

Okehampton Town Council
Full Council Meeting 27th June 2022
Meeting Report

Date:	15 th June 2022
Name:	Emma James

Walkway behind The Old Mill – To note correspondence from DCC Highways in response to a request that the footpath that runs behind the Old Mill Site in Okehampton be designated a public right of way

Dear Emma,

Thank you for your email.

The route you refer to is already included on the County Council's List of Streets (the legal record of highways maintainable at public expense) as a linking footway, so it would not be necessary to also record it as a public footpath on the Definitive Map.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Kind regards,

Public Rights of Way

Devon County Council, Great Moor House, Bittern Road, Sowton, Exeter, EX2 7NL

Tennis Club Agreement – To receive an update from the Clerk and reconfirm the Council's withdrawal and termination of the agreement as resolved in 2017

Minutes of previous Parks Committee meetings from 2016 and 2017 confirming the resolution for the Council's withdrawal from the agreement follows:

11th April 2016

Tennis Court Management – The Chairman reported that, with a meeting of the Tennis Court Management Group scheduled for later in the week, it was anticipated that WDBC would encourage that the Courts be taken on by the primary users under local management. Councillor Marsh suggested this to be an appropriate stage to review the Town Council's contribution to the Group, in the knowledge that the courts had been recently resurfaced and the management fund was financially healthy. The Town Council currently contributed £2,700 per annum to the management fund. After discussion, it was agreed that the Town Council would seek termination of the existing agreement at the end of the current financial year, subject to continuing provision for community use, this on the proposition of Councillor Marsh, seconded Councillor Weekes.

6th June 2016

Tennis Court Management Group – The Chairman reported that the courts had now been repainted and wind-breaks installed. At the last meeting, West Devon Borough Council had given notice that they were looking to withdraw from the 4-way agreement, with the College and Tennis Club jointly taking on the responsibility for the management of the courts. The Town Council had contributed for the fund for the current year, but would also seek to act in parallel with the Borough Council, looking to ensure public access to the courts.

27th March 2017

Tennis Courts - The Committee noted that the tennis courts will continue to operate under a joint agreement between the College and the Tennis Club with effect from 1 April 2017 and subject to formal termination of the existing agreement. The meeting further noted that the Town Council will temporarily continue to hold the maintenance fund for tennis court repairs until the College status has been changed.

Public access sessions would continue to be available through the Tennis Club.

Note – The funds held by OTC amounting to £28,481.61 were transferred to the Tennis Club in May 2018