

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee held on
Monday 15 May 2017 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton at 7pm**

Committee Members Present: Councillor A Leech (Chairman)
Councillor R Rush (Vice Chairman)
Councillor T Cummings
Councillor Mrs V Cushing
Councillor Dr M Ireland
Councillor Mrs J Goffey (Town Mayor)
Councillor Mrs J Yelland (Chairman, Policy & Resources)

Other Members Present: Councillor Mrs J Carpenter
Councillor Miss C Holt

In Attendance: P R Snell (Town Clerk)

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| 10. <u>Apologies for Absence</u> - Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Cllrs Marsh and Stephens. | |
| 11. <u>Deferment of Business</u> - No public presence. | |
| 12. <u>Minutes</u> - The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 3 and 24 April 2017 were agreed on the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded Cllr Yelland. | |
| 13. <u>Matters Arising</u> - Nil. | |
| 14. <u>Planning Applications</u> - (Cllr Yelland declared a personal interest as Ward Member WDBC.) 1265/17/HHO Householder application for two storey extension at 17 Otter Close, Okehampton EX20 1TT Mr M Lane It was resolved to support the application on the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded Cllr Goffey. A concern was noted with reference to the consequential increase in on-road parking. | |
| 15. <u>Planning Authority Decisions</u> - The following decisions were noted: 3644/16/OPA - Conditional approval for outline consent for construction of 3 houses 0518/17/TCA - Tree works allowed to re-coppice Sycamore 0484/17/FUL - Conditional approval for change of use from B&B and sub-division into flats 4078/16/TPO - Tree works allowed to Sycamores | |

16. **Discussion** - (Cllr Yelland declared a personal interest as a West Devon Borough Council Ward Member.)

The meeting considered the response to planning questions and issues, in particular section 106 funding, that had been received from Mr Pat Whymer (Lead Specialist, Development Management, WDBC) in April. On a separate issue, the Chairman agreed to take forward with Mr Whymer the offer of a training session for Councillors on planning issues. After much discussion, and on the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded Cllr Ireland, it was agreed to constitute a task and finish group with the purposes of:

- a) reviewing and establishing the facts of section 106 funding associated with past developments in Okehampton and
- b) in working together with the Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council, to ensure that Okehampton can gain a satisfactory settlement from future section 106 agreements or community levy from future developments for the benefit of the community.

17. **Urgent Items** - The Chairman brought two items for urgent information under Part Two.

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 Cummings, seconded Cllr Yelland.

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17. **Urgent Items (continued)**

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.04 pm.

Councillor Leech
Chairman