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MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON Wednesday 30th October 2022 AT 6.30 P.M. IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

18:30 Cllr Wadsworth opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

Cllr Wadsworth advised that Cllr Lowe would take the minutes.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllr: S-A. Wadsworth, Cllr D Romney, Cllr P Buxton,
Cllr R Garwood, Cllr Ainsley, Cllr A Lowe (Voting to 6)

OTHER ATTENDEES: No Officers Present; No Public Present.

APOLOGIES: Cllr D Graham, Cllr L Toseland

NOT PRESENT: Cllr Z Neelson, Cllr C Nix

10/2022-17 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies had been received from Cllr Toseland (Illness), Cllr Graham (Work Commitments) These apologies were Proposed by Cllr Romney, Seconded by Cllr Garwood and unanimously ACCEPTED by the Council.

18:32 Cllr Z Nelson, Cllr C Nix arrived and joined the meeting. (Voting to 8)

Cllr Neelson asked for clarification if Cllr Lowe would be voting, Cllr Wadsworth having taken advice prior to the meeting was able to confirm this would be the case.

10/2022-18 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION: There were no declarations or applications made.

10/2022-19 DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: There were no member of public present.

10/2022-20 APPOINTMENTS: To appoint Councilors onto the Staffing Committee due to a resignation on the 14th October 2022.

After a discussion by those present, Cllr Romney confirmed he was remaining on Staffing. It was noted that Staffing was still one person short. After further discussion Cllr Garwood was propped by Cllr Romney and Seconded by Cllr Neelson. Cllr Nix was proposed by Cllr Neelson and Seconded by Cllr Romney.

Both proposals were voted on and carried.

The staffing Committee consists of: Cllr Wadsworth, Cllr Romney, Cllr Toseland, Cllr Garwood, Cllr Neelson, Cllr Nix.

10/2022-21 TO SET UP AN INVESTIGATION PANEL: The Chairman gave a verbal update on a meeting of Staffing where there is a requirement to set up a panel to investigate staffing issues and report the finding back to the Staffing Committee.

21.1 Cllr Neelson asked that it be minuted that they have some extreme concerns, the investigation should be independent for the benefit of both members of staff.

21.2 Selection of Cllr's to the Investigation Panel were as follows:

Cllr Ainsley	Proposed by Cllr Ainsley	Seconded by Cllr Romney
Cllr Nix	Proposed by Cllr Nix	Seconded by Cllr Romney
Cllr Neelson	Proposed by Cllr Neelson	Seconded by Cllr Romney

The Investigation Panel consists of: Cllr Ainsley, Cllr Nix, Cllr Neelson

The brief, timelines, and more detail, which were not discussed in this meeting, will be provided to the panel by the Staffing Chairman to enable them to carry out, what was described as, a fact-finding investigation.

10/2022-22 GRANT APPLICATION: Root & Branch out CIC

The Council discussed this application in detail.

Cllr Neelson proposed that the Council Support this Grant Application to the Full Amount of £950 as requested with the proviso that OTC receives appropriate credit and a follow up article in the local press.

Seconded by Cllr Wadsworth the motion was carried with 6 fore and 2 abstentions.

19:00 The Chairman closed the meeting.

The Next Meeting will be - Full Council on Wednesday 9th November 2022

