

# Oakham Town Council

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## **MINUTES OF THE RECREATIONAL, PLANNING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 25th OCTOBER 2023 AT 6.30 P.M. IN THE TOWN COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllrs: S-A. Wadsworth, A Lowe, P Ainsley, J Lucas, L Chatfield, J Hall, S Pryer, C Nix, P Wildbore.

*Kathy Geraghty*  
**Deputy Town Clerk**

**10/23 1. (i) APPOINT CHAIRMAN** To appoint Cllr Nix, Proposer Cllr Lowe, seconder Cllr Lucas carried

**10/23 1. (ii) APPOINT DEPUTY CHAIRMAN** To appoint Cllr Chatfield, Proposer Cllr Lucas, seconder Cllr Hall carried. 1 x abstained.

**10/23 2. APOLOGIES AND REASON FOR ABSENCE** Cllr Clark away, Cllr Buxton on holiday. Proposer Cllr Wadsworth, seconder Cllr Chatfield, carried.

### **10/23 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda. None

**10/23 3. DEPUTATIONS BY THE PUBLIC** None

**10/23 4. MINUTES:** Confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 26th July as a true record of the meeting. They were correct, Proposer Cllr Lowe, seconder Cllr Wadsworth, carried.

### **10/23 5. CHAIRMAN, CLERK & MEMBERS REPORTS:**

To receive reports from the Committee Chairman and members who have attended meetings on behalf of Oakham town Council. Cllr Nix attended the Local plan meeting & recommended this to other councillors online on the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to make comments to RCC, the link to be on the December meeting. Proposer Cllr Lowe, seconder Wadsworth carried.

Promotion of the Centenary Field, Cllr Wildbore to bring a paper for the Centenary Field Proposer Cllr Ainsely, seconder Cllr Lucas carried.

Play area Cutts Close, urgent repairs needed, non-closing gate etc. On the 11<sup>th</sup> October Robert Clayton, Chris Evans, Lee Anthony & Philip Wildbore met, historic England would need to be informed. RC was going to research September 2010-2016 for information.

### **10/23 6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

To consider the following application and make recommendations, comments, and observations thereon to Rutland County Council

#### **2023/0818/LBA**

All existing signage and shop front timber to be suitably prepared, repainted in black to match existing. Sections of existing white painted brickwork to be lime rendered and painted white (breathable matt paint). **41 High Street, Oakham Rutland LE15 6AH** Proposer Cllr Wadsworth, seconder Cllr Hall carried.

### **2023/0995/FUL**

Change of use to create a licensed cafe and business hub designed specifically for entrepreneurs, professionals, and businesspeople to work, meet, eat & drink. In addition to the cafe, it will include hot desking, meeting rooms for rental and networking opportunities.

**Portfolian House 30 Melton Road Oakham Rutland LE15 6AY** Proposer Cllr Nix, Cllr Pryer carried.

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**Portfolian House 30 Melton Road Oakham Rutland LE15 6AY** Proposer Cllr Nix, seconder Cllr Pryer carried.

### **2023/1045/CAT**

Remove 2 low branches of Lime (T1) to raise crown over drive and raise crowns of 2 Yews (T2 & T3) over driveway by 1m. **49 Stamford Road Oakham Rutland LE15 6HZ.** Proposer Cllr Wildbore, seconder Cllr Lucas carried.

### **2023/0150/LBA:**

Replace rear first floor windows from single to double glazed and insert new window into first floor rear bathroom.

**2 The Maltings Mill Street Oakham Rutland LE15 6EA** To be noted that on the new bathroom window it should be 16mm the same as the rest of the windows. Proposer Cllr Nix, seconder Cllr Wadsworth carried.

**2023/1051/PTA Walnut** (T1) - Reduce crown overhanging drive by up to 2m back to appropriate growth points. Remove any rubbing/crossing branches, epicormic growth from within crown and dead wood. Walnut (T2) - 20% crown thinning, removal of top running branches where possible, removal of dead and/or crossing branches and epicormic growth within the crown. Reduce branches next to 1 Barmstedt Close and neighbouring property at 3 Barmstedt Drive by 1.5 - 2 metres by cutting back to appropriate healthy growth points to create a 2-metre clearance with the gable end belonging to 1 Barmstedt Close and prevent the encroachment of the tree over land belonging to 3 Barmstedt Drive. **1 Barmstedt Close Oakham Rutland LE15 6RJ** Before the tree is reduced check there is no birds nesting. Proposer Cllr Wildbore, seconder Cllr Ainsley carried.

### **2023/1057/FUL**

Single storey front and rear extensions and new porch. **30 Alexander Crescent Oakham Rutland LE15 6LB** All agreed, proposer Cllr Lucas, seconder Cllr Wadsworth, carried.

### **2023/1082/CAT**

Removal of 1 no. tree. **28 Stamford Road Oakham Rutland LE15 6JA** Agreed, Proposer Cllr Wildbore, seconder Cllr Lucas carried.

### **2023/1085/PTA**

T1 - 1 no. Copper beech - raise canopy all the way round to 4.5 metres. Reduce the whole crown by 2.5 metres bringing the tree down to 35ft in height and shape it. Thin the canopy through by 20%. Remove all deadwood and compromised branches. **10 Uppingham Road Oakham Rutland LE15 6JD** Agreed Proposer Cllr Wildbore, seconder Cllr Lucas, carried.

### **10/23 8. CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED:**

Flood Light for Royce's Basketball Pitch. Council agrees it's too expensive to source electricity to the basketball pitch but suggested that the person contacts Oakham School to see if they can help with her sons training. Proposer Cllr Nix, seconder Cllr Ainsley, carried.

Purchase of daffodil & flower bulbs for the parks. Deferred to full Council.

### **9. NEXT MEETING:**

22nd November 2023 at 6.30pm

