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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th April 2022 AT 6.30 P.M. IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllrs: A. Lowe, Z. Neelson, S-A. Wadsworth, A Buxton, J Denyer, R Garwood, D Romney

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: B Tassell (Town Clerk), K. Geraghty (Deputy Clerk) & 3 residents

APOLOGIES: Cllrs: C Nix and Cllr D Graham

NOT PRESENT: Cllr Gilbody

Cllr Neelson opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

04/22 – 01 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCES: Apologies were received from Cllrs. Graham and Nix

RESOLVED: That the apology and reason received from Cllr. Graham (Holiday) be accepted.

RESOLVED: That the apology and reason received from Cllr. Nix (Work Commitment) be accepted.

04/22– 02 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION: Cllrs Lowe and Neelson noted that they had a personal interest in item 16 on the agenda.

04/22 – 03 DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

County Cllr Toseland informed the meeting that the next planning meeting at the County Council would be in the next week and any queries about the proposed development on Braunston road which is due to be discussed should be forwarded to her to raise at this meeting.

04/22 – 04 FULL COUNCIL

4.1 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of the 9th March 2022 were unanimously **agreed** as a true and accurate record with one minor correction -Cllr Garwood was in attendance at this meeting.

4.2 To receive an update on any matters arising not included elsewhere on the agenda. No Matters were raised.

4.3 To discuss the vacancy on the Council and committees.

Two applications had been received for the vacancies on the Council it was agreed that these applications would be sent to the members of the staffing committee. If no more application were received in the next week the Council

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would look to invite both applicants to become members. If any further applications were received, an interview process would take place. This was agreed unanimously.

04/22 – 05. TO CONSIDER CURRENT PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO RUTLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

2022/0039/OUT Proposal: Outline planning application with all matters reserved except means of access for B1 Office development (employment use as per site allocation)
Land To The North of Maresfield Road Barleythorpe Rutland -There were no objections

2022/0261/ADV Proposal: Signage for hair salon, 2 no. flat to wall signs and 1 no. hanging sign. 13 Market Place, Oakham LE15 6DT – here were no objections

2022/0311/FUL Proposal: Existing single storey extension to be removed to facilitate new two storey extension to the Southwest of the property. Proposed Entrance Porch to the Northwest. 55 Burley Road Oakham LE15 6DJ - There were no objections

04/22 – 06. COUNCILLOR'S QUESTIONS

To answer questions previously notified to the Clerk under Standing Order 9. None had been received

04/22 – 07. CLERK'S REPORT:

The clerk noted that urgent tree works were done following an inspection at the back of the allotments. This was noted and agreed to pay for this work.

A request had been made for a charity fitness session to be held at Cutts Close either on a Wednesday morning or lunchtime. This will be in aid of the Ukrainian crises. Council noted this and agreed that this would be looked at favourably once a formal proposal was submitted.

A request had been made from RCC to put a treasure hunt trail around Cutts Close between 23rd May and 5th June. – Paper circulated. Council agreed that this would be acceptable.

04/22 – 08. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:

The Chairman updated the Council. This was noted.

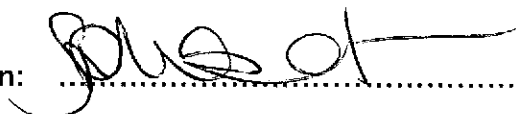
04/22 – 09. WORKING GROUPS AND OUTSIDE BODIES

09.1 Cllr Wadsworth updated the meeting following the recent event on Cutts Close. This was noted. further updates were made from the Victoria Hall Committee with regards to the hiring out of the upstairs space.

Cllr Neelson updated the group as to the progress with the survey for the potential skate park development

09.2 Cutts Close Lighting Update The Clerk informed the council that quotes are currently being obtained for this work. It was noted that this was proving difficult as a specialist items were needed but this would be reported back as soon as they had been obtained.

