

**Minutes of a meeting of Okehampton Town Council held on  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton**

**Members Present:** Councillor A Fisher (Mayor)  
 Councillor R Colman (Chairman, Property Committee)  
 Councillor T Leech (Chairman, Planning Committee)  
 Councillor B Tolley (Chairman, Parks Committee)  
 Councillor J Yelland (Chairman, Policy & Resources Committee)  
 Councillor L Bird  
 Councillor T Cummings  
 Councillor F Hart  
 Councillor C Holt  
 Councillor M Ireland  
 Councillor C Marsh  
 Councillor M Richards  
 Councillor S Weekes

**In Attendance:** Mrs E James (Clerk)

	<b>Action</b>
<b>508</b> <u>Apologies for Absence</u> – None	
<b>509</b> <u>Declarations of Interest</u> – None	
<b>510</b> <u>Public Participation</u> – None	
<b>511</b> <u>Members Questions</u> – Cllr Marsh advised that Everything Okehampton were no longer responsible for the Christmas Lights.	
<b>512</b> On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded Cllr Colman it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items which are CONFIDENTIAL by virtue of relating to legal and/or commercial matters, staffing and/or the financial or business affairs of a person or persons other than the Council.	
<b>513</b> <u>Simmons Park</u>	
<b>513.1</b> Information received from the Solicitor in relation to the registration of land with Land Registry as outlined in the report previously circulated was reviewed.	
<b>513.2</b> On the proposition of Cllr Marsh, seconded Cllr Weekes (2 abstentions), it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to that the land on the Kempley Meadows (play area) side of Simmons Park be registered in the name of the Council and that the Solicitor be instructed to undertake work at the quoted cost of approximately £600 to formally record the property owned by Simmons Park Charity.	Clerk
<b>513.3</b> On the proposition of Cllr Yelland, seconded Cllr Marsh (1 abstention), it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to approve the following legal documents and execution of use of the Council’s common seal in accordance with Standing Orders: a) Deed of Surrender of Part and Deed of Variation of Land at Simmons Park b) Lease of Land at Simmons Park to the Okehampton Argyle Football Club including the execution of the use of the Council’s common seal.	Clerk

On the proposition of Cllr Weekes, seconded Cllr Ireland, it was **RESOLVED** to exit Part 2 and ratify decisions made therein. The meeting was closed at 6.57pm

**Councillor Fisher, Mayor**