



Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th October 2016 at Meldon Village Hall, Okehampton.

Councillors Present -

D Webber
A Ewen
R Maile
M Littlejohns
M Cooper
P Heard
J Heard

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

1. Members of the Public

2. Declarations of Interest – Cllr J Heard declared a prejudicial interest in item 9.1 as he is the property owner. That item is for information only.

3. Apologies- – were received and accepted from Cllr D Luxtob. Apologies were also received from WDBC Cllr J Yelland and DCC Cllr K Ball.

4. Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting held on 5th September 2016 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Maile and seconded by Cllr Ewen.

5. Matters arising from the minutes

5.1 Abbeyford Wood sewage leak – The Clerk advised she has spoken with Mr M Houben. His issues are with a stand alone activity at the Treatment Plant and have no link to the waste from Okehampton, capacity of the system or the pipes to the plant. Councillors agreed as there was no connection the situation continue to be monitored.

5.2 ‘Get up to Speed Broadband’ – to consider offer of holding community event. Carried forward to next meeting.

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

Cllr Davies advised he with others have been active on a campaign to Save The Beds at Okehampton Hospital. He felt the CCG have made their decision without Okehampton being involved in any consultation. WDBC members are supporting the challenge to stop the closures. He is investigating the processes that have been undertaken to date and is investigating what local funds were used in the past for the hospital construction. He has arranged a meeting with MP Mel Stride later this week. Cllr Leach reported Government Funding to Local authorities would be cut by 8.6% each year for the next 3 years, the funding would then be nil. He also advised he is requesting the planning application re land at Hillside Drive to reviewed by the Planning Committee at WDBC.

7. Neighbourhood Planning - Cllr Leach advised this is progressing, a grant application has been submitted which will include cost of consultant support. WDBC have only 1 part time member of staff for support to parishes undertaking Neighbourhood Plans.

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8. To receive reports from meetings attended by Parish Council representatives including –

Northern Parishes Link Committee – Cllrs Cooper & Ewen. A police report was covered, a discussion session on Planning from both DNP and WDBC and also a WDBC discussion TAP application procedures.

Okehampton Matters – Cllr Maile advised the broken glass in Town Centre takeaways was now being replaced. OTC is considering the introduction of CCTV in the town centre. The Police are fully aware of the traffic issues particularly in Market Street and the Supermarkets area. Polar Express traffic issues not resolved, the times between the 2 trains is to be increased in an effort to help the situation. Email from Cllr Ball to be circulated for further information.

Councils Together – Okehampton Area – Cllr Webber and Clerk, a useful meeting with other local councils discussing mainly traffic issues and hospital closure, further meeting to be held in New Year.

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 2376/16/PDM Application for prior approval for a proposed change of use of agricultural building to a dwellinghouse and for associated operational development at Fowley Barns, Tavistock Road, Okehampton. For information only and noted.

9.2 WDBC 1819/16 Householder application for proposed extension to owners accommodation at Lower Maddaford, Southcott. Councillors resolved to support the application, proposed by Cllr Littlejohns and seconded by Cllr Maile.

9.3 WDBC – to consider request for response to consultation on sustainable settlements – details previously circulated. Noted, no response to be submitted.

9.4 To consider any response/action required to Okehampton Town Council letter to WDBC planning committee re parcels 3 & 4 east of Okehampton, letter previously circulated. Noted that Chair of WDBC Planning committee to attend meeting of Town Council to discuss the situation, agreed Cllr Webber to also attend.

10. Meldon Woods & other property issues.

10.1 Bus Shelter refurbishment – Schedule of works required provided by Cllrs Ewen and Webber. Agreed to ask if Broadbury Landcare interested in the work as Mr Barton has Chapter 8 training..

10.2 Management Plan – the chosen consultant, Costal Tree Consultancy, have agreed to undertake the Plan and Risk Assessment Survey. The Natural England Grant scheme is to be withdrawn, it is not yet known if he can submit an application before the withdrawal however there is further funding available next year.

11. Correspondence

11.1 Okehampton United Charities – to consider grant request re ongoing management costs of allotments. Resolved to award £150, proposed by Cllr Littlejohns and seconded by Cllr P Heard.

11.2 To consider offer of councillor training – email Cllr J Sheldons and DALC training dates details previously circulated. Agreed Cllr Littlejohns and Cooper to attend Councillor training on 16 November and Cllr Maile Finance Course on 9th November.

11.3 WDBC Superlink Meeting, 7th Dec, to agree Councillors attending. Agreed Cllrs Cooper, Ewen and Webber to attend.

11.4 Okehampton Street Pastors – to consider grant request of £300 towards Street Materials. Resolved to award £300, proposed by Cllr Ewen and seconded by Cllr P Heard.

11.5 Okehampton & District Community Transport Group – to consider grant request of £500. Resolved to award the sum of £500, proposed by Cllr J Heard and seconded by Cllr Maile.

11.6 DALC – Consultation on The 2017/18 Local Government Finance Settlement, Noted.

11.7 To consider and agree any actions required re communications received re consultation of proposed options re future of Okehampton Hospital. See also item 6, Councillors supported the actions of the WDBC councillors and agreed to support them as appropriate.

For Information – Clerks & Councils Direct September 2016
LCR Autumn 2016
The Clerk September 2016
DALC Annual Report 2015/16

12. Accounts

Current Account at	15/08/16	£	4431.99
Deposit Account at	05/09/16	£	<u>26377.12</u>
Total			£ 30809.11

Less 'Restricted' Funds

Links Administration			136.11
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Total 'Unrestricted' Funds **£ 30673.00**

Less Unpresented chqs	001172	Wren Music	£250.00
	001173	OCRA	200.00
	001180	Broadbury Landcare	140.00
	001181	Bridestowe VillageHall	<u>20.00</u>
			610.00

Total Available Funds **£30063.00**

Funds received – none

12.1 Accounts for payment –

Mrs J Gillard (wages £536.26, exp £14.12 and mileage £30.15)	£ 580.53
Meldon Village Hall	£ 55.00
Okehampton Town Council	£ 15.00
Mary Tavy Coronation Hall	£ 66.00

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

12.2 Clerks wages for Links meetings – the Clerk advised the situation with WDBC has been resolved but that payment to this Council has not yet been made. The Links wages being paid as part of 12.1 were therefore being paid out of OHPC funds and would be repaid by WDBC.

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 P Heard and seconded by Cllr Ewen.

14. Date and venue of next meeting confirmed as 7.30pm, Tuesday 1st November 2016 at Okehampton Town Hall.

The meeting was declared closed at 9.30 pm

Signed Date

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