

Okehampton Town Council
Full Council Meeting 28th November 2022
Meeting Report

Date:	17 th November 2022
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Okehampton Railway Station Parking – To consider correspondence from Mel Stride MP in relation to parking issues, correspondence from a member of the public and resolve any action to be taken

From: STRIDE, Mel <mel.stride.mp@parliament.uk>
Sent: 04 November 2022 12:24
To: Emma James <townclerk@okehampton.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Okehampton Station Parking, constituent query, ref: MS69446

To whom it may concern,

I write as a constituency Member of Parliament following contact from a constituent regarding parking at Okehampton Station.

My constituent has written as follows:

“Dear Mel,

You will, of course, know how delighted we are in Okehampton to have the station open now and what a great asset it is to the town.

Unfortunately, I understand many people are now being turned away from the facility due to an over zealous use of parking fines by the company running the station car park, APCOA.

Nobody feels that a £2/day parking fee is unreasonable, but it is only possible to pay via a phone app or by credit card, no cash allowed. Recently many of us, including myself, were sent parking fee demands when attending the Station Open Day on 24th September. We could not access their app, and the only pay machine was out of action, for which there is photographic evidence (attached). Despite explaining this to the company concerned they have not backed down and are charging £50 to £100. People have also been sent demands when they are dropping off passengers.

I don't know who owns the land but the Okehampton Times is running an article on the effect this company is having and I believe BBC Spotlight are now involved too. What a shame that a town where so much good is happening is now being tainted by a National Company with a wholly unreasonable approach to parking management.”

I wonder whether Okehampton Town Council has been made aware of this and I would be grateful for a comment on the concerns raised by my constituent.

Thank you in advance for your help.

With best wishes,

Mel
Rt Hon. Mel Stride MP
Member of Parliament for Central Devon

Audits –

To note the report from the interim internal audit undertaken on 8th November 2022, previously circulated

Recommendations from the auditor were considered by the Policy & Resources meeting on 14th November when it was noted that changes had/would be implemented by the Clerk as follows:

- An alternative way of recording ‘rollover’ of funds from one financial year to another would be incorporated into the budget setting for the 2023/24 financial year
- The Investment Strategy had been uploaded to the website and its amendment would be considered at the next meeting of the committee
- Movement of funds and the merging of accounts was already in progress having been approved by full Council in October.

S106 Funds – To receive an update in relation to S106 funding secured for open space, sport and recreation in Okehampton that will be available by application through WDBC and to note that the Clerk is working with the Manager of OCRA to undertake an associated audit of sports groups and facilities

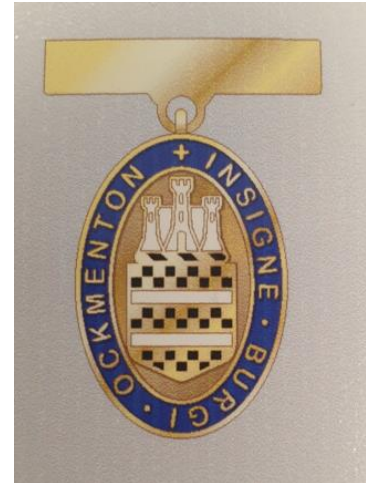
Site & Related Planning Application	Financial Contribution and Status	Purpose of s106 funds	Payment trigger	Time limit for expenditure
FUNDS RECEIVED				
Okehampton, Land North of <u>Crediton Road</u> , <u>Romansfield</u> 01089/2013	£50,420.20 Funds received	Provision of playing fields benefiting the residents of Okehampton/provision of sports pitches and facilities required as a result of the development	Funds received	10 years of receipt (08/06/2031)
Okehampton, Land South of Exeter Road 0032/18/OPA	£71,042.41 Funds received	New and improved sports facilities at Simmons Park and/or Beacon Down Hill	Funds received	No time limit
Glendale, <u>Crediton Rd</u> Okehampton (02728/2012)	£3,097.61 Funds received	Provision of pitch and kick about space in the locality of Okehampton	Funds received	10 years of receipt (30/11/2031)
	£15,538.12 Funds received	Provision and enhancement of existing community facilities within the town of Okehampton		
FUNDS SECURED VIA S106 AGREEMENT				
Okehampton, Parcels 3 & 4 east of Okehampton, <u>Crediton Road</u>	£103,000 Signed s106 agreement	New rugby pitches and facilities at <u>Hilltown Cross</u> , Okehampton and/or improvements to pitches and facilities at the Okehampton College site	Prior to occupation of 100 th dwelling or 75% of dwellings on any single phase (whichever is sooner)	10 years of receipt

Past Mayors Badges – To consider a recommendation from the Policy & Resources Committee purchase badges of the existing design and in relation to cost recovery

There is currently 1 badge remaining.

The cost of the purchase of 10 badges of the existing design from the same supplier is £1,047.60 (£104.76 p/badge) and that the cost is recovered from each Mayor's expense budget if they wish to have a badge. The recovered cost being used to rebuild the Civic Regalia earmarked reserve for future purchases.

Engraving of the words 'Past Mayor' onto the T-Bar would incur an additional cost of 57p p/character - £5.13 p/badge.



Terms of Reference – To resolve approval of the ToR for the King Charles III Coronation Task & Finish Group as recommended by the Policy & Resources Committee

Membership and Structure

The core constitution of the Group shall consist of Members of Okehampton Town Council, Everything Okehampton and an Officer.

Meetings will take place within normal working hours.

The Chairman of the Group shall be chosen from its Members.

Purpose

The purpose of the Group is to consider events to be held to mark the Coronation of King Charles III on 6th May 2023. The group may also, if required, assist and support Everything Okehampton with making the arrangements for the events as necessary.

Reporting

This is a non-decision making group who shall report to meetings of the Policy & Resources Committee as and when necessary.