



Okehampton Town Council

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**Minutes of a meeting of Okehampton Town Council held on
Monday 17th August 2026 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 T Leech (Chairman, Planning)
Cllr B Tolley (Chairman, Parks)
Cllr M Ricketts
Cllr D McNeill

In Attendance:

Mrs E James (Clerk)
Cllr J Goffey (WDBC)

Absent:

Cllr C Holt
Cllr M Richards
Cllr S Weekes

The meeting was livestreamed through the Council's Facebook page.

191. Apologies for Absence

On the proposition Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Tolley, it was **RESOLVED** to approve apologies tendered by Cllr Yelland (personal) and Cllr Bird (personal)

192. Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Tolley and Ireland declared personal interests in items relating to the Allotments.

193. Public Participation

None

194. Members' Questions

None

195. Full Council Meeting Minutes

On the proposition of Cllr Fisher, seconded by Cllr Ricketts it was **RESOLVED** to receive, approve and sign the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 27th July 2026.

196. Policies and Documents

On the proposition of Cllr Marsh, seconded by Cllr Leech (2 abstentions) it was **RESOLVED** to approve the Allotment Agreement and Application Form including minor amendments.

197. Finance

On the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded by Cllr Fisher it was **RESOLVED** to approve the schedule of payments, the BACS payments totalling £1,224.71 exclusive of VAT. Payment made outside of a meeting for £2,808.75 excluding VAT for the purchase of a battery charging cabinet as previously approved was noted.

PART TWO – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

198. On the proposition of Cllr Fisher, seconded by Cllr Ireland 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.

Cllr McNeill arrived and declared interest in items of business relating to Allotments.

199. Allotment Leases and Documentation

Information received from the Solicitor relating to removal of the accessway to the rear of the allotments in North Road from the lease was considered. On the proposition of Cllr Leech, seconded by Cllr Marsh (3 abstentions) it was **RESOLVED** to accept clauses 1, 2, 4 and 5. Clause 3 was not accepted as the accessway was also used by others who were not asked to contribute and could be a right of way under custom and practice.

On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Leech it was **RESOLVED** to exit Part 2 and ratify decisions made therein. The meeting was closed at 7.36pm.

Councillor Colman, Mayor