



## Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council

**Minutes of a Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Okehampton Town Hall, Okehampton.**

### **Councillors Present -**

D Webber  
R Maile  
A Ewen  
M Cooper  
B Wood  
P Heard

Also Present – Cllr A Leech (WDBC), and Cllr M Davies (WDBC) and Cllr K Ball (WDBC & DCC)  
Mrs J Gillard, Parish Clerk - absent

1. **Members of the Public** – there were no members of the public present.
2. **Declarations of Interest** Cllr Wood declared an interest in item 11.2 as he is Chairman of the Residents Group.
3. **Apologies** – were received and accepted from Cllr Littlejohns and Cllr J Heard.
4. **Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2017** these were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr P Heard and seconded by Cllr Cooper.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes**
  - 5.1 Abbeyford Wood sewage leak – acknowledged SWWA swiftly cleared the recent incident, Cllr Wood can arrange for a water test to be undertaken but costs would be involved. Clerk is awaiting to hear from Environment Agency re potential meeting.
  - 5.2 New Road Boundary Stone – awaiting repair at Minehouse Farm.
  - 5.3 Welcome Pack – to receive an update.. Awaiting information from Clerk.
  - 5.4 Community Governance Review – to receive an update. Awaiting information from Clerk.
  - 5.5 DCC Highways community self help scheme – to consider any updates. Carried forward to next meeting.
6. **DCC and WDBC** – to receive any reports/updates from Councillors present.

Cllr Davies reported the leaflets detailing the new Garden Waste Collection service have been distributed. .

Cllr Ball reported the structure of the Scrutiny committee has been revised. Broadband Phase 2 – split and different parts awarded to Gigaclear and Airband. The £500 voucher scheme has now ended. but looking at way of another future scheme.
7. **Neighbourhood Planning** - to receive an update on joint Okehampton Councils Plan  
Cllr Woods has attended recent meetings. The focus is on planning needs, there have been issues on the figures used. Cllr Leech is working on questionnaire on this subject. 26<sup>th</sup> July –focus on Town Centre development plan. Cllr Leech is still looking at land use. There is a coffee morning on 15<sup>th</sup> July, attempts are being made to involve students at the College.

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

Holditch Trust – attended by Cllr P Heard, Peter Green is now chairman.

Northern Links – attended by Cllr Cooper. Crime figures have increased but slowest rise in Devon.  
OkeRial – attended by Cllr Webber, potential of another train to London on 7<sup>th</sup> October. The Sunday Rover timetable is now back to normal. DCC are looking at a new Parkway station being in place by Dec 2018 to include 300 parking spaces, designs awaited.

**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 0864/17 Householder application to replace existing lean to extension with a 2 storey extension, Stockley Farmhouse, Stockley, Okehampton. Resolved to support application, proposed by Cllr Wood and Seconded by Cllr P Heard.

9.2 WDBC 1523/17 Householder application for 2 storey side extension and formation of vehicle and pedestrian access. Old School House, Fowley Cross. Resolved to support, proposed by Cllr Ewen, seconded by Cllr Cooper.

9.3 WDBC 1904/17 Advertisement consent application to replace existing signs with pair of 'V' signs on round metal posts at SX610952, Exeter Road, Stockley (Farmer Luxtons sign). Resolved to support application, proposed by Cllr Ewen and seconded by Cllr Maile.

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

10.1 Management Plan – to receive update. Carried forward to next meeting.

10.2 Old Town Park – to receive an update, awaiting information from Clerk.

10.3 Fence surrounding Meldon car park – to consider if repairs required. Agreed to obtain quotation for work required.

10.4 Meldon Wildlife Day, 15<sup>th</sup> August – to agree representatives attending.

10.5 DNP to consider request for replacement dormouse boxes. Cllr Ball advised he may be able to help with costs. Agreed to obtain 20 new boxes. Clerk to progress.

**11. Correspondence**

11.1 Team Chaos Muay Thai and Fitness Centre – to re-consider grant application previously circulated. Deferred until next meeting.

11.2 To review grant previously awarded to Meldon Fields Residents Group in view of reduced insurance premium now requested from insurers. Residents to consider other ways to utilise the excess funds and report back to future meeting.

11.3 OCRA to consider grant request for £1000 and also additional funding. Agreed to award the same amount as last year - £200. Additional funding discussions carried forward to next meeting.

**12. Accounts**

Current Account at	15/06/17	£	16722.57
Deposit Account at	31/06/17	£	<u>26381.05</u>
Total		£	43103.62

**Less 'Restricted' Funds**

Links Administration			290.77
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**Total 'Unrestricted' Funds** **£ 42812.85**

**Less Unpresented chqs**

Tavistock Newspapers	001220	£ 19.50
Meldon Fields Residents	001222	£ 250.00
T, N.M & WD CAB	001223	£ 300.00
J Gillard	001224	£473.09
Broadbury Landcare	001225	£145.00
Meldon Village Hall	001226	£ 80.00
Western Web Ltd	001229	£ 54.00
L Hargood	001231	£ 100.00
Tavistock Newspapers	001232	£ 19.50
Okehampton Town Council	001234	£ 15.00
Inkprint	001235	£ 3.78
		<b>£ 1459.87</b>

**Total Available Funds £ 41352.98**

**Funds received – £750 WDBC re TAP grant**

**12.1 Accounts for payment –**

Mrs J Gillard (wages £346.25, and mileage £25.20, exp £12.08)	£383.53
Whiddon Down Village Hall	£ 15.00
Chagford Combined Charity	£ 21.00

Resolved accounts be settled. Proposed by Cllr P Heard and seconded by Cllr Cooper.

**13 . Date and venue of next meeting** to be confirmed as 7.30pm, Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Meldon Village Hall

The meeting was declared closed at 8.45 pm

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

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