



Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5th September 2017 at Meldon Village Hall, Okehampton.

Councillors Present -

D Webber
R Maile
A Ewen
M Cooper
B Wood
P Heard
J Heard
M Littlejohns

Also Present – Cllr A Leech (WDBC), and Cllr M Davies (WDBC)
Mrs J Gillard, Parish Clerk

1. Members of the Public – there was one member of the public present, Mr J Hall. He raised the issue residents of the Persimmon development off Crediton Road were experiencing – there is a significant amount of dog mess in the area of the childrens playground, there are no waste bins. He asked if the Parish Council could take on the costs of emptying a bin if one were provided by the Management Company. Councillors acknowledged the issue and this would be discussed further in item 10.5.

2. Declarations of Interest -

3. Apologies – were received from Cllr J Yelland (WDBC)

4. Approval of Minutes of previous meetings held on 4th July, 26th July and 15th August 2017 these were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr M Cooper and seconded by Cllr Ewen.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

5.1 Abbeyford Wood sewage leak – no further issues reported, Cllr Wood advised he had met a representative from South West Rivers Trust at the Meldon Wildlife Day, they are able to train volunteers to test water quality, he was awaiting further information from them and it was agreed to take up the offer of any training that may be available.

5.2 New Road Boundary Stone – to receive an update. No further contact had been received from the Stonemasons, Clerk to chase up.

6. DCC and WDBC – to receive any reports/updates from Councillors present including WDBC and South Hams One Council Proposal from Cllr Mike Davies

Cllr Davies outlined the proposals to create a new Council from West Devon and South Hams, a question and answer sheet was issued to all. Shared Services are already in place between the 2 councils, by 2020/21 they will have a £1.9m deficit in budgets, by creating a new council there is estimated to be a £1/2 m saving annually. Both Councils have agreed in principle to this change, we are now in a period of public consultation. More information available on www.onecouncil.org.uk
Cllr Leech advised he would forward to the Clerk a presentation re a Community Led Housing initiative scheme, West Devon have a small amount of funds for this scheme.

7. Neighbourhood Planning - to receive an update on joint Okehampton Councils Plan

Cllr Wood advised the Group had not met since the last update was given, they are due to meet next week. Cllr Leech advised he is evaluating the feedback from the 3 events held looking at potential land use.

8. To receive reports from meetings attended by Parish Council representatives including –

OCRA – Cllr Ewen advised the Groups AGM was held last month at which all the Trustees resigned. The stakeholder Trustees remain in place of which he is one. They are holding an extra ordinary meeting 17th Sept where proposals will be received for new Trustees. In the short term Okehampton United Charity have stepped in to assist, there are no financial issues with the organisation.

9. Planning – to consider and agree response to applications listed below together with any others received up to date of this meeting.

9.1 WDBC 2402/17 Householder application for proposed barn at Place Cottage, Tavistock Road, Okehampton. Previously considered at meeting held on 15th August, response reconsidered as extension date for responses has been received. Cllr Leech advised he understood an amendment to the height of the proposed barn was being submitted. Councillors resolved to support the principle of a barn being erected but not to support the size and height of the current proposal. Proposed by Cllr Littlejohns and seconded by Cllr Ewen, all in favour.

9.2 WDBC 2574/17 Reserved matters application following outline approval 01089/2013 for technical details of first 80 m of road to provide access to school site, land north of Crediton Road, Crediton Road, Okehampton. Councillors resolved to support this application, proposed by Cllr Wood and seconded by Cllr Littlejohns, all in favour.

9.3 WDBC 2793/17 Application for proposed barn conversion to 2 dwellings, barns adjacent to Lower Chichacott, Chichacott Road, Okehampton. Site visit previously undertaken by Cllr Webber, Wood and Maile, councillors resolved to support the application, proposed by Cllr Wood and seconded by Cllr Ewen, all in favour.

9.4 DCC - 4013/2017 New 420 place Primary School, built in 2 phases together with Foundation Stage Unit and a childrens centre at land adjacent to Crediton Road, Okehampton. Councillors resolved to respond with a neutral view and to raise the following issues – number of drop off spaces for cars insufficient, the community should be able to have use of the hall – was the size appropriate?, the design should be in keeping with the area, and to question what the Childrens Centre use was. Proposed by Cllr J Heard seconded by Cllr Littlejohns.

9.5 DNP – to consider and agree response to Dartmoor Local Plan Consultation including Parish Profiles. Agreed to suggest Meldon be considered as a settlement, it should be possible for a small number of new properties to be developed in this area. Proposed by Cllr Ewen and seconded by Cllr P Heard.

9.6 DNP – to note Grant of conditional Planning Permission 0619/16 Mr & Mrs M Littlejohns, Minehouse Farm, conversion of 3 redundant barns to 3 holiday units at Estrayer Park.. Noted.

