

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Parks Committee Meeting held on
Monday 25th September 2017 at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Okehampton**

Committee Members Present: Councillor Mrs C Marsh (Chairman)
Councillor Miss C Holt (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Mrs J Goffey (Town Mayor)
Councillor T Leech (Chairman, Planning)
Councillor Mrs J Yelland (Chairman, Policy & Resources)
Councillor D Weekes (Chairman, Property)
Councillor R Rush
Councillor Mrs J Carpenter

Other Members Present: Councillor Mrs V Cushing
Councillor Mrs S Parkins

In Attendance: E James (Town Clerk)

	Action
225 <u>Declaration of Interest</u> - None	
226 <u>Apologies for Absence</u> - Apologies were presented on behalf of Cllr's M Ireland and B Tolley.	
227 <u>Deferment of Business</u> – None	
228 <u>Members' Questions</u> - None	
229 <u>Minutes</u> - The minutes of the Parks Committee meeting held on 24 th July 2017 were approved and signed by the Chairman on the proposition of Cllr Yelland, seconded Cllr Weekes.	
230 <u>Matters Arising</u> – None	
231 <u>Simmons Park Car Parking Charges</u> -	
231.1 Costs for amending the car parking charges in Simmons Park had been ascertained to be approximately £300. On the proposition of Cllr Marsh, seconded by Cllr Holt, (3 against, 1 abstention, and the use of the Chairman, Cllr Marsh's, casting vote) it was resolved to commence the process for including an additional charge for 3 hours	
On the proposition of Cllr Marsh, seconded by Cllr Leech, it was resolved that the additional charge for 3 hours parking be £1.20.	Clerk
231.2 <u>Free after 3</u> – On the proposition of Cllr Marsh, seconded by Cllr Goffey, it was resolved that parking in Simmons Park be free after 3pm throughout the month of December 2017, and as per last years agreement.	Clerk
232 <u>New Running Track/Football Field Proposal</u> – No further information, as requested, had been received. Deferred to the next meeting.	
233 <u>Clapps Wood Boundary Maintenance</u> – Following further correspondence from a member of the public an inspection of the trees would be instigated by the Park-Keeper.	Park-Keeper

- It was noted that the transfer of the land from WDBC had been instigated approximately 7 years ago. The previous resolution not to erect a fence along the boundary would not be changed due to Council legislation regarding the amending of resolutions, and that the Council felt there was no need for a fence to be erected. Clerk
- 234 **Jubilee Bridge** – Cllr Marsh reported that SWW had yet to carry out permanent repairs to their sewage pipe but that this should be completed by the end of September, following which the extent of any further work required following the flooding could be ascertained. Clerk
- 235 **Lighting** – A number of external lights were defective, including 1 near the Pavilion, 2 in Simmons Park and 1 in the skate park. The Park-Keeper is awaiting the contractors' attendance. Park-Keeper
- 236 **Putting Green** – Marketing of the facility to increase usage was discussed, including the previous agreement for a 'feather' flag and the repainting of the hole markers. It was noted that there were currently no score cards available.
- 237 **Members' Reports and Reminder for Agenda Items -**
- (i) **Children's Centre** (Cllr Leech) – No meeting
 - (ii) **North Dartmoor Search & Rescue Group** (Cllr Ireland) – No report
 - (iii) **Okehampton Community Archive** (Cllr Holt) – It was reported that the tent used at this year's show was smaller than normal and there had been good footfall through it. Reimbursement for the cost of ingredients for cakes made for coffee mornings had been declined. Issues with the photocopier were ongoing.
 - (iv) **Okehampton Community Recreation Association (OCRA)** (Cllr Tolley) – The next meeting was on 1st November.
 - (v) **Parklands Leisure Centre Users Group** (Cllrs Leech & Marsh) – Numerous complaints had been reported including the air conditioning, the state of the changing rooms and dance studio. New gym equipment was being purchased. Meetings this year were being held monthly. Refurbishment work was due to commence in the near future.
 - (vi) **Youth Issues/Room 13** (Cllr Marsh) – No report.
- 238 **Urgent Item** – Dog fouling issues were raised, the dog fouling/public space protection orders in place and their enforceability to be ascertained. Clerk

The meeting closed at 7.48pm.

Councillor Mrs C Marsh
Chairman