



Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 2nd January 2018 at Meldon Village Hall, Okehampton.

Councillors Present -

D Webber
R Maile
M Cooper
B Wood
P Heard
J Heard
M Littlejohns

Also Present – Mrs J Gillard, Parish Clerk

1. Members of the Public – Mr Stuart Lord gave a presentation on ‘Active Okehampton’, an initiative to promote Okehampton and the area as a hub for sporting and outdoor activities. Councillors were supportive of the project and the other work undertaken by OCRA, they stated they would support any TAP application for funding made and would continue to consider grant applications made to this Council for future events.

2. Declarations of Interest – Cllr P Heard declared a pecuniary interest in item 9.3 as he is the applicant and item 12.1 payment to D Heard, his son.

3. Apologies – were received and accepted from Cllr Ewen and apologies were received from Cllr M Davies (WDBC)

4. Approval of Minutes of previous meetings held on 5th December 2017 these were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr Wood

5. Matters arising from the minutes

- 5.1 Abbeyford Wood sewage leak – to receive an update. No issues reported.
- 5.2 New dog/waste bin Kellands Lane – to receive update. Location of new bin agreed with WDBC, now awaiting for Management Company to purchase bin and arrange erection.
- 5.3 Broadmoor Lane, request for litter/dog bin – to receive any update. Chairman has been unable to contact resident concerned.

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

Cllr Yelland advised a community Lottery is to be established by WDBC, this will be for the benefit of local organisations to obtain funding. Heart of the South West Productivity Strategy, the importance of including Okehampton and Tavistock as principal towns within the area has been raised.

Cllr Leech advised WDBC were now following the same principles for dealing with homeless people as SHDC, WD will now be purchasing their own properties in which to make housing available.

Business Rate pilot scheme is taking place in Devon. Community Grants at WD are now being dealt with by the Localities Team, contact Dil Lord. Funds are still available from Dartmoor LEAF.

7. Neighbourhood Planning - to receive an update on joint Okehampton Councils Plan. No representative from the Council was able to attend the last meeting. Cllr Yelland reported the Consultant has not yet provided sufficient information in order for the Plan to be progressed, Next meeting 24th or 31st January.

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

Okehampton United Charity Celebration Evening attended by Cllr Wood, very successful event, local sports world champion and Invictus Games winners present.

9. Planning – to consider and agree response to applications listed below together with any others received up to date of this meeting.

9.1 DCC Footpaths 7 & 19 Public Path Diversion, Definitive map and statement modification Order 52017. As in Okehampton Town area, proposal noted.

9.2 WDBC 4160/17 Application for proposed single storey building unit for B1 and B8 use with associated parking, Unit 8a Cranmere Road, Exeter Road Industrial Estate, Okehampton. Resolved to support application, proposed by Cllr Wood and seconded by Cllr Littlejohns.

9.3 DNP – 0627/17 Repair and rebuild the former lime kiln weighbridge building for use as a fishing bothy at land at Meldon Farm, Meldon. Cllr P Heard left the meeting room whilst this item was being discussed. Resolved to support application, proposed by Cllr Wood and seconded by Cllr Cooper.

9.4 WDBC – 4326/17 – prior approval of proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwellinghouse (Class C3) and Q (a) and (b), barn at SX 614 953, Stockley hamlets, Okehampton EX20 1QH. Noted.

10. Open Spaces.

10.1 DCC Locality Budget – notification of award of £250 for tree safety work. Councillors expressed their thanks to DCC Cllr K Ball for this funding.

11. Correspondence

11.1 North Tawton Neighbourhood Plan consultation – consider response. Clerk to confirm parking issues have been highlighted, otherwise no response considered necessary.

11.2 S W Endurance – consider request to hold Pleasure Ride from Meldon on 11th March 2018, Councillors resolved to agree to request with a fee of £120 to be charged as per last year.

11.3 WDBC Town & Parish Council Code of Conduct Training session 17th Jan, to agree attendees. Agreed Cllr Maile and Clerk to attend.

For Information – LCR Winter 2017

12. Accounts

Current Account at	15/12/17	£	21772.92
Deposit Account at	31/09/17	£	<u>26381.71</u>
Total		£	48154.63

Less 'Restricted' Funds

Links Administration 1448.38

Total 'Unrestricted' Funds **£ 46706.25**

Less Unpresented chqs

Tavistock Newspapers	001220	£	19.50
Tavistock Newspapers	001232	£	19.50
DALC	001260	£	25.00
RBL Poppy Appeal	001266	£	50.00
Meldon viaduct Co	001268	£	200.00
J Gillard	001269	£	736.40
S Courtenay Village Hall	001270	£	12.00
SLCC	001271	£	100.00
Tavistock Town Council	001272	£	40.00
Oak Valley Tree Serv	001273	£	750.00

£ 1952.40

Total Available Funds **£ 44753.85**

Funds received –

12.1 Accounts for payment –

Mrs J Gillard (wages £346.25, and mileage £5.40)	£351.65
Okehampton Town council	£15.00
Darcy Heard	£336.00
Darcy Heard	£888.60
Parish On Line renewal	£ 18.00

Resolved accounts be paid, proposed by Cllr Wood and seconded by Cllr Littlejohns.

12.2 2018/19 Budget – to agree budget and precept for coming year. It was proposed by Cllr Wood and seconded by Cllr Littlejohns to move this discussion into Part 2 of the meeting as supplier costs would be discussed.

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 Wood and seconded by Cllr Webber.

12.2 2018/19 Budget – to agree budget and precept for coming year. After review of budget for 2018/19, agreed the Council had a total requirement from WDBC of £19,000, made up of £18759 precept and £241 Council Tax support Grant. This would result in a Band D equiv rate of £35.90, a reduction of £0.61 or -1.67%. Proposed by Cllr Wood and seconded by Cllr Cooper.

13. To receive update on Community Governance Review and agree any actions required. Extension to consultation period noted, draft response to submissions already made circulated by Cllr Wood, agreed all to review and add to document, Chair to agree final response document before submission prior to next monthly meeting.

14. Old Town Park – to receive update on transfer from WDBC. Solicitors instructed but no response yet received.

15. To note current WDBC Enforcement cases list and information. Noted, no action required.

16. Date and venue of next meeting to be confirmed as 7.30pm, Tuesday 6th February at Okehampton Town Hall

The meeting was declared closed at 9.30 pm

Signed Date