



OKEHAMPTON HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 5TH January 2016 at Meldon Village Hall

Councillors Present -

D Webber
R Maile
J Heard
M Cooper
A Ewen

Also Present – Cllr B Stephens (WDBC)

Mrs J Gillard, Parish Clerk

1. **Members of the Public** - there were no members of the public present.
2. **Declarations of Interest** – Cllr Ewen declared a personal interest in items 9.1 and 9.2.
3. **Apologies** - apologies were received and accepted from Cllr P Heard, Cllr M Littlejohns, Cllr D Luxton also from Cllr A Leech (WDBC) and Cllr M Davies (WDBC) and Cllr Mrs J Yelland (WDBC)
4. **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 1st December 2015** - were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Ewen and seconded by Cllr J Heard.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes**
 - 5.1 Abbeyford Wood sewage leak – to receive an update. Cllr Ewen advised there has been flooding into the river recently from the sewage pipe, he has photographic and video evidence. Agreed Clerk to contact Environment Agency with update and suggest water samples are taken when the flooding occurs.
 - 5.2 Fatherford bridleway bridge – to receive an update on work being undertaken by DCC and discussion with Patrick Carney, Jacobs Engineer. No further update received, Clerk to contact Environment Agency to chase their report on the situation.
 - 5.3 Dry Lane/Maddaford – to receive update on issues raised. Highways have offered to remove the name Maddaford from the 2 signs from the A386, Cllr J Heard has discussed this option with local residents – they do not wish this action to be taken. Clerk to advise Highways accordingly together with asking them to repair sign at Southcott Cross.
 - 5.4 Digital Skills Workshop – consider possibility of holding event, carried forward to February meeting.
6. **DCC and WDBC** – to receive any reports/updates from Councillors present.
Cllr Stephens advised the submission of the paper from WDBC re potential devolution of powers from Central Government has been delayed. Illegal car parking in Okehampton has become an issue particularly late at night and at weekends.
7. **Neighbourhood Planning**
 - 7.1 to receive an update on joint Okehampton Councils Plan. The Working Group are meeting tonight to finalise questions for the questionnaire. Work has been progressing well.

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8. Okehampton Energy Working Group – to receive update from Working Party. Group due to meet on 20th January when the final Feasibility Study will be reviewed prior to submission to WRAP by 31st January.

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 2885/15 Application for proposed extension to food store and laundry stores at Manor House Hotel, Okehampton. Resolved to support proposal, proposed by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr Maile.

9.2 WDBC 2886/15 Application for proposed skating rink building and extension to adjacent store and extension to Dartmoor room to form sun room at Manor House Hotel, Okehampton. Resolved to support proposal, proposed by Cllr J Heard and seconded by Cllr Cooper. Reasons for this (incl item 9.1 above), development within existing developed area, extension of facilities therefore hopefully providing more local employment and no visual impact.

9.3 DCC Determination of conditions in respect of old mineral planning permissions at Knowle Quarry. Resolved to support application with the proviso that all monuments are to remain in place as they are now.

9.4 WDBC 732/2015 Readvertisement (Amended description): Proposed change of use and extension to owners accommodation (The Linhay) to provide 7 further bedrooms to form part of Lakeside Residential Home and change of use and extension to 3 previously approved fishing to new owners accommodation and two units of supported living accommodation. Councillors resolved to support this application, proposed by Cllr Ewen and seconded by Cllr Maile.

9.5 WDBC 2731/15 Outline application, with some matters reserved (access to be considered) for residential development of up to 400 dwellings, parcels 3 and 4 east of Okehampton, Crediton Road. As documents relating to application received on day of meeting and WDBC granting extension to response date to 3rd Feb, agreed item be deferred until Feb meeting. Also agreed papers be available for Councillors to review in advance on 19 Jan, 10 am to 12 noon at Mole Avon meeting room.

10. Meldon Woods & other property issues.

10.1 To receive report from walk of Woods undertaken by Councillors and agree actions required. Cllrs P Heard, J Heard, Webber and Littlejohns walked the Woods with Ian Brooker. There are 3 areas of coppicing where the fencing can be removed next year. They felt there are further areas that would benefit from coppicing. There is a broken fence which the Council needs to repair, agreed to obtain quotes for the work. Cllr Webber is to provide full notes of findings and agreed a Working Party progress putting together a Plan for the ongoing maintenance and management of the Woods.

10.2 South West Endurance – consider request for holding ride on 14th February 2016. Agreed permission be given to hold event again with the fee remaining at £120.

10.3 To consider and agree rent of shed at Aplite Quarry for 2017. Resolved to increase rent by £10 to £410, proposed by Cllr Ewen and seconded by Cllr Cooper.

11. Reports from meetings and events attended by Parish Council Representatives including –

11.1 West Devon/Okehampton Liaison Group – discuss future requirements of these meetings and other meetings where potential cross over of discussion points. Carried forward to February meeting.

11.2 Meeting attended by Cllr Webber re proposals to close Okement Surgery. Meeting held with view of obtaining reversal of decision to close Surgery, future Public Meeting planned, date to be confirmed.

16. Date and venue of next meeting to be confirmed as 7.30pm, Tuesday 2nd February 2016 at Okehampton Town Hall.

The meeting was declared closed at 10.00 pm

Signed Date

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