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## MINUTES OF A MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2022 AT 6.30 P.M. IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllrs: S-A. Wadsworth, D Romney, P Buxton A. Lowe, , R Garwood, , C Nix, P Ainsley, L Toseland, D Graham

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** B Tassell (Town Clerk), K. Geraghty (Deputy Clerk) and 6 members of the public

**APOLOGIES:** Cllrs: Cllr Nealsen

**NOT PRESENT:** Cllr Gilbody

Cllr Wadsworth opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

### 09/2022-01 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies had been received from Cllr Nealsen (Childcare Commitments) This apology was unanimously ACCEPTED by the Council (Proposed Cllr Wadsworth, Seconded Cllr Buxton).

**09/2022/02 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION:** There were none,

**09/2022/03 DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:** There were none.

### 09/2022-04 FULL COUNCIL

4.1 Minutes: To confirm the accuracy of the minutes from the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022

These were reviewed and AGREED as a true and accurate record (Proposed Cllr Romney, seconded Cllr Nix) with one abstention. Cllr Romney noted that we should be minuting the proposer and seconder of all motions. This was noted by the Clerk.

4.2 To discuss vacancy on the council and next steps.

The time for elections has now elapsed for the vacancy following Jamie Tyler's resignation. This can now be filled by co-option. An advert has been circulated and applications will be reviewed with a view to interviewing and appointing at the earliest opportunity.

Chairman: .....

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As Cllr Gilbody is not in attendance at this meeting his seat is now vacant under the non-attendance rule. An election notice will be posted tomorrow. This were noted by the Council.

**09/2022-05 COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS**

As question was submitted by Cllr Lowe. It was agreed that this should be submitted as an agenda item at the next meeting

**09/2022-06 CLERK'S REPORT:** To receive information

The Clerk updated the council as to some training courses (Clerks 2 and 3) coming up in the next few months with SLCC. These have been provisionally booked..

The clerk further update that now the summer events are over the council needs to look at the working groups, in particular the Hopper working group ,The Skate Park working group and the Finance Committee The Clerk will be in contact to get these going. Councillors are asked to start identifying what they want to do budget and spending-wise next year so we can get some ideas for the finance committee discussions and precept request.

Interviews will be arranged in the coming weeks for the ground maintenance vacancy. Any recommendations by the staffing committee will be brought back to full council for discussion and sign-off.

The bunting around the town has been booked to be taken down. This should be done either Thursday or Friday this week.

These were noted by the Council

**09/2022-07 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**

Cllr Wadsworth updated the Council as to the Recent passing of Captain V Dighe, a former Mayor of Oakham. A minutes silence was taken by the Council.

The flag on Cutts close has been lowered as a mark of respect. The office has also informed the Rutland Times who will be doing a brief obituary.

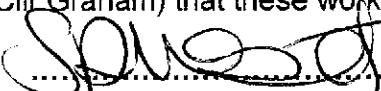
**09/2022-08 . WORKING GROUPS AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

8.1 To receive and consider reports from members, working groups and outside bodies: There were no updates.

**09/2022-09 TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

A request from RCC asking for funding for late night opening of the Library in the Winter was noted. It was **AGREED** (Proposed Cllr Wadsworth and Seconded Cllr Ainsley) that Cllr Garwood would liaise with RCC and report back anticipated costs to the next meeting for discussion.

A report requesting emergency tree-works identified was circulated. These trees have been noted in the tree report as requiring monitoring but from the photos and comments these trees now need urgent attention. It was **AGREED** (Proposed Cllr Romney and Seconded Cllr Graham) that these works need to go ahead.

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**09/2022-10 FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

**10.1 Payments for Approval**

The Clerk noted that a payment was made to the wrong person for tree works in April 2022. This was for £456.00, The returned payment and the correct re-payment are both in this month's accounts.

The Payments were reviewed and APPROVED ( Proposed Cllr Romney, seconded Cllr Wadsworth)

**10.2 Bank Reconciliation as at 31 August 2022**

These were AGREED as a true and accurate record ( Proposed Cllr Romney, seconded Cllr Ainsley)

**10.3 Grant application Oakham Canal Project**

This grant had previously been discussed when a grant was made for the marker at the start of the canal path. Council reviewed and APPROVED this grant ( proposed Cllr Garwood, Seconded Cllr Romney) Cllr Ainsley abstained from this vote.

**09/2022-11 RETURNING AGENDA ITEMS**

11.1 To discuss the replacement of the slabs around the Toilet Block on Church Street paper 2022/22

Quotes have been received although these seem rather high. The office is currently awaiting further quotes from some local building firms who hopefully will be able to provide a more competitive price.

11.2 To update regarding paper 2022/17 - the removal of the path in Cutts Close submitted by Cllr Lowe

The Office has been in contact with a number of building/landscaping firms but still awaiting solid quotes. These will be presented to council in due course.

11.3 To update regarding paper 2022/18 -repairs of the bandstand at Cutts Close  
The office has been unable to contact the original Blacksmith to discuss costs.  
Further blacksmiths have been contacted to quote for us. The office is also exploring a cheaper option of welding brackets onto the railings that can then be bolted to the structure. Quotes and options will be provided to council in due course.

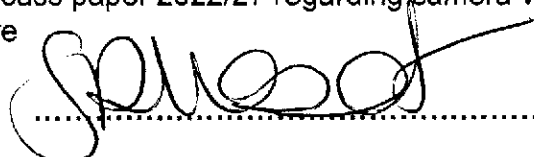
**09/2022-12 CUTTS CLOSE**

12.1 To discuss paper 2022/25 regarding repair/replacement of bins on Cutts Close and surrounds submitted by Cllr Lowe

*The proposal was discussed and it was Unanimously AGREED (proposed Cllr Wadsworth, seconded Cllr Romney) to put a budget provision for the bin works in the 2022-2023 budget.*

12.2 To discuss paper 2022/27 regarding camera viewing access into the park submitted by Cllr Lowe

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This was reviewed and **AGREED** to defer this item until a meeting can be arranged with Hugh Crouch from RCC who can update the council as to the current provision and what he thinks is required.

**09/2022-13 DEFIBRILLATOR**

13.1 To discuss paper 2022/26 regarding the provision of defibrillator training submitted by Cllr Toseland

It was unanimously **AGREED** (proposed Cllr Romney, seconded Cllr Wadsworth) to go ahead with this training and for OTC to donate £50 per training session. The first Training session will be held at ROL House and will be initially open to Councillors. The second session will be organised after this at potentially the Victoria Hall. Cllr Toseland agreed to set up this session.

**09/2022-14 CENTENARY FIELD**

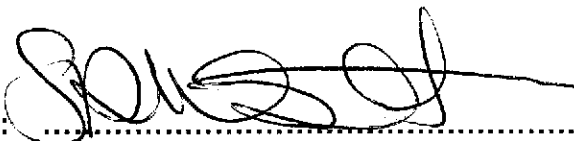
14.1 To discuss paper 2022/28 regarding the increasing use of Alcohol on the park submitted by Cllr Lowe

The proposal by Cllr Lowe was discussed. It was **AGREED** to defer this proposal (Proposed Cllr Toseland, Seconded Cllr Lowe) until Council can speak to Hugh Crouch to see what RCC think of the proposal.

**09/2022-15 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING:** 12th October 2022 @ 6.30 p.m.

The meeting Closed at 7.45pm

Chairman: .....



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