

**Minutes of the continuation of a Meeting of Okehampton Town Council held on Monday  
24 August 2015 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton at 8.15 pm  
following adjournment of meeting of 27 July 2015**

**Members Present:** Councillor P Vachon (Town Mayor)  
Councillor Mrs J Goffey (Deputy Mayor)  
Councillor Miss C Holt  
Councillor Dr M Ireland  
Councillor A Leech  
Councillor Mrs C Marsh  
Councillor R Rush  
Councillor B Tolley  
Councillor D Weekes  
Councillor Mrs J Yelland

**In Attendance:** P R Snell (Town Clerk)

**Action**

**163** **Apologies for Absence** - Apologies were presented on behalf of Councillors Cummings, Cushing and Stephens.

**164** **Deferment of Business** - No public presence.

**165** **Members' Questions** - Councillor Yelland asked if there was any information regarding the town crest, as displayed at Castleford House. Other than the cast iron examples held in the Town Council's archive, there was no information available.

**166** **Development and Infrastructure at Okehampton** - (Continued). Councillors Yelland and Leech declared potential personal interests as Ward Members. Councillor Rush had drafted a letter which included a number of points relating to planning, infrastructure and Section 106 funding for discussion. The ensuing lively discussion explored facts and assumptions relating to the Okehampton East development proposals, the existing Core Strategy for West Devon Borough Council and section 106 agreements that were in negotiation by the Borough Council. The Mayor concluded the discussion, confirming that any Member of the Council had the right to express his or her views to the Borough Council as an individual and that the Town Council continued to lobby for benefits to the community through the planning process at every opportunity.

**167** **Devon and Cornwall Police** - The Council noted a letter from the Police and Crime Commissioner concerning a petition for fair funding for the Devon and Cornwall Police. It was further noted that Members were invited to attend a Super Links meeting on 24 September at which the Police and

Crime Commissioner would be present to answer questions put in advance through the clerk to the Links meeting. Details had been forwarded by the Clerk.

- 168** **TAP Funding Proposal** - Councillor Leech reported on the availability of speed monitoring equipment and that he had had conversations with Inwardleigh and the Hamlets Parishes concerning the collaborative purchase of such equipment. Councillor Leech proposed that he proceed to investigate the possibility of TAP funding to purchase speed monitoring equipment in conjunction with the afore-mentioned parishes and to determine the full costs of the package, including maintenance and insurance. Subject to reporting back, it was agreed to proceed on this basis, seconded by Councillor Marsh. Cllr Leech
- 169** **DALC AGM** - It was agreed that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor attend the Annual General Meeting of the Devon Association of Local Councils on 15 October. Clerk
- 170** **Town and Parish Council Event** - West Devon Borough Council had arranged an information event for town and parish councils on Tuesday 1 September. Councillor Leech would attend as a Borough Member and it was agreed that the Mayor and possibly one other would attend.
- 171** **Civic Events – Review of Invitation List** - The Mayor noted that invitation lists for the various civic events hosted by the Town Council required review. It was agreed that a Working Group be established (comprising Councillors Vachon, Ireland, Marsh and Weekes) to:
- a) Review the core invitation list for the Civic Dinner, Civic Service and Parade, Mayor Choosing, Edwardian Evening,
  - b) Review the list and process for ‘paid-for’ tickets to the Civic Dinner and report back to the Council in due course. Cllr Vachon
- 172** **Members’ Reports and Requests for Agenda Items** -
- (i) **Dartmoor National Park Forum** - No report
  - (ii) **Northern Parishes Link Committee** - Councillor Leech reported that matters had been covered elsewhere.
  - (iii) **Okehampton Matters** - Meeting scheduled for 24 September.
  - (iv) **Okehampton Older People’s Community Services Network** - (Councillor Yelland) - No meeting.
  - (v) **Okehampton Vision Steering Group** - (Councillor Vachon) - Meeting scheduled for 26 August.

- (vi) **West Devon/Okehampton Liaison Group** - Councillor Vachon reported the salient points from the last meeting, notes of which had been circulated.

The meeting was closed at 9.06 pm.

---

**Councillor P Vachon**  
**Mayor**