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MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th March 2023 AT 6.30 P.M. IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllrs: A. Lowe, S-A. Wadsworth, R Garwood,
, P Ainsley, H. Williams, C. Nix

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: K. Geraghty (Deputy Clerk)

Cllr Wadsworth opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

03/23 – 01 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCES:

Cllr Toseland: childcare, Cllr Buxton: not well Cllr Romney: working late.
Proposer: Cllr Williams, seconder Cllr Lowe carried

03/23– 02 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS DISPENSATION: N/A

03/23 – 03 DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

03/23 – 04 FULL COUNCIL:

4.1 Minutes: to confirm the accuracy of the minutes from the meeting held on 22nd February 2023: Proposer Cllr Williams, seconder Cllr Lowe. carried.

03/23–05. COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS:

No Councillors questions.

03/23 – 06 CLERKS REPORT:

No Clerk

03/23 – 07 CHAIRMANS REPORT:

03/23 - 08 WORKING GROUPS AND OUTSIDE BODIES:

8.1. No reports.

8.2 Events update was shared with Cllrs ongoing every month now.

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8.3 Christmas Decorators out of hours payment. Cllrs agreed to the invoice of the costs & changes. Future breakdown will be made for next year.

Proposer: Cllr Lowe, seconder Cllr Ainsley carried

8.4 Local plan, neighbourhood plan. Allocations for a neighbour plan from June 2023 leading the change, Chris Clarke headed it before, Cllr Williams & Cllr Ainsley put themselves forward.

Proposer: Cllr Lowe, seconder Cllr Nix carried

8.5 Easter Egg hunt, plastic free eggs should be purchased if possible:

Proposer: Cllr Wadsworth, seconder Cllr Ainsley carried

03/23 - 09 TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:

9.1 Oakham United Charites, proposed that a meeting is set up with them, look at the constituent, deferred to the next meeting, Cllr Ainsley to meet with Joy Clough in the office.

Proposer: Cllr Wadsworth, seconder Cllr Nix carried.

9.2 Lighting infrastructure invoice, paid £14,650 by the previous clerk, letter sent on headed note paper to RCC

A: pay the balance

B: challenge the recharge

10 years ago, it was agreed +5% year on year not +16%

Proposer: Cllr Lowe, seconder Cllr Ainsley carried

03/23 - 10 FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES:

Report from Cllr Lowe

Cambridge a/c -interest goes into the current a/c

HSBC Mayors a/c needs to close but two signatures needed and an ex councillor is not willing to help.

Petty cash outstanding balance £169.30

03/23 – 11 TOILET BLOCK:

Need local builders x 3 to price for new slabs or tarmacking the whole area around the Church street toilets

Proposer: Cllr Wadsworth, seconder Cllr Lowe carried

03/23 - 12 KINGS CORONATION:

12.1 Advert for the Coronation:

Proposer Cllr Wadsworth, seconder Cllr Lowe carried.

12.2 Bunting, Flag & Banners

Proposing maximum spend for 2023 £7,500.

Proposer Cllr Ainsley, seconder Cllr Nix carried.

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03/23 - 13 EXEMPT ITEM:

To consider the following resolution “that in the view of the confidential nature of the following agenda item, the press and public be excluded from the meeting, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, section 1.

To reconsider the exempt press & public

Proposer: Cllr Wadsworth, seconder Cllr Ainsley 3 fore 3 against carried by the Chair.

13.1 Locum Clerk for two days a week (Tuesday/Wednesday).

Proposer Cllr Wadsworth, seconder Cllr Lowe carried.

DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: 12th April 2023 @ 6.30pm

There being no additional business, the meeting concluded at 8.20pm.

These minutes are not a verbatim report of the meeting. but a summary of discussions and decisions made.

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