

**Minutes of a meeting of the Okehampton Town Council Parks Committee held on Monday 28 November 2016 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton at 7.00 pm**

**Committee Members Present:** Councillor Mrs C Marsh (Chairman)  
Councillor Miss C Holt (Vice Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs J Carpenter  
Councillor Dr M Ireland  
Councillor R Rush  
Councillor D Weekes  
Councillor Mrs J Goffey (Town Mayor)  
Councillor T Leech (Chairman, Planning)  
Councillor B Stephens (Chairman, P & R)

**Other Members Present:** Councillor Mrs V Cushing  
Councillor P Vachon  
Councillor Mrs J Yelland

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

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<b>369. <u>Apologies for Absence</u></b> - Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of Cllr Tolley.	
<b>370. <u>Deferment of Business</u></b> - No public presence.	
<b>371. <u>Budget 2017/18</u></b> - Copies of the preliminary Parks budget page had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The Chairman explained the purpose of the meeting was to ensure that the Committee had the opportunity to include items on the budget at this stage, although there would be a need for further adjustment before the budget came to the Policy and Resources Committee for consideration in the context of the Council's overall aims.  The Chairman and Clerk answered questions on Simmons Park car park, the Simmons' headstone replacement, the tractor hire purchase agreement and the management charge arrangement for the car park with West Devon Borough Council. It was suggested that the sum of £10,000 should be earmarked as a reserve towards the replacement of the tractor in due course.  After discussion, and on the proposition of Cllr Stephens, seconded Cllr Weekes, it was agreed to take forward the department budget as presented to the next stage.	

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.13 pm.

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**Councillor Mrs C Marsh**  
**Chairman**