



Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council

Minutes of Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th October 2015 at Okehampton Town Hall

Councillors Present -

D Webber

R Maile

P Heard

Also Present – Cllr J Yelland (WDBC), 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 P Heard declared a Personal Interest in item 9.1 as he is a member of the Dartmoor Rescue Group.
3. **Apologies** - were received and accepted on behalf of Cllr Mrs M Cooper, D Luxton, M Littlejohns, J Heard and A Ewen.
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1st September 2015** 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 further issues reported. Cllr Ewen and Clerk have not yet produced the flyer to be distributed to Brightley residents.
 - 5.2 Meldon traffic issues – no further issues reported. The broken fence between the Bridleway and the A30 has been reported to DCC Highways.
 - 5.3 Fatherford bridleway bridge – the list of outstanding issues has been agreed with Jacobs however they are delaying progressing these (with the exception of signage) until the investigation being undertaken by The Environment Agency are completed. Cllr Yelland advised she is liasing with DCC and will keep the Council advised of any developments.
 - 5.4 OCRA – to confirm nomination of Trustee from July meeting, outstanding due to absence of Cllr Ewen.
 - 5.5 Dry Lane/Maddaford – to receive update on issues raised at last meeting. (email previously circulated). After discussion agreed Clerk to contact Highways to request ‘Maddaford’ removed from signs from A386, it was felt other signage was accurate but that main issues are caused by Sat Nav systems on mapping systems.
 - 5.6 Complaints Procedure – to consider and adopt if agreed, delayed until November meeting.
6. **DCC and WDBC** – reports/updates from Councillors present.

Cllr Mrs J Yelland advised there were continuing issues with the WDBC Planning Portal, a new system is due to be introduced in approx 4 weeks time, in the mean time it was not cost effective to resolve the existing problems which will result in the existing system being unreliable in the short term.

Cllr A Leech advised he is still awaiting information from DCC in connection with the possible introduction of speed cameras.

He advised he was putting together a TAP application to support the TIC in Okehampton, councillors resolved to support this application.

There is a consultation taking place re the proposed closure of Job Centre Plus in Okehampton, agreed to feedback the Councils opposition to this proposal and ask for alternative solutions to be considered.

7. Neighbourhood Planning

7.1 to receive an update on joint Okehampton Councils Plan. A meeting had taken place with new community members, roles to progress the plan have been allocated and a follow up meeting due to take place on 10th October.

7.2 to consider and adopt if approved the Joint Councils Finance Protocol for the project. Councillors resolved to adopt the protocol, proposed by Cllr Maile and seconded by Cllr P Heard.

8. Okehampton Energy Working Group – to receive update from Working Party. No Councillors present at last meeting, Clerk to circulate most recent project update report for full information on current position.

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 00948/2015 Unit 3 Hameldown Road, Okehampton. Provision of mezzanine to form training rooms and associated windows to rear elevation. Councillors resolved to support application, proposed by Cllr Webber and seconded by Cllr Maile.

10. Meldon Woods & other property issues.

The Clerk advised The Quarry staff were unable to trim the hedges, and therefore instructions have been given for an alternative contractor to undertake the work as it needed to be completed before the issues with the road were rectified.

11. Reports from meetings and events attended by Parish Council Representatives including – Developer Forum, 7th Sept at Kilworthy, Tavistock – attended by Cllrs Cooper and Luxton, notes of meeting and Developers Presentation circulated by Clerk by email. Outline planning application awaited.

DNP, presentation on Airband, 16th Sept at Parke, attended by Cllr Cooper, no report in her absence.

Northern Links Meeting – 10th September, attended by Cllr Ewen, in his absence notes of meeting to be distributed by Clerk.

SuperLinks Meeting – 24th September, attended by Cllrs Cooper & Ewen, speakers Tony Hogg, Devon & Cornwall Police Crime Commissioner, John Hart DCC Leader and Steve Jorden WDBC.

12. Beating The Bounds

12.1 to agree contribution from Council towards cost of event. Although £400 previously agreed in meeting 191.8, in light of item 12.2 below and lower than anticipated costs for event, resolved to amend donation to £350 to be in line with Commoners contribution to event, proposed by Cllr Webber and seconded by Cllr Maile.

12.2 to discuss damage to Rotary Tent and agree way forward for repair/replacement. The Chair advised the tent had been replaced as a Grant was given by OUC to cover the costs.

15. Date and venue of next meeting to be confirmed as 7.30pm, Tuesday 3rd November 2015 at Meldon Village Hall.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.10 pm

Signed Date

Minutes 193/4