

Meeting Type: Full Council	Agenda Item: 18
Date of Meeting: 8 th July 2026	
OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL	
Report Author: Samantha Haywood, Locum Clerk/RFO	Purpose: For decision
Title: Planning Committee	
<p>1. Purpose of the Report</p> <p>For Council to consider reinstating the Planning Committee to meet on a regular basis to consider responses to planning applications, and to consider a change of name for the committee.</p> <p>2. Background</p> <p>I am concerned that Council do not seem to consider planning applications and the Planning Committee seems to be inactive. I have added this to this meeting's agenda as I consider it very important that Council respond to planning applications. I believe there is a wildlife park application and with the government commitment to build so many houses, it is possible that Oakham and the surrounding area will receive a lot of development applications.</p> <p>Responding to planning applications can help ensure the local community is represented. Development can have a major impact on local amenities, roads, services, schools, transport etc. which I feel is important for Council to comment on.</p> <p>3. Committee Name</p> <p>The Committee is currently called the Recreation & Planning Committee. I ask that Council consider changing the name to the Planning Committee as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning can be an extremely busy committee as it can be common for an influx of planning applications to be received in a short time, or for one large contentious application to be received that will generate a lot of work to consider. • 'Recreation' within the Terms of Reference currently covers areas such as play areas, trees, parks, street furniture, grounds maintenance, and events, all of which are large areas for consideration in their own right. If Council wish a committee to be responsible for such then I would recommend an Open Spaces Committee. I consider Events to be a very large area and it should have its own Committee if Council would like a committee to consider these areas. 	
<p>Motions:</p> <p>That Full Council consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approval of the change of name for the Planning Committee. 2) Approval of the reviewed Planning Committee Terms of Reference. 	

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