

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on
Monday 4th November 2019 at 7pm in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Okehampton**

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

Other Members Present: Councillor C Holt
Councillor D Sanger
Councillor D Travers

In Attendance: Mrs E James (Town Clerk)

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| 439 <u>Declaration of Interest</u> – Cllr Leech declared a personal interest in the planning applications as member of WDBC, and Cllr Vachon as a member of WDBC's Planning Committee. | |
| 440 <u>Apologies for Absence</u> – Cllr Yelland had tendered her apologies due to a family commitment which was approved following proposal by Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Goffey. | |
| 441 <u>Deferments of Business</u> – None | |
| 442 <u>Members Questions</u> – Cllr Ireland requested an update on previously reported issues including dangerous parking. Cllr Leech responded that it would be referred to HATOC who were meeting the following day.

Cllr Vachon commented that the paving stones on the crossing in Fore Street which was repaired recently were sinking and uneven. | |
| 443 <u>Minutes</u> of meetings held on 5 th August, 2 nd September, 7 th and 21 st October 2019 were approved and signed on proposition of Cllr Jessop, seconded by Cllr Tolley. | |
| 444 <u>Planning Applications</u> – | |
| 444.1 2816/19/TPO
On the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded by Cllr Marsh (1 abstention) it was RESOLVED to approve the application to fell T1 Ash due to ash die back at 6 Oak House, Kingfisher Drive, Okehampton | |
| 441.2 3200/19/FUL
On the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded by Cllr Jessop (1 abstention) it was RESOLVED to approve the increase in external storage heights to 5.5m across the site by installing new racking within the north corner at 50 North Road Industrial Estate, Okehampton | |
| 441.3 3230/19/ADV
On the proposition of Cllr Marsh, seconded by Cllr Penna (2 against, 3 abstentions) it was RESOLVED to approve advertisement consent for | |

externally illuminated fascia sign and externally illuminated hanging sign to shopfront elevation at 17 Fore Street, Okehampton

441.4 3231/19/TPO

On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Goffey (1 abstention) it was **RESOLVED** to OBJECT to T1Beech, lateral reduction by 2m on South side to give 3m clearance from house to prevent contact and damage to building and reduce overhang to property causing shading in garden and house at land between The Chase and North Road, Okehampton on the grounds that the work is excessive and less/more appropriate reduction should be undertaken.

441.5 3361/19/TPO

On the proposition of Cllr Jessop, seconded by Cllr Goffey (1 abstention) it was **RESOLVED** to OBJECT to tree work at 33 Edgehill, Fern Meadow, Okehampton on the grounds that the work is excessive, and the trees are of amenity value:

T1 Beech – fell western stem leaning towards house – stem has old wounds and a large vertical crack

T2 Ash – fell to ground level – tree is leaning towards property

F3 Larch – fell to ground level – tree is lopsided and not in keeping with surrounding area

G1 Spruce x 2 – fell to ground level - trees are not native to the area, they are becoming too large for their environment and overhang neighbouring property

442 Planning Authority Decisions – The following decisions were noted:

00986/2013 **Discharge of Condition Refused** for approval of details

0811/19/FUL **Conditional approval** change of use of former bank to educational facility with residential use to first floor – 6&7 The Old Bank, Fore Street, Okehampton

2057/19/HHO **Conditional approval** removal of rotten wooden dormer-type window on rear extension and replacement with raised pitch of slate roof to install regular size stable door with Velux window above at 46 Station Road, Okehampton

2536/19/TCA **No objection raised** for tree works: T1 Ash fell due to evidence of ash dieback and dropping dead wood onto footpath and neighbouring property at Castle Ham Lodge, Castle Road, Okehampton

2566/19/TPO **Consent granted** for tree works: G3: Sycamore x approx 25 - Crown height reduction by 4-5m to previous points. G2: Laurel x 3 - Crown height reduction by approx 1m to previous points. Trees are growing through telephone wires and touching the building at Table Tennis Club, Riverside Club, Castle Road, Okehampton

2606/19/FUL **Conditional approval** for replacement of lobby with conservatory, extension of beer garden with addition of canopies and creation of bin store – White Hart Hotel, Fore Street, Okehampton

2607/19/LBC **Conditional approval** for replacement of lobby with conservatory, extension of beer garden with addition of canopies and creation of bin store – White Hart Hotel, Fore Street, Okehampton

2739/19/HHO **Conditional approval** two storey side extension at 103 Station Road, Okehampton

443 DCC (Traffic Management) Permit Scheme Order Consultation – On the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded by Cllr Jessop it was **RESOLVED** to

submit a comment stating that the Committee hoped the order would assist by making the coordination of roadworks smoother.

Clerk

- 444** Joint Local Plan – Cllr Leech reported that the old Okehampton Master Plan would be included in the supplementary planning documents which would be subject to consultation.

The Government have changed the regulations around S106 funding and the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), and Local Authorities will be able to adopt both rather than just one, WDBC are currently using S106. CIL funding for developments can be used anywhere in West Devon, not just in the area in which the development was built. WDBC will be consulting regarding the adoption of CIL which it hopes to commence using in 2021.

- 445** Payment of Invoices – on the proposition of Cllr Tolley, seconded by Cllr Ireland the schedule of payments was **APPROVED**

- 446** Members' Reports and Requests for Agenda Items – Reports from Members attending other organisations on behalf of the council.

- 446.1** Dartmoor Railway Supporters' Association – Cllr Ireland reported that the season had been successful with the shop and activities being supported. A new steam engine was coming to the railway, details of the new owner of the line following the end of the lease in the coming months was awaited.

- 446.2** Northern Links – Cllr Ireland had been unable to attend recent meetings. Cllr Tucker to be requested to provide a report.

Clerk/ Cllr
Tucker

- 446.3** Ockment Centre – Cllr Leech reported that a grant had been received from Redrow Developers as 1 of 6 Charities to receive funding from them. The centre currently had a roof leak.

- 446.4** Okehampton & Area Health & Wellbeing Alliance – No meeting had been held, the next being on 5th December.

- 447.5** OkeRail Forum – Cllr Ireland reported that he had been appointed interim Chairman following the resignation of Cllr Davies and a new administrator had been appointed. The Executive Committee had been short of members and Mr Wolfington-Brown had been elected.

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 Jessop.

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

On the proposition of Cllr Goffey seconded Cllr Jessop, it was **RESOLVED** to exit Part Two and the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.03pm

Councillor Leech
Chairman