

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on
Monday 17th December 2018 at 9pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton**

Committee Members Present: Councillor A Leech (Chairman)
Councillor Mrs J Yelland (Chairman, Policy & Resources)
Councillor Mrs J Carpenter (Mayor)
Councillor R Rush
Councillor Mrs V Cushing
Councillor Dr M Ireland
Councillor Mrs S Parkins

Other Members Present: Councillor B Tolley
Councillor C Holt
Councillor P Vachon

In Attendance: Mrs E James (Town Clerk)

	Action
<p>604 <u>Declarations of Interest</u> – Cllr Yelland declared a personal interest in the planning application as member of WDBC Planning Committee and it being within her Ward.</p>	
<p>605 <u>Apologies for Absence</u> – Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Cllrs Cummings, Weekes and Goffey</p>	
<p>606 <u>Deferment of Business</u> – None</p>	
<p>607 <u>Urgent Items</u> – Cllr Leech advised on issues relating to the newly installed traffic lights on Mill Road which had been reported to DCC. DCC advised that there had been a faulty batch of green lights which were being replaced by the manufacturer. The ‘bleepers’ had been replaced with tactile indicators which were fitted under the pushbuttons; these ‘knurled cones’ rotated when the green light was on. Concern was raised by Members regarding the lack of information and general knowledge about this new indicator and it was suggested that a letter be sent to the Okehampton Times within information about the operation of the lights.</p>	Cllr Leech
<p>2 prior approval planning applications had been received. These were not normally sent to local councils for their input and the receipt of application 3883/18/PAK was noted by the Committee. Cllr Leech would ascertain the reason for these being sent to the council.</p>	Cllr Leech
<p>608 <u>Members Questions</u> – Cllr Ireland asked what arrangements had been made for a crossing by the new Primary School. Cllr Leech reported that he had been informed that a pedestrian crossing point was already in place, ‘wig wag’ lights and schools signs would be in place before the school opens. An assessment for the need of a crossing patrol would be undertaken when the school was open.</p>	
<p>609 <u>Planning Application</u> –</p>	
<p>609.1 3866/18/PHH It was noted that this was a prior approval application that had been sent to the Council for comment, and as discussed at Ref 607.</p>	
<p>On the proposition of Cllr Cushing, seconded by Cllr Ireland (1 abstention), it was RESOLVED to support the application for the proposed single storey rear extension at 7 Parklands, Okehampton.</p>	

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 Vachon, seconded by Cllr Ireland.

610 Urgent Items –

Recent letters from members of the public published in the Okehampton Times were discussed. It was suggested that a letter to the paper inviting members of the public to the Town Assembly on 1st April could be a good way of informing residents of the meeting.

Clerk

The poor quality of workmanship on new build properties was discussed.

A planning pre-application site meeting which had been attended by some Members was outlined. It was agreed that this would be further considered at the next Planning meeting within Part 1.

Clerk

On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Yelland the meeting exited Part 2 and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.55pm

**Councillor Leech
Chairman**

Dated

