

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 8.10pm in the Council Chamber,  
Town Hall, Okehampton**

**Committee Members Present:** Councillor T Leech (Chairman)  
Councillor B Rush (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillor J Carpenter (Mayor)  
Councillor Mrs J Yelland (Chairman, P&R)  
Councillor Mrs M Marsh (Chairman, Parks)  
Councillor Dr M Ireland

**Other Members Present:** Councillor Miss C Holt  
Councillor B Tolley  
Councillor P Vachon  
Councillor Mrs J Goffey

**In Attendance:** Mrs E James (Town Clerk)  
3 members of the public

	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>841</b>    <b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b> – Cllr Yelland declared a personal interest in the planning applications as a member of WDBC Planning Committee.</p>	
<p><b>842</b>    <b><u>Urgent Items</u></b> – Cllr Leech advised that correspondence had been received from a Senior Traffic Technician at DCC Highways regarding a request for a Waiting Restriction Order in Simmons Way, Okehampton. As a response from the Town Council had been requested by the end of April, it was agreed that this be included as an item of business on the next agenda of the full Council.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>843</b>    <b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b> – Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Cllrs Cushing and Cummings.</p>	
<p><b>844</b>    <b><u>Deferments of Business</u></b> – None</p>	
<p><b>845</b>    <b><u>Members Questions</u></b> – Cllr Ireland made the following comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was understood from a Dartmoor Railway Supporters Association meeting held the previous week that a proposed change of use application was being made to use the old model shop as a Bar selling alcohol at the station. It was questioned as to if alcohol could be served on a train, how licensing would work for this and who would need to be the licensee for the Bar.</li> <li>• A resident of The Glen had approached him regarding concerns that trees were overhanging the parking area.</li> <li>• There was a rift opening in the road at the junction of Crediton Road and Limehayes Road that was becoming a danger to cyclists and motorcyclists.</li> </ul>	Cllr Leech
<p><b>846</b>    <b><u>Planning Applications</u></b> - <b>846.1</b>    <b>0060/19/FUL</b> On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Carpenter (2 abstentions), it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to support the application for the demolition of 3 garages and erection of 2 storey 2 bedroom houses at 63 Northfield Road, Okehampton</p>	
<p><b>846.2</b>    <b>0551/19/TPO</b> On the proposition of Cllr Marsh, seconded by Cllr Ireland, it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to support the application for work to T1 Oak; crown reduction by 1-2m over the entire crown, removal of deadwood and hanging limb at 88 Crediton Road, Okehampton</p>	

**846.3 0695/19/TPO**

On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Marsh, it was **RESOLVED** to OBJECT to the application for works to trees T1 Beech dismantle to ground level – leaning over visitors parking area; T2 Beech – dismantle to ground level – heavily leaning over substation; T3 Lime x 2 – Crown thin by 15% - creating a lot of shade over garden and property; T4 Sycamore x 3- dismantle to ground level – creating a lot of shading to property and grounds at Rivers Edge Court, Oaklands Drive, Okehampton.

The grounds for objection were due to the amenity value of the trees. It was noted that a specialist report should be obtained to identify any remedial safety work that may be required.

**846.4 0793/19/OPA**

On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Leech, it was **RESOLVED** to make a ‘no comment’ response to the application for outline planning (with all matters reserved) for the erection of a dwelling at Truckle Gate, Exeter Road, Okehampton. It was noted that the proposed dwelling would use the existing septic tank drainage system and that access would be adjacent to that of a property used by vulnerable persons.

**846.5 0811/19/FUL**

On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Marsh, it was **RESOLVED** to support the application for the change of use of a former bank to an educational facility with residential use to the first floor at 6 & 7 The Old Bank, Fore Street, Okehampton.

**846.6 0866/19/FUL**

On the proposition of Cllr Carpenter, seconded by Cllr Leech (1 abstention), it was **RESOLVED** to support the application for the formation of permanent vehicle hardstanding and associated works at 80 Station Road, Okehampton

**846.7 0967/19/ARM**

On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Carpenter, it was **RESOLVED** to support the application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval 2614/18/OPA for a proposed dwelling at Upcott House, Upcott Hill, Okehampton.

*(Cllr Marsh left the meeting)*

**847 Prior Approval Planning Application  
0584/19/POD**

The Committee noted that the description given on the paperwork was different to that described within the application itself and that there was a date error in the attached document which stated that ‘The use started prior to 2106’.

On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Rush (1 abstention), it was **RESOLVED** to write objecting to the application, noting the errors.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.

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**Councillor Leech**  
**Chairman**

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