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**Minutes of a meeting of Okehampton Town Council held on
Monday 18th August 2025 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton**

Members Present:

Cllr R Colman (Mayor)
Cllr T Cummings
Cllr A Fisher
Cllr M Ireland
Cllr C Marsh
Cllr D McNeill
Cllr M Richards

Cllr L Bird (Chairman, Property)
Cllr B Tolley (Chairman, Parks)
Cllr T Leech (Chairman, Planning)
Cllr J Yelland (Chairman, Policy & Resources)

In Attendance:

Mrs E James (Town Clerk)

The meeting was livestreamed through the Council Facebook page.

207. Apologies for Absence

Apologies tendered by Cllr Weekes (illness) and Cllr Hart (prior commitment) were **approved** on the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded Cllr Tolley.

Absent: Cllr Holt

208. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Yelland declared an interest in Min Ref 210 having submitted an expense claim for mileage.

209. Public Participation

None

210. Payments

It was noted that an expense claim for a member of staff was for items required for Okehampton Show, including bird seed and lard for making bird seed feeders as an activity at the event.

On the proposition of Cllr Fisher, seconded Cllr Marsh (1 abstention) it was **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments, BACS payments including August salaries totalling £30,415.71.

PART TWO – CONFIDENTIAL

On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded Cllr Fisher it was **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 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.

211. Simmons Park Electrical Issues

Reports including following investigation work into the cause of the electrical issue with the lamp posts between the Parks Workshop and Jubilee Bridge were considered. The lighting had been isolated and turned off for health and safety reasons. A debate followed which included consideration of the risks of only having one quotation and the need to undertake the work with urgency because of the health and safety risk to the public that lack of lighting in the location posed.

On the proposition of Cllr Marsh, seconded Cllr Cummings it was **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation from MHLS Ltd at the cost of £19,127.57.

(Cllr Marsh left the meeting)

Included within the quotation was the upgrade of lighting to LED lanterns. It was requested that the contractor, MHLS Ltd, used their best judgement in relation to the type of light provided giving consideration to how it may affect the CCTV system.

On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded Cllr Leech, it was **RESOLVED** to exit Part 2 and ratify decisions made therein. The meeting was closed at 7.27pm.

Councillor Colman
Mayor