

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on
Monday 6 January 2014 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Fore Street,
Okehampton at the rising of the Full Council Meeting**

Committee Members Present: Councillor A Leech (Chair)
Councillor Mrs J Goffey (Vice Chair)
Councillor C Letchford
Councillor P Vachon
Councillor Dr M Ireland
Councillor Mrs M McDonald (Chair P & R)

Other Members Present:

In Attendance: Mrs J Gillard (Deputising for Town Clerk)

374. **Apologies for Absence** - Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of Councillor K Ball, Councillor M Davies, Councillor Mrs C Marsh, Councillor D Weekes.
375. **Deferment of Business** - (for comment by the public) - There were no questions from members of the public present.
376. **Members' Questions** - There were no questions from Members regarding the workings of the Committee.
377. **Minutes** - The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 16 December 2013 were approved and signed by the Chair on the proposition of Councillor Dr M Ireland and seconded by Councillor P Vachon.
378. **Matters Arising** -
- 378.1 **Buses/Bus Stops** - Carried forward to next meeting.
- 378.2 **Green Spaces/TPO's** - Carried forward to next meeting.
- 378.3 **Okehampton Masterplan** - The Acting Clerk advised a response had been sent to West Devon Borough Council supporting the comments made by Okehampton Hamlets Council together with two additional comments concerning the appearance of the properties and use of the potential school area until the school is built.
379. **Plans** -
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Full
Change of use from A3 (café) to mixed use A3 and A5 (takeaway)
35 Fore Street, Okehampton EX20 1HB
Little Red Rooster
Councillors resolved to respond with a neutral view.

380. Past Planning Applications -

00975/2013 - Notice of conditional consent, change of use from bottled gas depot/garden centre for the erection of 4 linked houses at 49 Crediton Road, Okehampton EX20 1LY. Noted.

01066/2013 - Notice of conditional consent, householder application for alteration and extensions to dwelling at 4 Vicarage Road, Okehampton EX20 1LF. Noted.

List of enforcement cases reviewed.

The Chair advised that new government legislation now allows certain change of use of retail outlets without planning permission. This system has been used by the two properties in Fore Street recently (the former Martin's Butchers becoming a restaurant and the empty shop becoming a takeaway). Procedures state planning control need to be advised of the change and then the applicant, after two years, either has to apply for full planning permission or return the property to its former use.

381a. Members' Reports -

- (i) Ockment Centre - no report.
- (ii) Devon Voice - no report.
- (iii) Dartmoor Railway Supporters' Association - Councillor M Ireland advised the DRSA had sent three representatives to the Devon Heartlands meeting and he would produce a written report giving full details.
- (iv) Okehampton Matters - meeting due this week.
- (v) Okehampton Vision - no meeting.

- b. Urgent Item** - Letter received from proprietors of Okehampton Gun to run stall selling combat clothing on pavement outside St James Church. Resolved to support request providing they obtain permission from Church Trustees. Standard pitch fee to be payable as per Farmers' Market.

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Councillor A Leech
Chairman