



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 26th APRIL 2023 AT 6.30 P.M. IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllrs: P Buxton, A. Lowe, D. Romney, S-A. Wadsworth (Chairman),

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: K. Geraghty (Deputy Clerk) & 3 residents

Cllr Wadsworth opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

12/04-17 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCES: Cllrs C Nix, L Toseland, P Ainsley, H Williams all Cllrs were unavailable due to other commitments. Proposer AL Seconder DR carried.

12/04-18 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION
None

12/04-19 DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC
Members of the public were warmly welcomed to the meeting.

- Mike Shaw commented on Lee (OTC handyman)

- Fence that runs along the pathway to Huntsman Drive needs repair (1 x 87mm x 38mm x 3600 fence rail).
- Removal of old Barbed Wire in various locations in the Wooded Area.
- Removal of old Chain link Fencing in Wooded Area and Field Access opposite Mallard Court.
- Debris on the corner of Huntsman Drive and Barleythorpe Road needs clearing.
- General tidying of Wooded Area.
- Poop Scoop sign missing from post on field entrance (Memorial Stone location).
- Mike also mentioned Tree ID Tags, I have looked on our tree report and the Centenary trees are on there but no individual tree ID's?

12/04-20 MINUTES
12/04-05.1 MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL HELD ON 12th April 2023: Option 3

Proposal: OTC approach RCC to discuss the costs and obtain the facts:

We speak to RCC, we want clarification on the land, the cost, the maintenance, that will allow OTC to make an informed decision

FORE - SAW, CN, AL.

HW - abstained

AGAINST - PA, DR, LT, PB.

12/04-21 COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS: There were none.

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Chairman: **Date:**

- 12/04-22 CLERK'S REPORT:** The Deputy Clerk drew attention to the following:
- Hollands Fair had not arrived in Cutts Close due to the ground being too soft & are returning to Oakham 13th August -19th August 2023.
 - All bands have been booked for this summer 2023. **Noted**
- 12/04-23 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** The Chairman drew attention to the following.
To continue to work with Playscape doing the inspections and the decision to have two items on Royce's playing field fixed as a matter of urgency. **Noted**
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- 12/04-24 WORKING GROUPS AND OUTSIDE BODIES:**
- 9.1** Members who attended any meetings / events on behalf of OTC were invited to report. There were no reports.
- 9.2** Kings Coronation on the 7th May prizes for the best dressed Kings & Queens, under 5s 6-10years and 11 years and above.
- To purchased 200 coronations badges. Proposed SAW Seconder AL carried.
- To replace broken tables in the shelter x 4 Proposed DR Seconder SAW carried.
- 12/04-25 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**
- 10.1** Christmas contract 2021-2023 after checking the contract it was agreed that the invoice needed to be paid for the cherry pickers. Proposed AL Seconder DR carried.
- 12/04-26 FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**
- 11.1** Payments for Approval: Deferred
- 11.2** Grant Application Oakham Pride 2023
Councillors agreed to support Oakham Pride with £500 including VAT for portable toilets in Cutts Close for the day, they need to be with a recognized company.
Proposed AL Seconder DR
- 12/04-27 PLANNING:**
- 2023/0351/FUL:** External works in support of decommissioning of the bank, consist of existing external ATM and night safe remove.
10 High Street, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6AN Proposer: AL Seconder: DR carried.
- 2023/0402/FUL:** Single storey side extension.
4 Don Close, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6JS Proposer: DR Seconder: SAW carried.
- 2023/0408/FUL:** Proposed garage/workshop.
53 South Street, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6BG Proposer: PB Seconder SAW carried

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MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE:

Terry Brown is authorised as recommended by LRLAC to assist OTC with yearend expenditure within delegated powers of the Deputy in consultation with the Chairman.

Cllr Lowe is to (continue) to assist the Deputy Clerk, RIALTAS, and Terry Brown with the end of year finance. Cllr Lowe will not be making any BACS payments.

Cllr Wadsworth is put forward as the named RFO and PO to the Council until a Clerk is appointed, this is to be minuted at the meeting of full council. Proposed by DR Seconded by PB - Carried

In preparation for the interview of prospective Clerk, the closing date is April 30th, Interviews to take place on or around the 11th or 12th May. The interview panel consisting of no less than two, ideally three of the following:
Cllr Wadsworth, Ainsley, Lowe and Buxton.
Proposed SAW Seconder DR carried.

Meeting Closed at 7.16pm

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