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05/22 -10. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- 10.1 Oakham Pump Track. The correspondence was noted and was agreed in principle that this was a good idea and would be supported by the Council. It was agreed to contact the group and offer any assistance as required to get this project moving.
- 10.2 request by Oakham festival to use Cutts Close for Car Boot sale on 26th June – Cllr Wadsworth updated. It was agreed that this would be fine on the proviso that Cutts close needs to be vacated by 12.00pm to allow the setup of the event in the afternoon. It was agreed that the events committee would liaise and see if this was acceptable.

05/22 - 11. FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

11.2 Payments for Approval (Attached up to 01.04.22)
These were noted.

11.3 Late Payments for approval

SLCC enterprises	S111/112	Locum Fees January	£4330.80
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Rushton Trees	S19	Tree work Allotments	£5544.00
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Biffa	S19	Grounds Maintenance Mar	£2406.49
Cllr Nealson	S19	Chairmans Expenses	£42.95
Hampshire Flag	S111/112	OTC Flag	£192.47

These were unanimously agreed to be paid.

11.4 Bank Reconciliation as at 31 March 2022

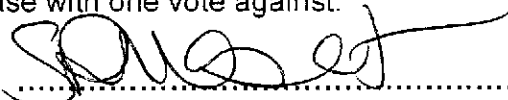
Current account	£41,561.99
Cambridge Building Society Account	£60,000
HSBC reserve Account	£250,016.83
Petty Cash	£155.00

This was unanimously **AGREED** to be an accurate position.

11.5 Grant application: Victoria Hall. Cllr Wadsworth Declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item as a trustee of the Victoria Hall. After discussion it was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** with one abstention to award the Victoria Hall £3,000 for the refurbishment works.

11.6 To consider report 15.04 from Cllr Nealson regarding the proposed installation of a defibrillator on Cutts Close. This was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to be purchased. The Chairman was asked to send out a press release ion social media to advertise this.

11.7 to consider report 15.05 from Cllr Buxton regarding the price increase for the summer floral display. This was discussed and **AGREED** to pay the 5% increase with one vote against.

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11.8 Banking: Following the Resignation of CllR Burton it was AGREED that the signatories on this account would now be Cllrs Romney and Nealson. It was further confirmed that we still wished to open this account. The clerk asked the signatories to visit the Oakham branch in the coming days with photo identification so that the account can be opened.

11.9 Policies and Fact files for consideration: The Parks and Open Space Hire Policy was reviewed and no changes were identified. It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to maintain this policy document for the next year.

05/22 - 12. CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT

Due to a Personal interest in this agenda item Cllrs Nealson and Lowe left the meeting.

12.1 The Rutland County Conduct Committee Decision Notice was circulated to the meeting. It was **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** to accept the findings of this committee.

Discussions were had as to the appropriate length that Cllr Lowe should be removed from the committees and other appointments of the council. The Clerk informed the meeting as to advice received from LRALC.

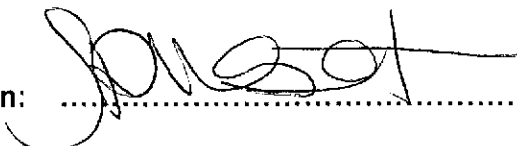
It was proposed that Cllr Lowe should be removed as a member from the Committees and other appointments of the Council until the next council elections (1 year). This Motion **FAILED** 3 votes against to 2 votes for.

It was further proposed that Cllr Lowe should be removed as a member from the Committees and other appointments of the Council until the next council year (1 month). This Motion **FAILED** 3 votes against to 2 votes for.

It was further proposed that Cllr Lowe should be removed as a member from the Committees and other appointments of the Council for the period of 6 months (Until October 2022) This Motion **PASSED** 3 votes for to 2 votes against. It was further **AGREED** to write formally to Cllr Lowe to inform him of this decision.

17. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: 11 May 2022 @ 6.30 p.m.

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