



Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th March 2018 at Meldon Village Hall, Okehampton.

Councillors Present -

D Webber
R Maile
M Cooper
P Heard
B Wood

Cllr A Leech, WDBC, Cllr J Yelland WDBC, Cllr K Ball DCC & WDBC, Cllr M Davies WDBC

Also Present – Mrs J Gillard, Parish Clerk and 1 member of the public.

Absent – Cllr J Heard

1. Members of the Public – one member of the public was present who addressed councillors re item 9.1 on the agenda. A copy letter which he has sent to the Inspectorate was distributed to Councillors, this reiterated objections made to the original application and these were noted by Councillors.

2. Declarations of Interest – there were no declarations of interest.

3. Apologies – were received and accepted from Cllrs M Littlejohns and A Ewen.

4. Approval of Minutes of previous meetings held on 6th February 2018 these were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr P Heard and seconded by Cllr Maile

5. Matters arising from the minutes

- 5.1 Abbeyford Wood sewage leak – no new issues reported.
- 5.2 New dog/waste bin Kellands Lane – to receive update. Awaiting notification of bin being erected by Management company.
- 5.3 Broadmoor Lane, request for litter/dog bin – to receive an update. Awaiting meeting of resident with Cllr Webber.

6. DCC and WDBC – to receive any reports/updates from Councillors present.

DCC - Okehampton East Business Park – Cllr Ball reported a couple of original bidders had withdrawn, remarketing has taken place and acceptance letters have now been issued to new potential purchasers. Forthglade building nearly complete.

Traffic flow in Okehampton – work has commenced to identify improvements that can be made, this includes traffic studies and potential changes to junction layouts.

Cllr Davies reported WDBC finances will not balance by 2020, there is to be a 2.99% increase in Council tax. The Political Structures Working group report was considered at the recent full council meeting where a resolution to maintain the status quo was passed. Cllrs Davies and Leach have written to MP Mel Stride objecting to the new planning application and appeal ref item 9.1 on agenda.

Cllr Yelland advised WD services were mainly uninterrupted during the recent bad weather as staff have the facility to work from home with the changes made during the T18 project, the only services affected was waste collections. The Joint Local Plan Inspectorates meeting is delayed until 21st March. The WD office in St James Street will close on 31st March.

7. Neighbourhood Planning - to receive an update on joint Okehampton Councils Plan. Cllr Yelland advised the Grant funds received for Consultant costs have had to be returned, new applications can be made from April.

7.1. to consider suggested change to Terms of Reference reducing quorum of members from six to four. After discussion resolved that Terms of Reference should not be changed. More attendance at the meetings should be encouraged, a list of meeting dates publicised in advance in an effort to cure the cause as opposed to looking at the resulting symptom.

7.2 to agree funding for engagement of replacement Consultants , agreed to defer discussion until Part 2 item 15 when individual lines on budget to be discussed.

8. To receive reports from meetings attended by Parish Council representatives including –
None

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 Appeal reference: APP/Q1153/W/17/3189983 to consider if submission required re land between Moorcroft and Fatherford road for 50 dwellings. Resolved to respond confirming views in original submission as they have been reconsidered and are still felt to be appropriate. Response to also include potential impact of reinstatement of railway, and that existing allocated development land has yet to be developed.

9.2 DNP Making Planning Work for You Workshop, agree attendees to event on 27 March 5.30 – 9 pm. Cllr Wood agreed to attend.

10. Open Spaces.

10.1 to consider requesting DCC Localities Grant towards Meldon Wildlife Day. Resolved to apply for grant of £500 for above event.

11. Correspondence

11.1 WDBC agree attendees for Code of Conduct Training Day 18th April Agreed Clerk, Cllrs Wood and Maile to attend.

11.2 DNP notification of Parish Link Member – Cllr Webber. Noted.

For Information –

12. Accounts

Current Account at	15/02/18	£	19432.02
Deposit Account at	05/12/17	£	<u>26383.06</u>
Total		£	45815.08

Less 'Restricted' Funds

Links Administration 1448.38

Total 'Unrestricted' Funds **£ 44984.30**

Less Unpresented chqs

Tavistock Newspapers	001220	£	19.50
Tavistock Newspapers	001232	£	19.50
J Gillard	001278	£	477.54
Western Web	001279	£	80.40
Meldon Village Hall	001280	£	15.00
Germansweek Village Hall	001281	£	25.00
Hatherleigh Comm Cent	001282	£	20.50
Tavi Town Council	001283	£	40.00
N Johns	001284	£	40.00
Oke Community Gdn	001285	£	100.00
CAB Grant	001286	£	300.00

£ 1137.44

Total Available Funds **£ 43640.70**

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Funds received – Shed rent £440, Localities grant £250

12.1 Accounts for payment –

Mrs J Gillard (wages £346.25, £367.85
Mileage £21.60)

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

13. Annual Assembly – Tuesday 17th April, to agree arrangements including speakers. Agreed to invite some recent grant recipients, also an update on Meldon Wildlife Day by Ian Brooker, and also Oke Rail update to be covered by their chairman Cllr M Davies.

PART TWO

Items which may be taken in the absence of the press and public.

The Committee is recommended to pass the following resolution:-

‘Resolved that under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items as they involve the likely disclosure of sensitive and confidential information.’ Proposed by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr Wood.

14. To receive update on Community Governance Review and agree any actions required. Outcome of review noted.

15. To agree split of total budget previously agreed to specified areas. Total budget of £33350 split agreed to areas as discussed. Payment of consultant fees for Neighbourhood Plan within budget therefore agreed,

16. Old Town Park – to receive update on transfer from WDBC. The Clerk advised Hamlets Solicitor and WDBC progressing the formalities.

17. To note current WDBC Enforcement cases list and information. Noted.

18. Date and venue of next meeting to be confirmed as 3rd April 2018 at Okehampton Town Hall

The meeting was declared closed at 9.00 pm

Signed Date

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