

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on  
Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7pm in the Council Chamber,  
Town Hall, Okehampton**

**Committee Members Present:** Councillor A Leech (Chairman)  
Councillor J Carpenter (Mayor)  
Councillor Mrs J Yelland (Chairman, P&R)  
Councillor C Marsh (Chairman, Parks)  
Councillor D Weekes  
Councillor Mrs V Cushing  
Councillor Dr M Ireland  
Councillor R Rush

**Other Members Present:** Councillor Miss C Holt

**In Attendance:** Mrs E James (Town Clerk)

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| 226   | <b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b> – None                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |            |
| 227   | <b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b> – Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Cllr's Parkins and Tolley                                                                                                                                                                                                           |            |
| 228   | <b><u>Deferments of Business</u></b> – None.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |            |
| 229   | <b><u>Members Questions</u></b> – Cllr Ireland requested an update with regards to parking issues he had raised at the previous meeting. Cllr Leech to respond to the member of public who had raised the concerns.<br><br>Loose paving blocks in the road at the Tarka Close junction had been reported to Highways.      | Cllr Leech |
| 230   | <b><u>Urgent Items</u></b> – Cllr Leech updated the Committee with the most recent developments with regards to the progression of a CCTV system for the town. An opportunity had arisen for Cllrs to attend a meeting in Exeter to view the monitoring hub. Email with date to be circulated to Cllrs.                    | Clerk      |
| 231   | <b><u>Minutes</u></b> of meetings held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> July were approved and signed, having been proposed by Cllr Ireland and seconded by Cllr Yelland.                                                                                                                                           |            |
| 232   | <b><u>Matters Arising</u></b> –                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |            |
| 232.1 | <b><u>Dartmoor Local Plan</u></b> – It was noted that Cllr Ball would be reporting at the meeting on 17 <sup>th</sup> September.                                                                                                                                                                                           |            |
| 233   | <b><u>Diversion of Footpath No 7 (HIW PROW 18 040)</u></b> – On the proposition of Cllr Rush, seconded by Cllr Yelland (2 abstentions), it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to agree the proposition to divert the footpath<br><br>Cllr Leech requested an item be included on the next agenda regarding Town Council asset boundaries. | Clerk      |
| 234   | <b><u>Crediton Road, Redrow Development Phase 2</u></b> – Cllr Yelland declared a personal interest in this item being a member of WDBC.                                                                                                                                                                                   |            |

An informal meeting with the developers and Members of Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council had been attended by Cllrs Cushing, Rush and the Clerk.

Archaeology work had commenced and Councillors would be invited to view any findings and the site in due course. It was anticipated that the Phase 1 show area would be open in October 2018, with occupation commencing in early 2019. A TPO had been served on a large Oak tree within the development.

The planning application for Phase 2 was anticipated to be submitted by October 2018, housing would be of the same mix of materials as in Phase 1, although possibly with a higher percentage of brick.

**235**     **The Old Mill, Okehampton** – Item deferred for further information and clarification

**236**     **Planning Authority Decisions** – The following decisions were noted:

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| 1927/18/COM | Permitted development for the installation of electronic communication apparatus DSLAM equipment cabinet at Crediton Road, Okehampton |
| 1332/18/TCA | Tree works allowed to T1 Lime tree at Castle Ham Lodge, Castle Road, Okehampton                                                       |
| 1556/18/HHO | Conditional approval for the retention of ground floor rear extension at 15 New Road, Okehampton                                      |
| 1983/18/TCA | No objection to the felling of T1 Laburnum tree at 13 Jacobs Pool, Okehampton                                                         |

**237**     **Joint Local Plan** – The draft report had been expected approximately 2 weeks ago but had been delayed. It was now anticipated to be received mid to late August.

**238**     **Neighbourhood Plan** – No further update following the recent full Council meeting when it had been reported that 28 priorities had been listed from which policy statements would be written around.

**239**     **Speeding** – A number of incidents involving speeding vehicles in the town, particularly in the Mill Road area had occurred recently. The Police were aware and taking action.

Clerk

A request had been received from a member of the public for the reduction of the speed limit along Chichacott Road which was currently 60mph. In view of the new school and residential housing being built in this area Cllr Leech agreed to forward this request to the Highways and Traffic Orders Committee (HATOC)

Cllr Leech

Cllr Ireland requested that an item of business, the consideration of a Traffic Order to restrict parking on part of Station Road in view of the upcoming new rail service, was included on the next agenda.

Clerk

**240**     **Payment of Invoices** - On the proposition of Cllr Yelland, seconded Cllr Weekes, the schedule of payments was **APPROVED** following a correction to a cheque.

## **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 Weeks, seconded by Cllr Yelland.

**241    Enforcement Issues** – No new or updated information to report

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.44pm.

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**Councillor Leech**  
**Chairman**

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**Dated**