

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 30TH JUNE 2021 AT THE OFFICES OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL, ROL HOUSE, LONG ROW, OAKHAM

PRESENT: Cllrs Zoe Nealson (Chair), David Romney, Sally-Anne Wadsworth, Jean Denyer MBE, Paul Buxton, Adrian Orchard OBE, Richard Fresia-Farrelly, Chris Nix, Keith Gilbody, Adam Lowe (part)

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk and Deputy Clerk

ABSENT: Andy Burton

IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY:

148/21 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Burton. Proposed these be accepted by Cllr Nealson seconded by Cllr Romney, and unanimously resolved

149/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared

150/21 MINUTES

It was Proposed by Cllr Romney seconded by Cllr Buxton, and unanimously resolved to confirm the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 9th June 2021 as a true record of that meeting

151/21 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

There were no deputations by the public

152/21 COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS

None

153/21 CLERKS REPORT

It was Proposed by Cllr Lowe seconded by Cllr Romney, and unanimously resolved to suspend standing orders to allow the Council to consider each of the statements.

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Romney, and agreed with 9 votes for and 1 abstention to endorse each of the Annual Governance Statement
- b) It was proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Romney, and agreed with 9 votes for and 1 abstention to approve the annual accounts and Accounting Statements for FY2020/21

154/21 REPORTS FROM WORKING GROUPS

The following Working Group reports were received by Council:

- a) Cllr Fresia-Farrelly gave a verbal report on the skatepark project
- b) Following a verbal report by Cllr Nealson on behalf of the Social Media working group, it was proposed by Cllr Nealson, seconded by Cllr Orchard and resolved with 8 votes for, 1 against by Cllr Romney and 1 abstention to continue allowing comments on Council's Facebook page, but to include a statement that Council will not tolerate offensive inappropriate comments and if deemed necessary may be referred to the police as malicious communications

At 19.30pm Cllr Lowe gave his apologies and left the meeting due to work commitments. He did not return

155/21 TO DISCUSS PLANS TO SUPPORT FUTURE PROGRAMME OF EVENTS IN CUTTS CLOSE

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Denyer, and unanimously resolved that following the recent Government announcement, all events to be cancelled up to 19th July and to host a "Life Reloaded Festival" on 24th/25th July. Council therefore approved space offered free of charge to stall holders, two bands, two outside bars, £600 to allow for a free fun fair with permission given to them to stay overnight, £100 donation for a Punch and Judy show and any advertising costs. All expenditure to be allocated under the budget heading of Events and any shortfall to be taken from general reserves.
- b) It was proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Buxton, and unanimously resolved to extend the park events calendar until Autumn

156/21 TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Denyer, and unanimously resolved to approve a donation of £2000 to the Citizens Advice Rutland, towards its advisory service and not property maintenance
- c) It was proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Denyer, and unanimously resolved to grant permission to the Rutland Rotary Club to use Cutts Close on 5th/12th December 2021 for its Rutland Santa Fun run
- d) It was proposed by Cllr Neelson, seconded by Cllr Orchard, and unanimously resolved that Council do not wish to feature in the Her Majesty, The Queens Platinum Jubilee editorial
- e) It was proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Nelson, and unanimously resolved that after considering the proposed shared cycleway and footway between Burley Road roundabout and Oakham CofE School, it instructs the Clerk to write to RCC, advising the Council is, in principle, supportive of initiatives that improve the health and well-being of residents, and of proposals that make the county an even more attractive destination to live, work and visit, however, are unanimous in agreeing their concern about the viability of this proposal, primarily on safety and value for money grounds
- f) It was proposed by Cllr Buxton, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth, and unanimously resolved to elect Cllr Buxton as Councils representative on the Rutland County Council Climate Action Group
- g) It was proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Neelson, and unanimously resolved to grant permission to Rutland County Council Youth Team to use Royce's Recreation ground for activities on 5th August and 24th August 2021 (11.00am – 3.00pm) with a proviso that vehicle parking is restricted to the studio car park only
- h) It was proposed by Cllr Neelson, seconded by Cllr Fresia-Farrelly, and unanimously resolved to grant permission for Hollands Fair to use Cutts Close from 1st August-8th August 2021 with no rental fee

157/21 TO CONSIDER CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

- a) 2021/0528/FUL Bradshaw Taylor Ltd 16 Mill Street
Change of use from shop storage to an exercise room
Recommend approval, however members raised concerns over the noise issues
Proposed by Cllr Neelson, seconded by Cllr Romney, and unanimously resolved
- b) 2021/0642/FUL Mr Brindley 11 Elm Close
Proposed garage extension
Recommend approval
Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Orchard, and unanimously resolved

- c) 2021/0655/FUL Mr & Mrs Blight 25 Cold Overton Road
First floor extension at side and front of house including canopy porch
Recommend approval
Proposed by Cllr Neelson, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth, and unanimously resolved
- d) 2021/0634/LBA Kearney 1-2 Church Passage
Change of use from A1,A3, D1 to C3(a) dwelling houses, internal alteration of the building to convert to single dwelling, replacing of rotten window to new match to existing. General refurbishment and repairs
Recommend approval
Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Neelson, and unanimously resolved
- e) 2021/0704/FUL Mr & Mrs Johnston 40 Alsthorpe Road
Loft conversion with 2No. pitched roof dormers to front elevation and 2 No. velux rooflights to both front & rear
Recommend approval
Proposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Orchard, and unanimously resolved
- f) 2021/0698/FUL Mr Allen Brooke Priory School
Construction of a new artificial multi use games area (MUGA) with associated sports lighting, fencing and ancillary features for pupils at Brooke Priory School. Includes a change of use from domestic gardens to school
Recommend approval but have concerns over the sports lighting near to residents properties
Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Neelson, and unanimously resolved
- g) 2021/0663/PTA Mr Gilbert 17 Stamford Road
Sycamore Tree-Fell-Poor specimen and is damaging the iron fence
Recommended refusal – on the grounds the tree needs to be managed not felled
Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Neelson, and unanimously resolved
- h) 2021/0679/FUL Petrol Filling Station 13 Melton Road
Proposed above ground self-bunded double skin diesel storage tank in fire resistant enclosure
Council object on the grounds that the site is located within the Oakham Conservation Area. Due to its prominent location on an open forecourt the tank would be detrimental to visual amenity and adversely impact on the character and appearance of the conservation area
Proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Neelson and approved with 8 votes for and 1 abstention
- i) 2021/0551/LBA Mr Miller 21 Northgate
Installation of double doors
Recommend approval
Proposed by Cllr Neelson, seconded by Cllr Denyer, and unanimously resolved
- j) 2021/0754/FUL Mr Baines 6 Hilltop Drive
Construction of a new single storey glazed extension to the rear and other minor works
Recommend approval
Proposed by Cllr Neelson, seconded by Cllr Romney, and unanimously resolved

158/21 TO PASS A RESOLUTION THAT, IN VIEW OF THE CONFIDENTIAL NATURE OF THE FOLLOWING AGENDA ITEM, THE PUBLIC AND PRESS BE EXCLUDED FROM THE MEETING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960, SECTION 1

It was proposed by Cllr Neelson, seconded by Cllr Romney, and unanimously resolved to exclude to public and press for consideration of the following contractual matter

159/21 HYGIENE WASTE DISPOSAL AT PUBLIC TOILETS

It was proposed by Cllr Orchard, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth, and unanimously resolved that in view of the potential costs, Council continues to use PHS, with the proviso the contract is closely monitored and request a credit to the account for consumables they erroneously claimed

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 20.21

Signed: _____

**Chairman
14th July 2021**