

Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th August 2015 at Okehampton Town Hall

Councillors Present -

D Webber
R Maile
M Cooper
A Ewen
J Heard
D Luxton

Also Present – Cllr A Leach (WDBC)
Mrs J Gillard, Parish Clerk

1. **Members of the Public** – there were no members of the public present.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Webber declared a personal interest in item 7.1
3. **Apologies** - apologies for absence were presented on behalf of Cllr P Heard and Cllr M Littlejohns and accepted. Apologies for absence were also received from WDBC Cllr Mrs J Yelland and Cllr M Davies.
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th July 2015** were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr Ewen.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

5.1 Abbeyford Wood sewage leak – Cllr Ewen reported that he and The Clerk had met with Nigel Guy from the Environment Agency. It was confirmed the Sewage Works were complying with all requirements, if there is an issue with the pipe and or capacity then evidence of this needs to be produced. It was agreed a flyer detailing the position be produced and distributed to all Brightley residents, this would include a request they report all spills and smells as well as advising the Parish Council of events. The Clerk will also advise the Environment Agency of any future issues.

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

It was advised that DCC were undertaking work on the tramlines bridleway which is now closed. The path was to be tarmaced along its entire length however after representations made by Cllrs Ball and McInnes this plan has changed. Cllrs Webber and Cooper and the Clerk met with the site engineer on site last week. This was a very helpful meeting, the full plans were shown and discussed. Councillors agreed the area around Charlotte's bridge should not be tarmaced and the river bank should not be 'reinforced' with concrete 'slipways' as there was an alternative way to achieve the aim which would be more appropriate for the area. The Clerk to liase with DCC.

7. Planning

7.1 WDBC 00623/2015 Unit 1 Beardown Road, proposed alterations and extension to former Kerry Aptunion Building to form a new storage and production facility with offices for Cladco Profiles. Resolved to support application, proposed by Cllr Ewen and seconded by Cllr Luxton.

7.2 WDBC 00654/2015 Ashbury Hotel, Okehampton, Prior approval for installation of solar PV equipment on roof of a non domestic building. Noted.

7.3 WDBC 00660/2015 Barton Farm, Chichacott Road, Prior approval of building operations to enable conversion of agricultural building to dwelling following consent 402/2015 for change of use. Noted.

8. Beating The Bounds – to receive an update on arrangements. Names of individuals suggested for beating the stones. It was agreed that £400 be donated from the Hamlets Council towards the cost of the event – other funds have been obtained from OUC and Okehampton Town Council. Clerk to advise the Council’s insurers of the event and details of the equipment being hire (tent and toilets)

9. Date and venue of next meeting to be confirmed as 7.30pm, Tuesday 1st September 2015 at Meldon Village Hall.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed Date