

**Minutes of a remote meeting of Okehampton Town Council held on
Monday 9th November 2020 at 7.35pm**

Members Present: Councillor J Yelland (Mayor)
 Councillor J Goffey (Chairman, Property)
 Councillor T Leech (Chairman, Planning)
 Councillor C Marsh (Chairman, Parks)
 Councillor B Tolley (Chairman, Policy & Resources)
 Councillor G Button
 Councillor C Holt
 Councillor M Ireland
 Councillor P Jessop
 Councillor D Sanger
 Councillor D Travers
 Councillor A Wood

In Attendance: Mrs E James (Town Clerk)
 1 Member of the public

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421	<p><u>Urgent Items</u> – Cllr Yelland reported that she had attended a small external service Remembrance Service at All Saints Church on behalf of the Council on 8th November. The service had been well organised and attended by a small number of representatives from local groups and organisations.</p> <p>Cllr Ireland advised that the service at St Boniface Church had not gone ahead and he had therefore not attended as Deputy Mayor.</p>	
422	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> – None	
423	<u>Deferment of Business</u> – None	
424	<u>Members Questions</u> - None	
425	<p><u>Town Centre Traffic and Infrastructure Consultation</u> – The previously circulated draft response prepared by the nominated Members and correspondence received from members of the public were debated.</p> <p>The Council was firmly of the view that a town centre access road would be the best solution to alleviate town centre congestion in the long term. It was noted that within the consultation documentation prepared by DCC clearly indicated that they would not support such a scheme for stated reasons. The Town Council had been asking DCC to investigate the traffic flow issues for years and were in support of the fact they had proposed solutions to the congestion for consultation.</p> <p>On the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded Cllr Tolley it was RESOLVED to submit the response and amendments as agreed.</p>	Clerk
426	<p><u>COVID19</u> – It was noted that all office staff members were currently working from home and the office once again had been closed to the public.</p> <p>On the proposition of Cllr Leech, seconded Cllr Tolley, it was RESOLVED to ratify the Clerk’s decision to permit the Admin Officer to take home her</p>	

computer to enable working from home during the pandemic lockdown as had previously been agreed for the Assistant Clerk.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Councillor J Yelland
Mayor

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