

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on
Monday 5th August 2019 at 7pm in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Okehampton**

Committee Members Present: Councillor T Leech (Chairman)
Councillor M Ireland (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor J Yelland (Mayor)
Councillor Mrs M Marsh (Chairman, Parks)
Councillor B Tolley (Chairman, P&R)
Councillor P Vachon (Chairman, Property)
Councillor J Goffey
Councillor D Penna

Other Members Present: Councillor C Holt

In Attendance: Mrs E James (Town Clerk)
Mrs C Ellis (Assistant Town Clerk) Minute Taker

	Action
<p>236 <u>Declaration of Interest</u> – Cllrs Vachon and Leech declared a personal interest in the planning applications as member of WDBC, and Cllr Yelland as a member of WDBC's Planning Committee.</p>	
<p>237 <u>Apologies for Absence</u> – Councillors Tucker, Rush, Sanger and Jessop. Absences approved by Councillor Goffey and seconded by Councillor Ireland</p>	
<p>238 <u>Deferments of Business</u> – None</p>	
<p>239 <u>Members Questions</u> – Cllr Marsh enquired as to the reason of the markings on the paving in East Street and hoped they were not being removed. Cllr Leech believed that they were just being repaired but would make enquiries to DCC. Cllr Ireland advised members of a road incident. It was reported that a pedestrian and her children were walking to James CoE School in Crediton Road when a car stopped to allow them to cross and a van behind acted aggressively. The van driver had to do an emergency stop and skidded because he was unaware of the bollards and the island. Before speeding off angrily. Cllr Ireland reported that a resident of North Road informed him of some loose bolts on the bridge between North Road and Lidl's carpark. Cllr Vachon confirmed that it had already been reported.</p>	Cllr Leech
<p>240 <u>Minutes</u> – Minutes of planning meetings held on 10th June and 1st July were APPROVED and signed on proposition of Cllr Tolley and seconded by Cllr Yelland.</p>	
<p>241 <u>Planning Applications</u> –</p>	
<p>241.1 2342/19/FUL On the proposition of Cllr Goffey and seconded by Cllr Penna (4 abstained) it was RESOLVED to approve the application for change of grass pitch to artificial turf at St James Church of England Primary School.</p>	
<p>241.2 2343/9/DCA On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Tolley (2 abstention), it was RESOLVED to approved the demolition of redundant buildings at The Old Mill, Mill Road, Okehampton. Cllr Ireland raised concerns regarding the culvert under the road and it would be recommended that it be protected at all times. Cllr Goffey confirmed that it had already been replaced and upgraded.</p>	

- 241.3 2347/19/FUL**
 On the proposition of Goffey, seconded by Cllr Ireland (2 abstention), it was **RESOLVED** to object to the erection and garage at land adjacent to Greenacre, Castle Lane, Okehampton. The same reasons for the objection was as per the previous application;
 Highways – Access/egress issues along a narrow stretch of road.
 Conservation Area – The proposal is within a conservation area and would have a detrimental effect on a nearby ancient monument, Okehampton Castle.
 Flood Risk – The land is at risk of flooding
 Ecology/hedgerow – The ecology survey was undertaken in February when animals would have been in hibernation. Dormice known to be prevalent in the Castle grounds, rare butterfly plants known to be present in the hedgerow, not mentioned in the report.
- 242 Appeal Decision** – The following appeal was noted.
 0448/19/PIP Appeal ref: APP/Q1153/W/19/3226726
Appeal dismissed for building on 2 bed chalet bungalow to the rear of 69B Exeter Road, Okehampton
- 243 Planning Authority Decisions** – The following decisions made by the planning authority were noted:
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| 2573/18/OPA | Refusal for outline application for erection of 2 dwellings at 45 New Road, Okehampton |
| 0866/19/FUL | Conditional approval for formation of permanent vehicle hardstanding and associated works at 80 Station Road, Okehampton |
| 1103/19/HHO | Conditional approval for single storey rear extension at 67a Exeter Road, Okehampton |
| 1164/19/TCA | Tree works no objection raised for the removal of T1 Sycamore x 25 at land opposite 9 New Road, Okehampton |
| 1261/19/TPO | Tree works allowed to T11 Oak; reduction of limbs at 45 Herons Brook, Okehampton |
| 1336/19/FUL | Conditional approval for retrospective change of use from A3 to A5 at 38 Red Lion Yard, Okehampton |
| 1429/19/PHH | Prior approval given for proposed single storey extension to rear, extending 4.1m beyond rear wall, 3m maximum height and 2.9m height at eaves at 50 Leaholes Avenue, Okehampton |
| 1630/19/PHH | Prior approval given for larger home extension at 4 Lopes Crescent, Okehampton |
- 244 Former NatWest and HSBC ATM Sites** – It was noted that WDBC Planning Department have confirmed that they do not have the authority to enforce the re-instatement of the façade of the buildings following the removal of the ATM machines.
- 245 Terms of Reference** – The committee reviewed Terms of Reference and resolved to **APPROVE** and recommend to Policy and Resources Committee. Cllr Yelland proposed and seconded by Cllr Goffey.
- 246 Joint Local Plan** – Cllr Leech confirmed it is near completion but boundaries are being reviewed.
- 247 Payment of Invoices** – on the proposition of Cllr Tolley, seconded by Cllr Penna the schedule of payments was **APPROVED**

- 248** **Members' Reports and Requests for Agenda Items** – Reports from Members attending other organisations on behalf of the council.
- 248.1** **Dartmoor Railway Supporters' Association** – Cllr Ireland reported the weekly Sunday services to Exeter is very busy. Record takings have been registered in the shop at the station. It was noted that Okehampton has benefited from large numbers of visitors to the town from Exeter. There is to be a train to Weymouth on 14th September. Cost of fare is £37 or £52.50 for first class. Railway supporters will help with the carparking arrangement.
- 248.2** **Northern Links** – Cllr Ireland explained that there was nothing to report as there has been no meeting.
- 248.3** **Ockment Centre** – Cllr Leech reported that they recently held the AGM. A trustee and the manager have left so there are two new members. Most days the rooms are busy but they are quiet during the summer months. Cllr Leech would like to do a presentation to the Full Council on the Ockment Centre.
- 248.4** **Okehampton & Area Health & Wellbeing Alliance** – Cllr Goffey confirmed that the brochure is near completion and should be ready in September.
- 248.5** **OkeRail Forum** – Cllr Ireland confirmed that there had been no meetings.

PART TWO ITEMS

It was **RESOLVED** that 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 items as it involves the likely disclosure of sensitive and confidential information. It is proposed by Cllr Goffey, seconded by Cllr Tolley.

- 249** **Enforcement Issues** – Cllr Leech reported the Enforcement Issues and noted that some had been resolved.

On the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded Cllr Tolley, it was **RESOLVED** to exit Part Two and the Chairman closed the meeting at 8pm.

Councillor Leech
Chairman