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Paul R Snell
Town Clerk

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Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Parks Committee to be held on Monday 13 April 2015 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Fore Street, Okehampton.

Yours faithfully

Paul R Snell
Town Clerk

AGENDA

Declarations of Interest - Members are reminded that they should declare any relevant interest regarding items on the agenda.

Urgent items - items for information only can be brought to the attention of the Committee at the discretion of the Chairman at the end of the meeting.

No decision can be taken on items not detailed on the published agenda.

1. **Apologies for Absence** - To receive apologies for absence from those Members unable to attend.
2. **Deferment of Business** - For comment by the public.
3. **Members' Questions** - To receive questions from Members regarding the workings of the Committee.
4. **Minutes** - To confirm, approve and sign the minutes of the Parks Committee meeting held on 9 March 2015.
5. **Matters Arising** -
 - 5.1 **Gas Main to The Nook** - Clerk to report.

- 5.2 Open spaces/Transfer of Assets** - Clerk to report.
- 5.3 Oke Times features on Park**
- 6. Fallen Oak** - To note that a mature oak fell during the high winds (28-29 March). The trunk and branches will be removed using external contractors with opportunity to mill and recycle trunk wood for bench refurbishment. Clerk to report.
- 7. Park Bookings** - To consider requests for use of Simmons Park:
- 7.1 U3A Okehampton** - request for use of Park for picnic Sunday 14 June 2015.
- 7.2 Dog show** - request for fund-raising dog show in aid of The Greyhound Sanctuary and K9 Search Dogs on 18 July 2015.
- 7.3 Christians Together in Okehampton** - request for service near bandstand on Sunday 14 June 2015.
- 7.4 Battle of the Bands** - request for use of the Park for the Battle of the Bands annual final on Saturday 1st August 2015, including attractions, licensed bar etc.
- 7.5 Anderton & Rowlands Fair** - request licence for 17 - 26 May (5 days) and 11 - 18 October (4 days).
- 8. Exclusive Burial Rights Application** - To note the recommendation for plot reservation from the Rector of All Saints Church for reservation of an exclusive plot.
- 9. Dog Fouling** - To note complaints received concerning dog fouling in Simmons Park and Abbey Rise and to consider appropriate action.
- 10. County Cutbacks** - Proposed reduction of treatment of noxious weeds – discussion of implications.
- 11. Members' Reports and Reminder for Agenda Items** - To receive reports from Members attending other organisations on behalf of the Council.
- (i) Children's Centre - Councillor Leech.
 - (ii) North Dartmoor Search and Rescue Group - Councillor Ireland.
 - (iii) Okehampton Community Archive - Councillors Stephens & Vachon.
 - (iv) Okehampton Community Recreation Association (OCRA) - Councillors Davies & Weekes.
 - (v) Parklands Leisure Centre Users' Group - Councillors Leech & Marsh.
 - (vi) Tennis Court Management - Councillor Marsh & Town Clerk.
 - (vii) Youth Issues/Room 13 - Councillors Davies & Marsh.

PART TWO

Items which may be taken in the absence of the press and public.

The Committee is recommended to pass the following resolution:-

‘Resolved 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 as they involve the likely disclosure of sensitive and confidential information.’

12. **Staffing** - Proposal from Park-keeper re supplementary support and tree-work contract.
13. **Fair Licence** - To consider request for a ten-year agreement, fees for current year and implementation of damage bond.