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MINUTES OF THE RECREATIONAL, PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 28TH June 2023 AT 6.30 P.M. IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

IN ATTENDANCE: Cllrs: S-A. Wadsworth, A Lowe, P Buxton, P Ainsley, J Lucas
P.Wildbore.

Kathy Geraghty
Deputy Town Clerk

AGENDA

06/23 1. APPOINT A CHAIRMAN: Cllr Adam Lowe. Proposer Cllr Lucas, seconder Cllr Ainsley
carried 1 x abstained.

06/23 2. APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE. Cllr Nix unavailable, Cllr Hall holiday, Cllr Clarke. Cllr Pryer (no show). Proposer Cllr Wadsworth seconder Cllr Buxton carried.
Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda.

06/23 3. DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC: 1 resident was present; they were welcomed to the meeting & invited to address the council. They spoke in opposition to planning application 2023/0593/FUL.

06/23 4. MINUTES (To follow)
Confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 25th January as a true record of the meeting.
Minutes deferred: Proposer Cllr Ainsley seconder Cllr Williams carried.

06/23 5. CHAIRMAN, CLERK & MEMBERS REPORTS:
Cllr Lucas attended Armed Forces Day at the Castle. Held a surgery on Oakham High Street on Saturday. Written report to Deputy Clerk.

06/23 6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS
To consider the following application and make recommendations, comments, and observations thereon to Rutland County Council

i 2023/0462/FUL Proposal: Conversion of an existing first floor space from a commercial office space (Class E) to a self-contained residential unit Class C3)

34C High Street, Oakham LE15 6AL: Proposer Cllr Buxton seconder Cllr Williams carried.

ii 2023/0547/FUL Proposal: Conservatory to the rear of the house along the boundary.

19 Welland Way, Oakham Rutland LE15 6SL: Proposer Cllr Lucas seconder, Cllr Wadsworth carried.

iii 2023/0554/CAT Proposal: Reduce errant branch at top of 1no. Larch (T1) in front garden by 2m. Trim crown easterly spread of lower 5m of 1 no. Western Red Cedar (T2) in front garden back to the boundary by -1.5m. Reduce spread of 1 no. Magnolia (T4) overhanging neighbours garden by 1.5m: reduce height by 2m

Green Hollow, 20 Catmose Park Road, Oakham Rutland LE15 6HN: Proposer Cllr Wadsworth, seconder Cllr Wildbore carried.

iv 2023/0565/FUL Retrospective permission for flagpole no greater than 6m (currently 5.48m) in rear garden. 2) Loft conversion with internal access, Velux-style windows to rear and window with Juliet balcony at gable end. 3) Single storey kitchen extension to rear that alters (lowers) existing rear ground-floor gable roofline.

5 Witchley Close, Oakham Rutland LE15 6FZ: Proposer Cllr Wadsworth, seconder Cllr Wildbore carried.

v 2023/0593/FUL Proposal: Erect Statue and plinth with associated landscaping works. Oakham Library, Catmos Street, Oakham Rutland LE15 6HW: Proposer Cllr Lucas, seconder Cllr Wadsworth, 3 x fore 2 x Against 2 x abstained.

vi 2023/0621/FUL Proposal: Erection of a fence around The Wilson Field. The Wilson Fields, Ashwell Road, Oakham, Rutland: Proposer Cllr Wadsworth, seconder Cllr Williams carried.

06/23 7. REQUESTS TO USE CUTTS CLOSE:

Council agreed the use on the 3rd September: Proposer Cllr Lowe, seconder Cllr Wadsworth carried.

06/23 8. EVENTS UPDATE:

For information only.

06/23 9. PLAYSCAPES INSPECTION REPORTS:

Moderate risk items Playscape to quote pg. 2 look at the gate pg. 16, timber trail quote to repair. Proposer Cllr Lowe, seconder Cllr Williams carried.

19.31pm -19.33pm Comfort Break

Princess Ave Park, all very low acknowledge. Proposer Cllr Lowe seconder Cllr Wildbore carried.

Cutts Close Park, playscape to quote for the rubber wet pour, which has split pg. 20 under 5s playground pg10 and be presented at Full Council. Proposer Cllr Williams, seconder Cllr Wildbore carried.

06/23 10. BARMSTEDT TWINNING TOWN:

It was agreed to find the original paperwork: set up a working group: cost to the Council: Deferred for now and to Thank Mr & Mrs Humphreys original founders of Oakham Twinning Association. Cllr Lowe to bring it back on R & P 26th July. Proposer Cllr Williams, seconder Cllr Ainsley carried.

06/23 11. ENHANCEMENT OF CUTTS CLOSE:

It was agreed that the sycamore trees needed removing with roots and replanted. Contact Hugh Crouch re CCTV re police on our green spaces. Cllr Williams would meet with Lee Handyman to talk about the green space, bird boxes need to be replaced & a survey done. Shelter one of the metal benches is loose and needs repairing.

06/23 12. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING: Confirmed as 26th July 2023.

Meeting Concluded at 20.18pm

Signed Committee Chairman:

Date: