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## MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023 AT 6.30 P.M. IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllrs: S-A. Wadsworth, P Buxton, P Ainsley, H. Williams, C. Nix, A Lowe, P Wildbore, C. Clark, J Hall, S Pryer, J Lucas.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:** K. Geraghty (Deputy Clerk)

Cllr Wadsworth opened the meeting and welcomed all present.

**07/23 – 01 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCES: N/A**

**07/23– 02 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS AND APPLICATIONS FOR DISPENSATION: N/A**

**07/23 – 03 DEPUTATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:**

**07/23 – 04 FULL COUNCIL:**

4.1 Minutes: to confirm the accuracy of the minutes from the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2023: Proposer AL, seconder PA carried.

**07/23–05. CHAIRMANS REPORT:**

Cllr Wadsworth explained who her charity is Rutland Responders, Thanked Julie Lowe for raising £223 at Party in the Park, Cllr Nix went to an event in Wittering, met the Mayors of Stamford and Peterborough.

**07/23 – 06. TO CONSIDER CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

Letter from RCC re grounds maintenance to cut the grass verges in Oakham, Council agreed not to take up this offer.

**07/23 -07. DEFIBRILLATOR:**

To reinstate the defibrillator in Cutts Close in the shelter for park events. Install signs for the nearest defibrillator nearby. Use budget Health & Safety. Proposer SAW, seconder PA, carried.

Chairman:  Date:

**07/23 -08 OAKHAM DANCE STUDIO:**

Police to be made aware of the crimes, contact Hugh Crouch re coverage of CCTV on Princess Ave. Proposer SAW, seconder PA carried.

**07/23- 09 COMMITTIES & OUTSIDE BODIES:**

More families coming from Cyprus, veterans' wellbeing hub on Wednesday, Men in sheds have a shop, Peppers are doing drop-in sessions in the evenings in July. Cllr Buxton went on a trip Rutland Belle with the stroke club. Tree champion to meet Stuart Kidd.

**07/23- 10 STRATEGIC AIMS:**

Moving agenda items 10 & 11 after agenda 12. Proposer HW, seconder CN carried.

**07/23- 12 PLACE PLAN FOR OAKHAM:**

12.1 To set up a working group ESWG Proposer PA, seconder CN carried.

12.2 Cllr Ainsley, Cllr Clark, Cllr Nix, Cllr Pryer. Proposer SAW, seconder HW carried.

**07/23 -10 & 11. STRAGIC AIMS & OBNHP:**

Both papers were withdrawn.  
Cllr Hall left the room 7.25pm, returned 7.27pm

**07/23 -13. PUBLICITY:**

Change the title of tree warden to tree champion. Reintroduce the Mayor Making Ceremony for the new Mayor. to establish the post of Town Cryer, suggested Cllr Lowe. All new Councillors update the website via Cllr Ainsley with 120 words for their bio. Proposer PA, seconder CC carried.

**07/23 -14. FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES:**

14.1 Bank recs, Bank statements & Rialtas, Advertising tenders for Biffa, rota for all Cllrs to sign off the bank papers 10 minutes before each Full Council meeting. Proposer PA, seconder CN carried.

**07/23- 15. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION IN PRIVATE:**

Public & Press leave 7.45pm

15.1 Deferred

15.2 Oakham Smallholders Association 15% in place. Proposer AL seconder SAW carried 1 x against PA.

15.1 Using the matrix for scoring during the interviews, it concluded C Evans was the best candidate for the Town Clerk position 4 days -25 hours, employment subject to references. Proposer SAW, seconder PA carried 2 x abstained AL & CC.

**The next meeting is 9<sup>th</sup> August @6.30pm**

Chairman:  Date: