

Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee of Okehampton Town Council held on Monday 5th June 2017 in the Town Hall, Okehampton.

Present: Cllr. Leech (Chairman); Cllr. Goffey; Cllr. Holt; Cllr. Rush; Cllr. Cushing; Cllr Carpenter; Cllr. Tolley; Cllr. Dr. Ireland; Cllr. Vachon; Cllr. Yelland; Cllr. Cummings; Penny Clapham (Locum Clerk).

Declarations of Interest – Members are reminded that they should declare any relevant interest in the items to be considered. Cllr. Yelland 1662/17/FUL plus a general interest as on the West Devon Council planning committee.

Urgent items - items for information only can be brought to the attention of the Committee at the discretion of the Chairman at the end of the meeting.

No decision can be taken on items not detailed on the published agenda.

Planning application 405.var Crediton Rd. uplift clause on S106; possible agreement if this clause is removed to increase affordable housing from 6 to 8%.

There is also a new proposal regarding the installation of the roundabout.

47. Apologies for Absence - To receive apologies for absence from those Members unable to attend.

Cllr. Marsh; Cllr. Stevens; Cllr. Weekes

48. Deferment of Business - For comment by the public.

49. Members' Questions - To receive questions from Members regarding the workings of the Committee.

Cllr. Ireland – no enforcement on a particular car causing an obstruction.

Opposite house at 15 New Rd, there is a public footpath. The wall is falling into the footpath which is in itself in a poor state. Cllr. Goffey will investigate to whom this wall belongs.

Cllr. Cummings – road blocked at junction, the central cross roads.

Cllr. Vachon – beacons very dull at zebra crossing – need more visible signage plus on the one outside the college.

Cllr. Leech will email County Cllr. Ball on these issues.

Cllr. Carpenter stated ignorance of a 'no entry' sign at the junction of North St. and Northfield Rd.

50. Planning Applications – To consider the following applications:

a) 1349/17/HHO

Target date – 8 June 2017

Retrospective householder application for conversion of garage to bedroom and erection of new garage at 25 The Heathers, Okehampton EX20 1TB.

Mr & Mrs Pope

Comment of "Retrospective planning applications are not appreciated by this Council".

Proposed by Cllr. Goffey, seconded by Cllr. Ireland, 1 abstention. Motion carried.

b) 0662/17/FUL

Target date – 13 June 2017

Change of use of the first floor from mixed use/nightclub/ancillary storage to use class D2 for use as holistic therapy treatment rooms/ Yoga Studio/ ancillary storage at 4 Market Street, Okehampton EX20 1HN

Mr & Mrs. Seale

Supported. Proposed by Cllr. Weekes, seconded by Cllr. Goffey, all in favour by show of hands.

c) 1684/17/FUL

Target date – 13 June 2017

Conversion of redundant outbuilding at the rear of 9 Station Road to a one bedroom residential unit – 9 Station Road, Okehampton EX20 1DY

Mr S Tancock

Objection.

Council consider the suitability of the proposed accommodation is not of sufficient high quality; council objects on the grounds of density and amenity of impact on neighbours/overlooking and privacy, also road safety.

Resolved. Proposed by Cllr. Cummings, seconded by Cllr. Ireland, 6 in favour, 1 abstention.

Motion carried.

Cllr. Cummings apologised and left the meeting.

d) 1689/17/HHO

Target date – 15 June 2017

Householder application for alterations and two-storey extension to existing dwelling at 11 De Brionne Heights, Okehampton EX20 1WG

Mr. P. Parks

Supported. Proposed by Cllr. Goffey, seconded by Cllr. Cushing, all in favour by show of hands.

Meeting closed at 9pm.

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Position.....