRALC Cllr Training) be accepted. **Unanimous**

**21/12 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** Cllr Burton declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 2021/1265/FUL on the basis that the planning applicant was known to him.

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**21/13 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC**

 **Proposed Development for Land off Burley Road, Oakham**

 Representatives from Pigeon Investment Management Limited attended and presented to members their Vison and Delivery Document.

**21/14 MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 27 OCTOBER 2021:** It was proposed, seconded and:

 **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed by the Committee Chairman as a correct record of those proceedings. **Unanimous**

**21/15** **CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS REPORTS**

 **21/15.1 Events WG**

Cllr Romney hoped members would be supporting the Christmas Fayre on 05 December either in person, by helping or by promoting the event.

 **21/15.2 Welcome Back WG**

Cllr Burton, reported that the WG had met earlier, it was a productive meeting and he would present a full report to the next meeting of the Full Council.

 **21/15.3 Oakham City Status Application**

 The Committee Chairman advised members that applications were open for Towns to apply for City Status but that the closing date was 08 December 2021. Following a discussion, it was proposed, seconded and

 **RESOLVED:** That whilst extremely supportive of the council submitting an application for Oakham to receive City Status it was unfortunate that the deadline was so tight and therefore the matter would be deferred to the next application process unless the deadline could be extended. **Unanimous**

**21/16 TERMS OF REFERENCE:** It was proposed, seconded and:

**RESOLVED:** That the amended Terms of Reference for the Committee be approved. **Unanimous**

**21/17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** It was proposed, seconded and:

 **RESOLVED:** To comment as follows to RCC.

 **2021/1217/CAT** T1 Yew – pollard at approximately 1-1.5m to create a smaller tree. T2 Bay – remove. It’s very close to the wall, signs of cracks. T3 Cherry – reduce by approximately 1-1.5m at 1 Northgate, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6QR

  **NO OBJECTION**

  **2021/1210/FUL** Change of use from Physiotherapy clinic to residential. No physical alteration of any part of the building or surrounding land involved.at 35 Burley Road, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6DH

 **NO OBJECTION**

 **2021/1292/FUL** Rear single storey extension to dwelling at 11 Trent road, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6HE

 **NO OBJECTION**

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 **2021/1243/CAT** T1 – Tulip tree felled to ground level due to issues being caused by roots to path and property at 10 Penn Street, Oakham, Rutland, LE15

 **NO OBJECTION**

  **2021/1271/FUL** To drop curb outside house to enable use of hard standing as a driveway and create a turning circle in back garden at 10 Barleythorpe, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6NR

 **NO OBJECTION**

 **2021/1313/FUL** Proposed sports lighting to existing synthetic hockey pitch at Farside Playing Fields, Kilburn Road, Oakham, Rutland

 **NO OBJECTION**

 **2021/1265/FUL** Single storey extension to rear of dwelling at 16 Schofield Road, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6FW

 **NO OBJECTION**

  **2021/1214/PTA** Removal of 1 no large Ash tree which has the disease inonotus hisbidus at 23 Foxfield Way, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6PR

 **NO OBJECTION**

 **2021/1110/FUL** Change of use from current Radio Station to Retail (Class E) at Unit 2 Ground Floor, 40 Melton Road, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6AY

 **NO OBJECTION**

 **2021/1212/ADV** Shop signage on the fascia of the property and a protruding double side advertising the shop on the left hand side (opposite to alarm bell) at 6 Market Street, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6DY

 **NO OBJECTION**

  **2021/1322/FUL** Replace existing timber conservatory at rear of property with single storey extension with brick walls and tiled roof. Extend front porch to provide new cloakroom at 3 Calder close, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6ST

 **NO OBJECTION**

 **2021/1247/FUL** Permanent retention of Worker’s dwelling at Glebe Farm, Cold Overton Road, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 8DA

 **OBJECTION** This planning application would appear to be an attempt to circumnavigate the planning rules by creating a separate hereditament distinct from its host property

