

**Minutes of a remote meeting of Okehampton Town Council held on  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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

**Action**

**421** **Urgent Items** – Cllr Yelland reported that she had attended a small external service Remembrance Service at All Saints Church on behalf of the Council on 8<sup>th</sup> November. The service had been well organised and attended by a small number of representatives from local groups and organisations.

Cllr Ireland advised that the service at St Boniface Church had not gone ahead and he had therefore not attended as Deputy Mayor.

**422** **Apologies for Absence** – None

**423** **Deferment of Business** – None

**424** **Members Questions** - None

**425** **Town Centre Traffic and Infrastructure Consultation** – The previously circulated draft response prepared by the nominated Members and correspondence received from members of the public were debated.

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.

On the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded Cllr Tolley it was **RESOLVED** to submit the response and amendments as agreed.

Clerk

**426** **COVID19** – It was noted that all office staff members were currently working from home and the office once again had been closed to the public.

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

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

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**Councillor J Yelland**  
**Mayor**