

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on
Monday 7th October 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 P Jessop

Other Members Present: Councillor C Holt
Councillor D Sanger

In Attendance: Mrs C Ellis (Assistant Town Clerk)
2 members of the public

Action

360 **Declaration of Interest** – Cllr Leech declared a personal interest in the planning applications as member of WDBC, and Cllrs Yelland and Vachon as members of WDBC’s Planning Committee.

361 **Apologies for Absence** – Cllr Goffey sent her apologies as she is on holiday. Absence approved by Cllr Marsh and seconded by Cllr Ireland.

362 **Deferments of Business** – Member of the public spoke regarding planning application 2232/19/FUL. For replacement of existing agricultural buildings with a single residential dwelling. The dwelling is for a local resident to reside in and is not for profit. They have received four letters of support. There are no direct neighbours. The area has not been flooded in living memory. The council were asked to support the application.

(Members of the public left the meeting)

363 **Members Questions** – Councillor Leech informed the council of Government changes in 2020, to planning regulations. Communities will have more power to prevent developments that are not in keeping with the local area as well as allowing building on top of properties, adding another story, without permission.

364 **Minutes** – Deferred as dates were omitted from agenda.

365 **Planning Applications** –

365.1 **2232/19/FUL**

On the proposition of Cllr Marsh and seconded by Cllr Jessop (2 abstained) it was **RESOLVED** to approve the application the replacement of existing agricultural buildings with a single residential dwelling at Vicarage Gardens, Broadmoor Lane, Okehampton.

365.2 **2563/19/TCA**

On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Jessop was **RESOLVED**, (2 abstained) to refuse the Application for Tree Works in a conservation area at 101 Station Road, Okehampton, as insufficient evidence to pass judgement.

365.3 2739/19/HHO

On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Tolley (3 abstained) it was **RESOLVED** to remain neutral as not enough information was given.
Application for two storey side extension to 103 Station Road, Okehampton.

366 Prior Approval Application – 2943/19/PAK

On the proposition of Cllr Leech and seconded by Cllr Ireland (3 abstained) was **RESOLVED** to approve the proposed change of use of a building from shop (Class A1) to dwelling house (Class C3) and associated operational development at 10 North Street, Okehampton.

Withdrawn Application 243/19/DCA

The council noted that the application of demolition of redundant stone warehouse building at The Old Mill, Mill Road, Okehampton has been withdrawn.

367 Planning Authority Decisions – The following decisions were noted:

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| 00986/2013 | Discharge of Condition Refused for approval of details reserved by conditions 3, 4, 6 and 7 attached to planning permission 00516/2010 for erection of 2 detached houses |
| 0563/19/HHO | Conditional Approval for loft conversion to provide new bedroom, bathroom and staircase access at 44 Station Road, Okehampton |
| 0584/19/POD | Prior Approval Refused for proposed change of use of a building from office use (B1a) to residential (C3) for form 3 flats at 21 Fore Street, Okehampton |
| 1584/19/FUL | Conditional Approval for the permanent siting of portacabin ancillary to A1 Unit at 17 Fore Street, Okehampton |
| 1684/19/FUL | Conditional Approval for replacement of shop front from UPVC to timber at 9 West Street, Okehampton |
| 1764/19/FUL | Conditional Approval for extension and alterations to enlarge ground floor kitchen and provide additional first-floor bathroom at The Vicarage, 1 Church Path, Okehampton |
| 1778/19/FUL | Application within consultation/publicity period for the erection of tractor and machinery store and construction car park extension at The Showfield, Oaklands Park, Okehampton |
| 2074/19/PHH | Prior approval required and given for prior approval for proposed single storey flat roof extension from rear of garage, not extending beyond rear wall, maximum height and height at eaves of 3.2m at 26 Leeze Park, Okehampton |
| 2536/19/TCA | No Objection for the felling of T1 Ash due to evidence of ash dieback and dropping dead wood onto footpath and neighbouring property at Castle Ham Lodge, Castle Road, Okehampton |
| 2578/19/TEX | Exemption Granted T1 Walnut to fell dead tree and to replant with Walnut tree at Kent House Care Home, George Street, Okehampton |

368 Romansfield Development – The councillors decided to research new names. On the proposition of Cllr Ireland and seconded by Cllr Jessop was **RESOLVED** to submit Claudius Way, Garrison Road, Centurion Way, Vespian Road, Okemuntune.

- 369 **Parking Amendment Order Consultation** – On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Tolley was **RESOLVED** (3 abstained, 3 against) to approve the proposed amendment to parking order, Amendment No 1 2019, to North Road, Rear of Northfield Road and Neville Road.
- 370 **Joint Local Plan** – Cllr Leech confirmed the policies are in place to stop unwanted developments in greenfield sites. Three authorities are consulting regarding boundaries.
- 371 **Payment of Invoices** – on the proposition of Cllr Jessop, seconded by Cllr Vachon the schedule of payments was **APPROVED**
- 372 **Members' Reports and Requests for Agenda Items** – Reports from Members attending other organisations on behalf of the council.
- 372.1 **Dartmoor Railway Supporters' Association** – Cllr Ireland reported that the season was very successful, including the trip to Weymouth. Possible change of ownership will be discussed in November.
- 372.2 **Northern Links** – Cllr Yelland attended the meeting on 3rd October, in the absence of Cllr Ireland. Cllr Yelland reported that Steve Mullineaux was appointed by WDBC as lead Brexit Officer. He advised that Local Authorities need to be prepared for “reasonable worst case scenarios”. Working Groups are looking as to how WDBC can reduce impact of climate change. Town and Parishes are encouraged to add items to the agenda for future meetings.
- 372.3 **Ockment Centre** – Cllr Leech reported that the Centre is very busy. A food festival was hosted and was very successful. A theatre held their production at the centre. The Centre has applied to Redrow for a charity grant to help with costs to repairs to the roof.
- 372.4 **Okehampton & Area Health & Wellbeing Alliance** – Cllr Sanger attended the meeting on 11th September. Ian Blythe has been appointed as the new Sports and Recreation Manager at OCRA. He is keen to promote Active Okehampton Scheme. Wellbeing Co-ordinator pilot scheme has currently 25 clients and is getting referrals from GP Surgeries. The In-touch folder has been launched and is being distributed. A Health and Wellbeing Festival is being planned for Spring 2020. Community Transport have a pop-up shop in St James' Street and using Crowdfunding to replace lost funding as DCC no longer fund the Community bus.
- 372.5 **OkeRail Forum** – Cllr Ireland confirmed that Cllr Davies stepped down as Chair with GWR and Dartmoor Railway. An engine has been named Okehampton Castle. GWR are negotiating new contracts. The next meeting is 17th October.

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 Ireland, seconded by Cllr Tolley.

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

On the proposition of Cllr Ireland seconded Cllr Tolley, it was **RESOLVED** to exit Part Two and the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm

Councillor Leech
Chairman