**21/18 RCC PLANNING AND LICENSING COMMITTEE:** It was reported that the following planning applications were considered by RCC’S Planning and Licensing Committee on 23 November 2021:

 **2021/0698/FUL** Construction of a new artificial multi use games area (MUGA) with associated sports lighting and ancillary features for pupils at Brooke Priory School. Includes a change of use from domestic gardens to school at Brooke Priory School, Station Approach, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6QW

  **REFUSED**

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**2021/0091/FUL** Application for coffee shop with drive thru facility and ancillary works at Development on Land at Hawksmead business Park, Lands’ End Way, Oakham

 **AWAITING DECISION**

**21/19 PLANNING DECISIONS**

 **RCC HAD GRANTED PERMISSION FOR THE FOLLOWING**

 **2021/0349/HDG** Removal of hedgerow and replant at Land to the East of Glebe Farm, Cold Overton Road, Oakham, Rutland

**2021/1121/PTA** Trim back branches of 1 no horse chestnut tree that overhangs boundary of 4 Ryefield, Oakham back to boundary line, up to 2 metres in length. Reduction in hazard from falling conkers at Public Open Space to rear of 4 Ryefield, Oakham, Rutland

 **2021/0855/FUL &** Refurbishment and conversion of the Victoria Hall to a 2 **2021/0856/LBA** Screen digitally equipped cinema with a café bar, foyers, multi-use lounge and ancillary facilities at Victoria Hall, 39A high Street, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6AH

 **2021/0938/CLP** Demolish and replace small single storey extension with a slightly larger single storey extension at 36 Churchill Road, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6LH

 **2021/0907/FUL** Loft conversion with flat roof dormer to rear elevation and 2 x rooflights to front elevation at 53 Brooke Road, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6HG

 **2021/0642/FUL** Proposed garage extension at 11 Elm Close Oakham Rutland, LE15 6DS

 **2021/1094/FUL &** Change of use from offices (B1) and shop (A1) to a single residential  **2021/1095/LBA** dwelling (C3) with infill extension at 78 High Street, Oakham, Rutland LE15 6AS

 **2021/1005/FUL** Porch to be updated, 2 storey side extension with integral garage and single-storey extension to rear of 31 Nene Crescent, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6SG

**21/20 PLANNING APPEALS:** An appeal had been submitted to the planning Inspectorate against RCCs refusal to grant permission for the following

 **2021/0016/APPEAL** Rear first floor extension to dwelling at 8 Larchfield, Oakham, Rutland

**21/21 DEVELOPMENT LAND AT HAWKSMEAD BUSINESS PARK, LANDS END WAY, OAKHAM:** RCC had advised that following discussion with the applicant and agent for the proposed Costa on land adjacent to Lands End Way agreement had been reached for the provision and emptying of 2 bins off site but within the vicinity of the costa site. It was noted that the bins would be emptied on a weekly basis over a 20 year period.

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**21/22 PLAY EQUIPMENT**

 **21/22.1 Proposal by Cllr Orchard**

 “For the Committee to consider nominated councillors to inspect respective recreation areas and to further agree that a checklist be developed for ratification at the next Recreation and Planning Committee”

 Following a discussion, it was proposed, seconded and:

 **RESOLVED:** That OTC already had a playground inspection routine where areas had been allocated to members. Cllr Orchard would be asked if he required any additional information.

  **Unanimous**

 **21/22.2 Playground Inspections:** It was reported that a Works Order had been submitted to the contractor who had been asked to carry out remedial repairs to the high and medium risk items identified in the Autumn Playground Inspection Reports.

**21/23 STREETLIGHTS IN CUTTS CLOSE:**  It was proposed, seconded and

 **RESOLVED:** That the item would be deferred pending the submission of a formal paper which Cllr Romney would present at the next Committee Meeting.

**21/24 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** Confirmed as 26 January 2022 at 6.30 p.m.

There being no additional business, the meeting concluded at 20.00 hours

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