Minutes of the meeting of Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council held on Tuesday 3rd November 2026, 7.15pm in Meldon Village Hall.

Present – Cllr. Cooper (Chair); Cllr. Littlejohns; Cllr. Norris; Cllr. J. Heard; District Cllr. Dexter; Penny Clapham (Clerk). Cllr. P. Heard; Cllr. Luxton.

1) PUBLIC DISCUSSION
An opportunity for members of the public to make representations, answer questions and give evidence in respect of any item of business on the agenda, or any matter of interest to the parish. The period of time designated for public participation shall not exceed 15 minutes. (Standing Orders 3e and 3f).
Reminder that members of the public are not allowed to raise issues when Council is in committee.

2) Apologies For Absence: Cllr. Goffey. Cllr. Ewings. Apologies accepted for the reasons given.

3) Declarations Of Interest: In accordance with the Code of Conduct, members are required to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have, in items to be considered at this meeting. Members are also reminded that any change to their Declaration of Interests must be notified to the Monitoring Officer at West Devon Borough Council within 28 days of the change.

4) Matters raised by the Chairman (for information)

5) District and County Councillor Reports – District Cllr. Leech's report circulated prior to this meeting. District Cllr. Goffey's report circulated prior to this meeting. County Cllr. Report circulated prior to this meeting. District Cllr. Dexter's report circulated prior to this meeting.
Cllr. Cooper enquired as to whether the street lights going to be put in on the new pavement, Crediton Road.

6) Minutes – the Minutes of the meeting held on the 6th October 2026 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true record.

7) Open Spaces –

i. Meldon Woods – to receive updates on works. Draft briefing document from White Wood Management circulated to councillors 26/10/26. Cllr. Norris proposed seconded by Cllr. Littlejohns, all agreed by show of hands.
ii. Meldon Quarry – to receive an update; Cllr. Littlejohns. Lorry movements are within the agreed number. Road owned by Hamlets and maintained by the quarry.

8) PLANNING
Planning Applications – West Devon Borough Council has asked for observations from the Parish Council on the following planning applications:

i) 0335/26 Replacement of aluminium sash windows at Building 151 (Hospital) Okehampton Camp, Okehampton.
Supported.
ii) 3022/26/TPO Beech tree sited at 41Crocken Tor Road, Okehampton (being consulted as a neighbouring parish)
No comment

Planning Decisions

a) 0257/26 Replace roof tiles to visually match existing and enhance roof ventilation, Building 100, Training Camp, Okehampton.
GRANTED

Appeals – APP/Q1153/C/25/3365085 Land at Kellands Lane, Kellands Lane, Okehampton
DISMISSED

9) FINANCE

Expenditure	White Wood Management – hours spent	£1,410.00
	Employment September	£367.00
	Broadbury Landcare – grass cuts	£170.00
	Meldon Village Hall – rental	£20.00
	RBL – poppy donation	£50.00
	West Country Grounds – cut Town Park	£84.42
	M. Cooper – pasties for STOC	£30.00

Income
Bank Reconciliation and Statement, for information circulated to councillors prior to this meeting. Council resolved to accept the accounts. Proposed by Cllr. Norris seconded by Cllr. Luxton, all agreed by show of hands.

10) Budget – to be apprised of initial budget workings for the year 2027/28. Draft considered and accepted to date.

11) The Dartmoor Beast – thanks received from the organisers regarding the use of the car park for this event. The event raised over £90,000 for Hospiscare. A request to use the car park on 26th September 2027 for the same event in 2027. Would like exclusive use of the car park for the day as the additional space would make a huge difference. Unable to give exclusive use.

12) Police Drop in December – just notified of goings on. On Teams 16th December 10-11am.

13) Clerk's report –

i) Attended the DALC AGM and training conference.
ii) Dartmoor Partnership Plan meeting for councillors – last date to register 6th November.

14) Councillor's reports and External Meetings attended (for information only)
Cllr. Luxton attended the OCRA meeting. Sports clubs/pavilion etc.

Items for Information - The next council meeting will be on 12th January 2027 at Meldon Village Hall.

Meeting closed at 8.03pm

Signed…… Date……

Email Circulation
DALC Bulletin 46 (sent 26/10) DCT Newsletter sent (27/10)
DALC Bulletin 47 (sent 30/10)
Dartmoor National Park Gateway 1 (preparation of new local plan) (sent 02/11)