

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.35pm 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, Policy & Resources)  
Councillor D Weekes (Chairman, Property)  
Councillor Mrs C Marsh (Chairman, Parks)  
Councillor R Rush  
Councillor Mrs V Cushing  
Councillor Dr M Ireland  
Councillor Mrs S Parkins

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

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

	<b>Action</b>
<b>Declarations of Interest – None</b>	
<b>244</b> <b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b> – Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Cllr Cummings.	
<b>245</b> <b><u>Deferments of Business</u></b> - There were no members of the public present.	
<b>246</b> <b><u>Members Questions</u></b> – Cllr Vachon commented that the markings of the crossing in School Way were very dull and that there had been several recent near misses. Cllr Leech to pass to highways/Cllr Ball.  Cllr Cushing queried the status of min ref 172, the moving of the Vixen Tor sign. Cllr advised that he was awaiting a response.  An update regarding min ref 176 was requested. The Clerk advised that a response had been received and an extraordinary meeting of the Council was being called on 16 <sup>th</sup> October to discuss this issue.	Cllr Leech
<b>247</b> <b><u>Minutes</u></b> – Minutes of 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2017 were approved and signed, having been proposed by Cllr Weekes and seconded by Cllr Goffey (3 abstentions – Cllr’s Parkins, Yelland and Marsh, having all been absent).	
<b>248</b> <b><u>Planning Applications</u></b> –	
<b>248.1</b> <b>2662/17/HHO</b> Application for the installation of a new window and an opening for a separate ventilation grill for an extractor fan. <b>Resolved on the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded Cllr Goffey, to support the application.</b>	
<b>248.2</b> <b>3136/17/TPO</b> Application for the crown reduction of an Oak tree. <b>Resolved on the proposition of Cllr Yelland, seconded by Cllr Goffey to object to the application on the grounds that a processional tree</b>	

surgeons report was not available and that the amount of proposed work was excessive.

- 249 **Planning Authority Decisions** – The decisions were noted:  
Application for works to trees in a conservation area at Okehampton  
3485/16/FUL Conditional approval  
2298/17/FUL Conditional approval  
2372/17/HHO Conditional approval  
2136/17/PHH Prior approval  
0662/17/FUL Conditional approval  
1684/17/FUL Refusal  
1689/17/HHO Conditional approval  
1349/17/HHO Conditional approval  
2489/17/HHO Conditional approval  
2495/17/FUL Conditional approval
- (Cllr Marsh left the meeting)
- 250 **Appeal Decision, Ref: APP/Q1153/W/17/3171503** – The decision that the appeal had been allowed and that the awarded of costs had been refused was noted.
- 251 **Licensing Decision** – The decision and conditions imposed were noted. Cllr Weeks advised that taxis were no longer operating from that location due to the issues experienced – Cllr Leech to forward the information to WDBC. Cllr Leech
- 252 **Naming of a New Street, Ref 522684** – The rejection of the Council's suggestion was noted and disappointment expressed regarding the lack of understanding of the local culture.
- 253 **Block Paving/Courtesy Crossing Repairs** – Deferment of the main element of the work by the traffic lights in Fore Street was noted. A copy of the traffic management plan to be requested from DCC, along with the attendance of a Councillor at any site meeting. Clerk
- 254 **Joint Local Plan** – Cllr Leech reported that some hold ups in progress had been overcome and there was a new approach by the Government regarding land availability and its management.
- 255 **Neighbourhood Plan** - An overview of the results of a recent survey was presented by Cllr Leech
- On the proposal of Cllr Yelland, seconded by Cllr Goffey, Standing Orders were suspended.**
- 256 **Devon County Council Parking Restrictions** – Cllr Leech outlined the proposals and areas not included were noted. Other areas of concern including, the one way system in Northfield Road and parking along by the Plymouth Inn to be forwarded to DCC by Cllr Leech. Cllr Leech
- 257 **TAP Application** – On the proposition of Cllr Yelland, seconded by Cllr Goffey, it was resolved to support and submit a TAP application for Men in Sheds. 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 Goffey, seconded by Cllr Ireland.

- 258** **Enforcement Issues** – Cllr Leech outlined current issues and action being taken as known.
- 259** **Town Centre Access Road/Traffic Issues** – On the proposition of Cllr Yelland, seconded by Cllr Weekes, it was resolved to:
- **Summon Cllr Ball and DCC Officers to an extraordinary meeting of the Planning Committee**
  - **To place an item on the next Council agenda under Part 2 to discuss the formatting and distribution of a leaflet**

Clerk

On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded Cllr Weekes, it was agreed to exit Part Two and ratify decisions made in Part Two.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.46pm.

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**Councillor Leech**  
**Chairman**

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**Dated**