



Oundle Town Council

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Report on the Annual Town Meeting April 28th 2022 at 7.00pm

Councillors Present: Cllrs I Clark, V Chesser, L Jones, D Chapple, P King, L Holland, J Arnold, D Fuller, J Hutton, R Desbois and R Reichhold

Apologies: Cllr P Davis, NNC Cllrs C Best and H Harrison.

Present: Approximately 30 members of the public

Key points raised were -

1) Introduction and thanks to U3A

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the members of U3A who had helped with the set up of the projector and sound system.

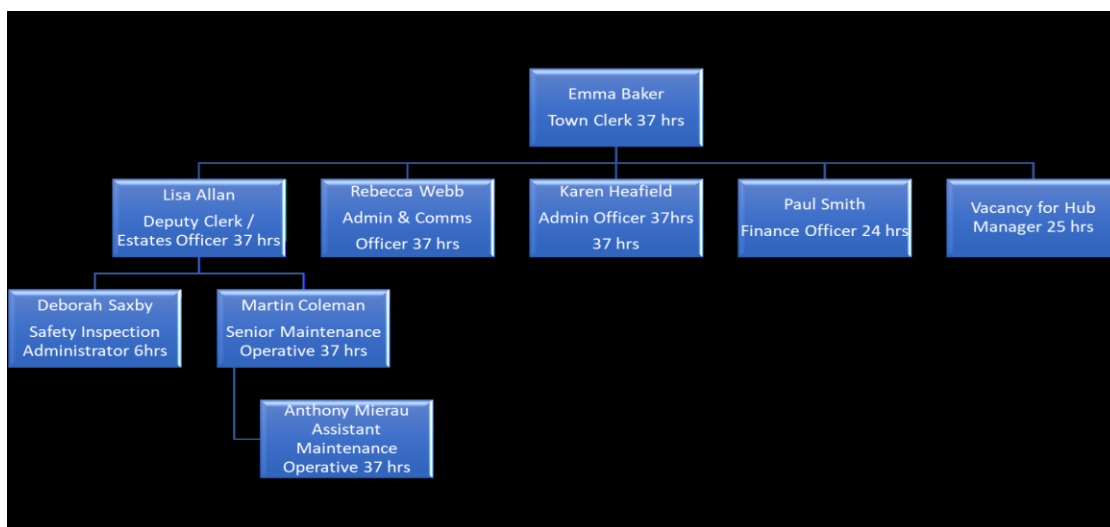
2) North Northants Council – Oundle Ward Councillors

Apologies had been received from the ward councillors who were unable to attend the meeting. <https://www.maverickskateparks.co.uk/oundle>

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3) Staff Structure

The Mayor informed the meeting of the current staff members of the council and reported that there was a vacancy for a Hub Manager currently being advertised.



4) **Finances** – figures from the Annual Internal Audit Report were shared.

	Year ending 31 March 2021	Year ending 31 March 2022
1. Balances brought forward	386,057	352,240
2. Annual precept	494,506	496,893
3. Total other receipts	165,415	129,615
4. Staff costs	242,115	207,434
5. Loan interest/capital repayments	22,793	22,793
6. Total other payments	428,830	302,790
7. Balances carried forward	352,240	445,731
8. Total cash and investments	483,965	463,050
9. Total fixed assets and long-term assets	2,657,837	2,662,110
10. Total borrowings	419,509	415,084

5) **Looking Back**

The Mayor gave a brief overview of what had been achieved during the past year. He also informed the residents about the sad loss of John who passed away in October 2021. He introduced the new Councillors Jamie Arnold and Rebecca Desbois who were co-opted on to the council in 2021 and informed the meeting about the grants that OTC had given to community groups in the town during the year. Information about the new signage installed on OTC property, Love Oundle website, the new Walking App, an update on the Council Climate change working party and what progress has been made plus who the Town Council are collaborating with a Council in Poland to help with supporting families from Ukraine was shared.

6) **Community Award 2022**

The Mayor introduced the new Community Award scheme that the Council has started this year and he was pleased to announce that Cathy and Kira Wenden had received it for the voluntary work they have done co-ordinating and delivery aid for Ukraine to the central depot in Peterborough. Cathy and Kira were presented with a certificate at the meeting.

7) **Planning**

Cllr Chapple, Head of the Planning Committee gave an update on what has been happening within planning during the year. He reported on the recent examination of the Local Plan part 2 and introduced the planning panel that the Council has agreed to set up. The panel would be made up of local experts in planning to help the committee consult on large planning applications.

8) **Parish Path Warden**

The OTC Path Warden gave a presentation on what the duties were for a path warden. He presented the parish path map and explained that the role was to walk the paths and report any issues or damage to North Northants Council who are responsible for maintaining the paths.

9) **Transport Study Update**

The Mayor gave a brief update of the findings from the transport study that has recently been conducted. A more detailed report will be published once the Town Council have received the findings.

10) **Fletton Field Association**

A representative from the Fletton Field Association gave an update on the progress of getting the field transferred to the Town Council for the people of Oundle. The business plan has been approved by the town council and is supported by the NNC Oundle ward councillors. The NNC executive committee will be deciding shortly on the future of the field.

11) **Hub Space in Fletton House**

The hub space would not be opening up as a café but will be used as a community space for groups, charities and small-scale events which will be managed by the Hub Manager once appointed.

12) **Estates Management Update**

A new cycleway has been installed on Glapthorn Road and was funded by S106 money the Council had received. Wildflower areas have been set up in the recreation ground. The Council will be carrying out repairs on the St Peter's Church wall around the churchyard. Highland cattle will be grazing on Snipe Meadow for the first time this year. Two new benches will be installed in the recreation ground in memory of the Jubilee and the pandemic. OTC are asking for volunteers to help maintain the Cemetery anyone can volunteer to be a Cemetery Warden and help with keeping the area tidy.

The Council is working with the skatepark supplier on the planned new skatepark. An online consultation launched on 28th April for comments on the proposal and will run for a month.

13) **Queen Victoria Hall Trust**

The QVH Trust is working on a partnership with Creative Oundle where they have use of the QVH as a box office. So far this has worked well and discussions will continue to build on the partnership.

14) **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations**

Cllr Fuller gave an overview of the events during the weekend. There is a sports day on 3rd June where people can take part in a variety of sporting events. There will be a market, fun fair and entertainment in the town on 4th June which will run from the morning into early afternoon. The celebrations will continue into the night on Fletton Field where people can picnic, listen to music and then watch the Queen's concert on a large screen.

The meeting ended with a few questions from the public.

An update was requested on the plans for the old primary school site on Milton Road. The site is owned by Oundle School now and there is due to be an announcement shortly.

A request for volunteers to help with the jubilee celebrations was made.

The meeting ended at 8.35pm