

## Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council

### Minutes of Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 at Meldon Village Hall

#### Councillors Present -

R Maile

M Cooper

M Littlejohns

P Heard

D Luxton

Public – Mr Patrick Carney, Jacobs

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

1. **Members of the Public** – there were no other members of the public present except Mr Carney who was to speak in connection with item 5.3 see below.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr D Luxton declared a pecuniary interest in items 9.6 and 9.7 and left the meeting room whilst those items were discussed.
3. **Apologies** were received and accepted on behalf of Cllr D Webber and Cllr A Ewen. Apologies were also received from WDBC Cllr M Davies and WDBC/DCC Cllr K Ball.
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> August 2015** were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr Maile.

#### 5. Matters arising from the minutes

- 5.1 Abbeyford Wood sewage leak – no update in absence of Cllr Ewen. Clerk and Cllr Ewen will meet before next monthly meeting to produce flyer to be distributed to Brightley residents.
  - 5.2 Meldon traffic issues – no update in absence of Cllr Ball, no new issues reported.  
Standing Orders were suspended on proposal of Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Heard in order for following item to be discussed.
  - 5.3 Fatherford bridleway bridge – a discussion with Patrick Carney, Jacobs Engineer took place. Concerns were expressed over the lack of communication and plans for the project, the surfacing, signage and the concrete slipways appearance and safety. Mr Carney stated he understood the concerns raised and would investigate the issues raised and respond when he had fully investigated them.  
Standing Orders were then reinstated on the proposal of Cllr Cooper, seconded by Cllr Heard.
  - 5.4 OCRA – in absence of Cllr Ewen carried forward to next meeting.
6. **DCC and WDBC** – to receive any reports/updates from Councillors present.  
Cllr Yelland advised that there were still issues with contacting WDBC, a solution was being worked on.  
Cllr Leech reported he was still investigating the possible use of flashing speed warning signs and was waiting for feedback from the Police as there has to be evidence there is a speeding issue before the introduction of any signs.

## **7. Neighbourhood Planning**

7.1 It was reported that the Launch Event in July was very well received and had a good attendance from members of the Community. A meeting has been arranged for 10<sup>th</sup> September to set up the team with new members of the community to take the project further.

**8. Okehampton Energy Working Group** – a further monthly update meeting has been held with DARE. Recently announced government legislation changes have not helped with discussions with potential site owners. Monthly progress report to be distributed for full details.

## **9. Planning**

9.1 WDBC Invitation to Developer Forum, 7<sup>th</sup> Sept at Kilworthy Park – agreed reps to be Cllr Luxton, Cooper and The Clerk.

9.2 WDBC 0711/2015 Ashbury Hotel, Proposed conversion of basement area to games room and Canopy to east with bicycle store and covered way from Moorview to tennis courts and basement area and associated works. Resolved to support application, proposed by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr Luxton.

9.3 00713/2015 land adjacent to Exeter Road Industrial Estate, re plan and plot substitution for western portion of development site (Meldon Fields) to allow for the erection of 73 dwellings and associated works. Part of larger site ref 02477/2012. Resolved to respond with Neutral View and raising the following – a mix of house colours be implemented, the application go before WDBC Planning Committee, the issue with the link road between developer sites via the original school site be resolved, proposed by Cllr Heard and seconded by Cllr Cooper.

9.4 WDBC 00718/2015 Barton Barn Farm, Chichacott Road, extend existing agricultural storage building. Resolved to support application, proposed by Cllr Heard and seconded by Cllr Maile.

9.5 WDBC 00770/2015 Prior notification, change of use from agricultural building to C3 dwelling, land opposite Roundway Lodge. Resolved to respond raising concern over whether the building has been used for agricultural purposes since its construction and is the building frame suitable and capable of taking a residential building, proposed by Cllr Heard and seconded by Cllr Maile.

9.6 WDBC 00737/2015 North Alfordon Farm, proposed agricultural dairy unit Phase 1 , Resolved to support application, proposed by Cllr Heard and seconded by Cllr Cooper.

9.7 WDBC 00738/2015 North Alfordon Farm, proposed agricultural dairy unit Phase 2. Resolved to support application, proposed by Cllr Heard and seconded by Cllr Cooper.

9.8 WDBC 00748/2015 36 Vixen Tor Close, Okehampton, use of ‘telebeam’ system to change loft space into a bedroom. Resolved to support application, proposed by Cllr Luxton and seconded by Cllr Heard.

## **10. Meldon Woods & other property issues.**

Cllr Heard reported that some hedge trimming was now required, Cllr Littlejohns agreed to speak to Meldon Quarry personnel to request this be done.

Cllr Heard also reported the fence leading onto the dual carriageway has not yet been repaired despite it being reported, Cllr Heard to contact DCC direct in an attempt to get this completed.

## **11. Reports from meetings attended by Parish Council Representatives**

WDBC Parish and Town Councils event attended by Cllrs Cooper and Maile. An interesting event covering the new structure of WDBC, the roles of the new Locality Managers, Planning, Neighbourhood Planning, Enforcements, Permitted Developments and Standards. Full notes to be issued by WDBC and to be circulated to all by Clerk.



**14.1 Accounts for payment –**

Mrs J Gillard (wages £461.75 and mileage £70.65 expenses £16.16 )	£ 548.56
Inkprint (B the B certificates)	£ 56.70
Broadbury Landcare	£140.00
Meldon Village Hall	£ 40.00
DARE	£3979.00
Okehampton Town Council	£ 15.00
Church House, South Tawton	£ 50.00

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

**PART TWO**

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

‘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 Heard.

**15. Review of enforcement cases from WDBC.** Current list reviewed.

**16. Date and venue of next meeting** confirmed as 7.30pm, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2015 at Okehampton Town Hall.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.30 pm.

Signed ..... Date .....