

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 8.25pm in the Council Chamber,  
Town Hall, Okehampton**

**Committee Members Present:** Councillor A Leech (Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs J Goffey (Town Mayor)  
Councillor Mrs J Yelland (Chairman, P&R)  
Councillor R Rush  
Councillor Mrs V Cushing  
Councillor Dr M Ireland  
Councillor T Cummings  
Councillor Mrs S Parkins  
Councillor D Weekes

**Other Members Present:** Councillor Mrs J Carpenter  
Councillor Miss C Holt  
Councillor P Vachon  
Councillor B Tolley

**In Attendance:** Mrs E James (Town Clerk)  
1 member of the public

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| 550   | <b>Declarations of Interest</b> – Cllr's Yelland and Leech declared interests as WDBC members.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |        |
| 551   | <b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b> – Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Cllr Marsh.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |        |
| 552   | <b><u>Deferment of Business</u></b> – A member of the public commented upon appeal APP/Q1153/W/17/3189983, outline application for 5no dwellings on land between Moorcroft and Fatherford Road, Exeter Road, Okehampton. He had previously passed a letter to the Clerk regarding this issue.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |        |
| 553   | <b><u>Members Questions</u></b> – Cllr Cushing requested an update regarding block paving work, Min Ref 511. The Clerk reported that she had been in contact with the contractor who was aware of the issue that the recent work was breaking up. DCC to be asked how contractors work is monitored and checked.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Clerk  |
| 554   | <b><u>Minutes</u></b> - deferred as this was an applications only meeting of the Committee                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |        |
| 555   | <b><u>Planning Applications</u></b> –                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |        |
| 555.1 | <b>0226/18/POD</b><br>Following discussion and consideration of the application for prior approval for the proposed change of use of 10 St James Street, Okehampton from Office use (Class B1(a)) to 3no dwellings (Class C3), on the proposal of Cllr Carpenter, seconded by Cllr Goffey (2 abstentions), it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to OBJECT to the application on the following grounds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no provision for parking and therefore the residents would have to rely on any, already congested, street provision and car parks.</li> <li>• Residents of the town and surrounding area would have to travel further afield to access the services provided by the office currently housed within</li> </ul> |        |

the building.

- The building is in a secondary shopping position at the top end of the arcade, located between a shop and café. There is concern that conversion to domestic dwelling, removing it from this function, will have an economic downturn effect on the town centre, destroying the economic viability of the town.

Cllr Parkins requested a future agenda item regarding the provision of parking for residents.

**556      Planning Appeal – APP/Q1153/W/17/3189983** – The item was deferred for discussion under Part 2 later in the meeting.

**557      Licensing Application** – The resubmission of an application for variation at Shell Okehampton, Sourton Cross, Okehampton was discussed. It was noted that the new sign had been installed and name change had already taken place. On the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded by Cllr Weekes, it was **RESOLVED** to approve the application to extend the alcohol sale hours to 24 hours per day, Monday to Sunday.

Cllr Cummings left the meeting at 9pm

**558      Estate Naming** – A document prepared by Cllr Leech was read out regarding the naming of the new housing estate on Crediton Road. On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Weekes, it was **RESOLVED** to approve the document with an addition regarding possible confusion of Courtenay Green with Courtenay Road in another part of the town.

Cllr Leech  
Clerk

## **PART TWO ITEMS**

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 item as it involves the likely disclosure of sensitive and confidential information. Proposed by Cllr Weekes, seconded by Cllr Goffey.

**559      Planning Appeal –**

**APP/Q1153/W/17/3189983**

Previous response made by the Committee was discussed along with other objections and concerns raised. It was **RESOLVED**, on the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Weekes, that Cllr Leech and the Clerk prepare and submit a response.

Cllr Leech  
Clerk

The meeting moved out of Part Two and ratified decisions taken on the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded Cllr Goffey.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

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**Councillor Leech**  
**Chairman**

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