

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018 at 7pm in the Council Chamber,  
Town Hall, Okehampton**

**Committee Members Present:** Councillor A Leech (Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs J Yelland (Chairman, P&R)  
Councillor Mrs V Cushing  
Councillor Dr M Ireland  
Councillor S Parkins  
Councillor C Marsh (Chairman, Parks)

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

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

	<b>Action</b>
<b>154</b> <b>Declarations of Interest</b> – Cllr Yelland declared an interest as a WDBC member.	
<b>155</b> <b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b> – Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Cllr’s Carpenter and Weekes	
<b>156</b> <b><u>Deferments of Business</u></b> – None.	
<b>157</b> <b><u>Members Questions</u></b> – Cllr Ireland commented upon leases regarding a later item of business, Min Ref 169.1	
<b>158</b> <b><u>Minutes</u></b> of meetings held on 5 <sup>th</sup> March, 9 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> April, 14 <sup>th</sup> May, 4 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> June were approved and signed, having been proposed by Cllr Yelland and seconded by Cllr Cushing.	
<b>159</b> <b><u>Matters Arising</u></b> –	
<b>159.1</b> <b><u>Okehampton Railway Station and Car Park</u></b> – Cllr Leech advised that he had been unable to get conclusive information regarding the leases in existence. Cllr Marsh reported that the information was confidential due to negotiations.	
<b>159.2</b> <b><u>Residents Parking</u></b> – Cllr Leech advised that this had been raised. A consultation would have to be undertaken and if 1 person objected to the proposal it would not go ahead. The cost of making a new parking order was in the region of £2,000. The possibility of progressing any action through the Neighbourhood Plan Group was discussed and on the proposition of Cllr Marsh, seconded by Cllr Parkins (1 against), it was <b>RESOLVED</b> that this be included as an item of business on a Neighbourhood Plan Group Agenda.	Cllr Leech
<b>160</b> <b><u>Planning Applications</u></b> –	
<b>160.1</b> <b>1947/18/TPO</b> On the proposal of Cllr Cushing, seconded by Cllr Parkins (1 abstention), it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to OBJECT to the application to fell T1 Sycamore tree on the grounds that the tree should be pruned and preserved for its amenity value.	
<b>160.2</b> <b>1983/18/TCA</b> On the proposal of Cllr Cushing, seconded by Cllr Parkins (1 abstention, 1 against), it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to support the felling of T1 Laburnum tree	

- 160.3 0404/18/FUL**  
On the proposition of Cllr Marsh, seconded by Cllr Cushing (1 abstention), it was **RESOLVED** to support the application for the change of use of Units 1 and 2 to Class A1 (Retail) including associated alterations to shopfront
- 160.4 1927/18/COM**  
The planning application related to utilities and therefore was not open for consultation by the Council.
- 160.5 1989/18/HHO**  
On the proposition of Cllr Cushing, seconded by Cllr Leech (2 abstentions), it was **RESOLVED** to support the application for the retention of two garden sheds.
- 161 Street Naming at Development for 73 Properties off of Crediton Road, Okehampton** – Representatives of Okehampton Town and Hamlets Council’s had met and agreed a list of names for recommendation to the Committee. On the proposition of Cllr Marsh, seconded by Cllr Ireland, it was **RESOLVED** to approve those names and add Vespasian Park/Drive/Road, and Vista Avenue to the list for submission.
- 162 Planning Authority Decisions** – The following decisions were noted:
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| 2998/16/ADV   | Refused                     |
| 3413/17/VAR   | Conditional Approval        |
| 0347/18/HHO   | Conditional approval        |
| 0432/18/FUL   | Conditional approval        |
| 0464/18/TPO   | Tree works allowed          |
| 0538/18/TCA   | Tree works allowed          |
| 0591/18/ARC   | Discharge of conditional    |
| 0649/18/LBC   | Conditional approval        |
| 0848/18/POD   | Prior approval not required |
| 0868/18/HHO   | Conditional approval        |
| 0921/18/TPO   | Exempt Works                |
| 1241/18/TCA   | Tree works allowed          |
| 1332/18/TCA   | No objection                |
| 1595/18/TPO   | Exempt works                |
| DCC/4046/2018 | Conditional approval        |
- 163 Withdrawn Application** – The withdrawal of application 1384/18/HHO was noted.
- (Cllr Yelland left the meeting)*
- 164 Permission in Principle** – Cllr Leech reported on an alternative way planning permission could be sought which came into force on 1<sup>st</sup> June (PIP). PIP’s could be sought for brown or greenfield sites; all that was required for submission was a completed form, the fee and an outline site map. This stage of the process required determination to be made within a 5-week period, meaning that local councils would have only 14 days in which to respond. For successful applications, the next stage would be more technical and comprehensive.

A copy of the presentation to be circulated by the Clerk.

- 165 **Dartmoor Local Plan** – The Consultation was underway and it was noted that it was more relevant to the Neighbourhood Plan Group than the Council at this time. The Town Councils Dartmoor National Park representative was Cllr Ball, who was to be requested to provide a report to the Council.
- 166 **Committee Terms of Reference** – The Committee Terms of Reference was reviewed and on the proposition of Cllr Marsh, seconded by Cllr Ireland, it was **RESOLVED** to recommend them to Full Council for approval.
- 167 **Payment of Invoices** - On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded Cllr Cushing, the schedule of payments was **APPROVED**.
- 168 **Urgent Items** –
- 168.1 Both Okehampton Hamlets and Town Councils had been invited by Redrow to discuss the proposals for phase 2 of the development. A date of 11<sup>th</sup> July had been suggested.
- 168.2 Cllr Leech reported that a member of the public had approached him regarding an area of Japanese Knotweed (JK) that was on his neighbour's property. Legal information about JK could be found at [www.gov.uk/japanese-knotweed-giant-hogweed-and-other-invasive-plants](http://www.gov.uk/japanese-knotweed-giant-hogweed-and-other-invasive-plants). To be included on the next Parks agenda for further discussion, it was requested that the Park-Keeper plot known areas of JK for information and future reference.

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 Ireland, seconded by Cllr Marsh.

- 169 **Enforcement Issues** – The list of current issues were noted.
- 170 **Traffic and Infrastructure** – Members were reminded that the recent presentation given at Full Council was Part 2 and Confidential at this time.
- On the proposition of Cllr Parkins, seconded by Cllr Cushing, it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Leech and the Clerk respond to DCC regarding the presentation based on the comments made by Cllrs at the relevant meeting.

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm

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**Councillor Leech**  
**Chairman**

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