

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2021, AT 7.30PM, AT THE OFFICES OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL, ROL HOUSE, LONG ROW, OAKHAM, RUTLAND, LE15 6LN

PRESENT: Cllrs, Zoe Nealsen (Chair), David Romney, Adrian Orchard OBE, Andy Burton, Chris Nix, Jean Denyer MBE, Sally-Anne Wadsworth, David Graham (part), Adam Lowe (part)

ALSO PRESENT: Town Clerk

ABSENT: Cllrs Richard Fresia-Farrelly, Keith Gilbody, Paul Buxton

IN THE PUBLIC GALLERY: Two residents

196/21 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Fresia-Farrelly and Gilbody due to work commitments, Cllr Buxton, and Lowe due to prior commitments. Proposed these be accepted by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Burton, and unanimously resolved

197/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None declared

198/21 MINUTES

It was proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Burton, and resolved with 4 votes and 3 abstentions to confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11th August 2021 as a true record of that meeting

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

199/21 CO-OPTION OF A NEW MEMBER

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Denyer, and unanimously resolved that David Graham is recommended to be duly co-opted as a Councillor for the South ward. David Graham accepted, signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and joined the meeting. Cllr Nealsen welcomed Cllr Graham to Oakham Town Council

200/21 DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC

A member of the public gave a deputation in relation to items 17a,b on the agenda

It was proposed by the Chairman, Cllr Nealsen, under Standing Order 6a, to alter the order of business so that items 17 a, b could be considered next

201/21 CONSIDER CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

- a) 2021/0855/FUL Victoria Hall, 39A High Street Ms Margrett
The refurbishment and conversion of the Victoria Hall to a 2 screen digitally equipped cinema with a café bar, foyers and multi-use lounge and ancillary facilities
Recommend that the application be refused on the grounds that the town would be losing a significant local facility

Purposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and resolved with 7 votes for and 1 abstention by Cllr Denyer

- b) 2021/0856/LBA Victoria Hall 39A High Street Ms Margrett
The refurbishment and conversion of the Victoria Hall to a 2 screen digitally equipped cinema with a café bar, foyers, multi-use lounge and ancillary facilities
Recommend that the application be refused on the grounds that a major change would have the potential to irreversibly change the character of an historical building
Purposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and resolved with 7 votes for and 1 abstention by Cllr Denyer

202/21 COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS

None notified

203/21 CLERKS REPORT

A verbal report was noted

Cllr Lowe joined the meeting at 20.03

204/21 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman, Cllr Neelson reported, in her capacity as Mayor, on her attendance at the summer concerts and various town events

205/21 REPORTS FROM MEMBERS, WORKING GROUPS AND OUTSIDE BODIES

- a) Cllr Burton gave a verbal update regarding the Welcome Back grant
- b) Cllr Wadsworth thanked Councillors for their help and support during the park events

206/21 TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) It was proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Burton, and unanimously resolved to grant permission to Rutland County Council for the use of its park to allow for a 'youth afternoon' event, subject to onsite parking restrictions and any damage to be repaired
- b) Members noted a letter from Rutland County Council regarding highway concerns on Kings Road
- c) Members noted a letter from a resident regarding Rutland Kino

207/21 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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

208/21 SUPPORT TO REFUGEES

It was proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Burton, and unanimously resolved to defer Report No. TC03221 due to further information required

209/21 DEVELOP A FORWARD 10-YEAR PLAN FOR OTC OWNED ASSETS

It was proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Burton, and unanimously resolved to defer Report No. TC03321 until associated costs were determined

210/21 TO CONSIDER GRANT-AID APPLICATIONS

- a) Root-and-Branch Out - It was proposed by Cllr Neelson to recommend refusal at this time and await further information. There was no seconder, therefore this motion fell. It was then proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Romney and unanimously resolved

that after full consideration, members felt that in this instance they were unable to support the request, and wish them the best of luck

- b) Rutland Community Ventures CIC - It was proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Romney and unanimously resolved that after full consideration, members felt that in this instance they were unable to support the request, but wish them the best of luck

211/21 REVIEW AND CONFIRMATION OF COUNCIL'S POLICIES

It was proposed by Cllr Lowe, seconded by Cllr Burton, and unanimously agreed:

- a) To confirm the continuation of the Council's policies with no amendments
b) Council accepts the recommendations to Standing Orders, 1g ,2e, 3b i,3b vii, 7h, 15j and 15k. Council also agree in principle to the recommendations to the last two paragraphs but ask the Clerk to seek clarification before amending
c) It was proposed by Cllr Orchard, seconded by Cllr Romney, and unanimously agreed to defer the Vexatious Complaints Procedure (v1) due to the notice period given