9.7 Housing Matters Ltd – to consider offer from organisation to attend a Council meeting (see attached). Agreed to accept invitation to either a council meeting or a meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Group. Statistical information required.

9.8 WDBC 2683/17 Advertisement consent application for single double sided sign on round metal posts to replace existing (resubmission of 1904/17), land at SX610 952 Farmer Luxtons shop, Okehampton. Councillors resolved to support application, proposed by Cllr Wood and seconded by Cllr Littlejohns. All in favour.

10. Meldon Woods & other property issues.

10.1 Management Plan – to receive update. Meeting notes of the Working Group distributed. Agreed suggested actions be undertaken, quotes to be obtained for second phase of tree safety work and also agreed actions to filling pot holes with stone, repairs to fencing and gate, hedgetrimming and trimming around shelter be undertaken. Clerk to obtain quotations.

10.2 Fence surrounding Meldon car park – to consider if repairs required. Covered in item 10.2 above.

10.3 Meldon Wildlife Day, 15th August – to receive report on event and consider potential sponsors for next years event. Event was very successful and to suggest to DNP that on future events talks/display boards could be included on the history/archaeology of the area.

10.4 DNP to receive update on request for replacement dormouse boxes. Agreed to order supply of boxes to avoid delay as response not yet received from Cllr Ball Re Locality funding.

10.5 To consider potential requirement for dog waste bin to be sited in Sterlings Way/Kellands Lane. See item 1 above, agreed situation needed resolving and that Council take on costs of emptying a bin on assumption bin be provided by Management Company. Clerk to progress and establish ongoing responsibilities with Management Company and WDBC. Proposed by Cllr Ewen and seconded by Cllr P Heard.

11. Correspondence

- 11.1 Team Chaos Muay Thai and Fitness Centre – to re-consider grant application previously circulated. Agreed not within terms and conditions of Grant scheme as a business venture.
- 11.2 OCRA to consider grant request for £1000 and also additional funding. Clarified from previous meeting to award grant of £200 but not to include item in precept budgeting for specific increased funding for organisation.
- 11.3 Campus Graphics – to consider offer for printing of banner (details previously circulated). Resolved to order 2 banners at total cost of £90. Proposed by Cllr Wood and seconded by Cllr Cooper.
- 11.4 To consider request from OkehamptonTown Council to support a TAP application to be submitted by themselves for funds to repair Jubilee Bridge in Simmons Park. Agreed in principle to support application, further information required on sums involved.
- 11.5 WDBC Taxi Licensing Policy consultation – to consider and agree response. Agreed no response required.
- 11.6 DNP – Dartmoor Pay and Conserve consultation – to note response submitted. Noted.
- 11.7 Okehampton Town Council – to consider and agree representatives to attend Planning Training Event to be held on Thursday 28th Sept at Okehampton Town Hall. Agreed Cllrs Wood, Cooper and Webber and Clerk to attend.
- 11.8 To consider LCR subscription renewal £17. Agreed to renew subscription, proposed by Cllr Ewen, seconded by Cllr Wood.
- 11.9 Okehampton United Charities – to consider election of a nominated trustee to Okehampton United Charity due to Cllr Webbers term of office ending on 20th October 2017 . Cllr Webber to be re-nominated, proposed by Cllr Wood and seconded by Cllr Littlejohns.
- 11.10 Lyric House – to consider grant application for £250, see attached. Agreed to request further information re organisation and those helped, application to be reconsidered at next meeting.
- 11.11 Relate Okehampton – to consider grant application for £360.00, see attached. Resolved to award £100, proposed by Cllr P Heard and seconded by Cllr Ewen.

12. Accounts

Current Account at	15/08/17	£	15375.42
Deposit Account at	31/06/17	£	<u>26381.05</u>
Total		£	41756.47
Less 'Restricted' Funds			
Links Administration			182.89

Total 'Unrestricted' Funds **£ 41573.58**

Less Unpresented chqs

Tavistock Newspapers	001220	£	19.50
Tavistock Newspapers	001232	£	19.50
Chagford Combined	001238	£	20.00
		£	59.00

Total Available Funds **£ 41514.58**

Funds received – Aggregate Industries £491.75

12.1 Accounts for payment –

Mrs J Gillard (wages £692.50, and mileage £58.95, exp £31.99)	£783.44
Broadbury landcare	£ 145.00
Exbourne Village Hall	£ 15.00
Tavistock Town Council	£ 40.00
Inkprint	£ 4.40
Okehampton Town Council	£ 15.00

Resolved accounts be paid, proposed by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr P Heard

13 . Date and venue of next meeting to be confirmed as 7.30pm, Tuesday 3rd October 2017 at Okehampton Town Hall

The meeting was declared closed at 9.40 pm

Signed Date

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