212/12 COUNCIL REPRESENTATION AT THE LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (LRALC) AGM

It was proposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Nealson, and unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr Denyer, if available, as Councils representative to attend the virtual AGM on Saturday 18th September

213/12 TO CONSIDER CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

- c) 2021/0907/FUL 53 Brooke Road Mr Thomason
Loft conversion with flat roof dormer to rear elevation and 2x rooflights to front elevation
Recommend approval
Purposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Romney and resolved with 8 votes for and 1 abstention
- d) 2021/0910/FUL 12 Uppingham Road Mr Mackin
Proposed single storey front extension to form a study
Recommend approval
Purposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and resolved with 8 votes for and 1 abstention
- e) 2021/0927/FUL 47 Deans Street Mr Moffitt
Single storey extension to rear of property and replacement of existing windows
Recommend approval
Purposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Romney and resolved with 8 votes for and 1 abstention
- f) 2021/0913/FUL 47 Stamford Road Mr Edwards
Demolition of existing dwelling house and erection of new dwelling
Recommend approval
Purposed by Cllr Denyer, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and resolved with 8 votes for and 1 abstention
- g) 2021/0842/LBA 16 Catmos Street Mr & Mrs Ley
Internal alterations to include replacement staircase
Recommend approval but would ask that the replacement is in keeping
Purposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Romney and resolved with 8 votes for and 1 abstention

- h) 2021/0944/FUL 6 Redland Road Mr & Mrs Merrell
Single storey extension
Recommend approval
Purposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Orchard and resolved with 8 votes for and 1 abstention
- i) 2021/0957/FUL 70 Cold Overton Road Mrs Rowell
New conservatory to rear, alterations to existing side of property incorporating single storey extension to side/rear
Recommend approval
Purposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and resolved with 8 votes for and 1 abstention
- j) 2021/0859/RES Land between Barleythorpe and Oakham Burley Park Way Larkfleet Homes
Reserved matters application to approved scheme (Phase 9-2015/0083/RES) in respect of six apartment blocks plots 175-216 (total 33 plots) and their replacement with 10 (No.) 3 storey homes and 6 (No.) 2 storey homes following outline planning permission APP/2011/0832
Recommend that the application be refused due to the loss and lack of affordable housing
Purposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth and resolved with 8 votes for and 1 abstention
- k) 2021/0981/FUL 77 Welland Way Mr & Mrs Cockburn
Single storey side extension and single storey rear extension
Recommend approval
Purposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Burton and resolved with 8 votes for and 1 abstention
- l) 2021/0996/CAT 14 Barlow Road Mr McCann
Oak tree at address to be pollarded -tree has always been diseased and sprays sap year-round until the colder months
Recommend approval
Purposed by Cllr Wadsworth, seconded by Cllr Burton and resolved with 8 votes for and 1 abstention
- m) 2021/0925/LBA 56 High Street Mr Furey
Removal of recently added studwork walls addition of timber studwork walls addition of timber studwork walls
Recommend approval
Purposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Orchard and resolved with 8 votes for and 1 abstention
- n) 2021/1008/CAT 16 Catmos Street Mr Ley
T1 – sycamore- reduced all round by no more than 3 metres due to T1 over dominating the space in the garden
Recommend approval
Purposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Burton and resolved with 8 votes for and 1 abstention
- o) 2021/1026/PTA 16 Catmos Street Mr Ley
T2 – Birch – reduced all round by no more than 3 metres due to very close proximity to the property
Recommend approval

Purposed by Cllr Burton, seconded by Cllr Orchard and resolved with 8 votes for and 1 abstention

- p) 2021/1005/FUL 31 Nene Crescent Mr Kelly
Porch to be updated, 2 story side extension with integral garage and single -story extension to rear
Recommend approval
Purposed by Cllr Nealsen, seconded by Cllr Burton and resolved with 8 votes for and 1 abstention
- q) 2021/1011/FUL Glebe Farm Cold Overton Road Mr Armitage
Variation of condition 1 of planning application 2018/1049/FUL. Extension of time for 2 years requested to allow continued use in line with necessary farming requirements
Recommend refusal on the grounds of no continued justification to retain the building on the site
Purposed by Cllr Romney, seconded by Cllr Denyer and resolved with 5 votes for, 1 against and 3 abstentions

214/21 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 Romney, seconded by Cllr Wadsworth, and unanimously agreed that the public and press are excluded so the next item of business can be discussed

215/21 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STAFFING COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER 2021

Record Note Item 19/ Minute reference 215/21 are recorded on a separate confidential page of the minutes and will be filed with the Town Council official minute book

The Chairman thanked everyone for their contributions and closed the meeting at 21.00

Signed: _____

**Chairman
29th September 2021**