

**Minutes of a Remote Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 7pm**

**Committee Members Present:** Councillor T Leech (Chairman)  
Councillor M Ireland (Vice-Chairman)  
Councillor J Yelland (Mayor)  
Councillor J Goffey (Chairman, Property)  
Councillor B Tolley (Chairman, Policy & Resources)  
Councillor P Jessop  
Councillor D Penna

**Other Members Present:** Councillor C Holt

**In Attendance:** Mrs E James (Town Clerk)  
Mrs C Ellis (Assistant Town Clerk)  
Member of the Public

	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>115</b> <u><b>Urgent Items</b></u> - Cllr Goffey informed the council that she had received emails from a distressed resident in Northfield Road regarding parking permits being issued to residents. It was felt to be unfair as residents on both sides of the road can purchase permits when the parking relates to the land on the right. Some permits have already been sold by WDBC. Cllr Leech reported that it is only short term until the land is developed and he would approach WDBC to find out more information.</p> <p><i>Member of the public entered the meeting.</i></p>	
<p><b>116</b> <u><b>Apologies for Absence</b></u> – Apologies tendered by Cllr Sanger, who was not a member of the committee, and Cllr Tucker who had work commitments. Cllr Yelland had IT problems and would attend later. Absences approved by Cllr Ireland and seconded by Cllr Penna. No apologies from Cllr Marsh.</p>	
<p><b>117</b> <u><b>Deferments of Business</b></u> – None</p>	
<p><b>118</b> <u><b>Members Questions</b></u> – Cllr Ireland had been asked by Dartmoor Railway Supporters Association to enquire who funded the construction of the maintenance shed at Meldon. This was of concern to them because of the change of ownership of Dartmoor Railway based at Okehampton. Due to change of ownership it was difficult for Cllr Leech and Cllr Ball to find information through WDBC Planning Department. It was brought to the Cllrs attention that Cllr Ireland had received a complaint regarding drug taking and the drinking of alcohol opposite the community gardens over the weekend. The resident reported to the police. Cllr Leech to inform Okehampton Matters at the next meeting.</p> <p><i>Cllr Yelland entered the meeting</i></p>	
<p><b>119</b> <u><b>Minutes</b></u> of meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020 were approved on the proposition of Cllr Penna, seconded by Cllr Jessop to be signed at a later date</p>	Clerk
<p><b>120</b> <u><b>Planning Applications</b></u> – Cllr Yelland declared an interest being a Member of WDBC's Planning Committee.</p> <p><u>1184/20/FUL</u> On the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded by Cllr Tolley (1 abstention) it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to support the application for a new two storey business unit at land at SX 590 956, North Road Industrial Estate</p> <p><u>1726/20/ARM</u> On the proposition of Cllr Ireland seconded Cllr Goffey, one abstention, <b>RESOLVED</b> to support the application for the approval of reserved matters for the construction of 220no dwellings, public open spaces, landscaping, pedestrian, cycle and vehicular</p>	

links and associated infrastructure, Land to East of Crediton Road, North of Kellands Lane, Okehampton, subject to the following conditions:

- Access and traffic - the through link road is constructed first to ease congestion
- Ecology/landscape – ensure that the trees are adequately protected, and the Tree Specialist's report and recommendations are taken into account
- Highway safety - safe means of crossing the link road between developments is provided for pedestrians

#### 1810/20/FUL

On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Jessop, four agreed two against, one abstention, it was **RESOLVED** to OBJECT to the application for erection of moveable timber building to provide café premises for sale of hot and cold drinks at AL Martin, School Way, Okehampton on the following grounds:

- External appearance and visual impact which does not fit the character of the area
- Access, traffic and highways safety - pedestrians and vehicles exiting adjacent premises and parking issues
- That the application is retrospective

#### 1832/20/FUL

On the proposition of Cllr Jessop and seconded by Cllr Tolley it was **RESOLVED** to support the application for first floor office space, alterations to windows and doors, entrance canopy, use of ground floor for storage, Unit A5 North Road Industrial Estate, Okehampton

*Cllr Holt left the meeting*

### **121 WDBC Development Management and Licencing Committee 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

2232/19/FUL – Cllr Goffey reported that WDBC objected to replacement of existing agricultural buildings with a single residential dwelling, at Vicarage Gardens, Broadmoor Lane, Okehampton. The Council had supported the application would support if an appeal was submitted.

3472/19/FUL – Cllr Goffey reported that WDBC approved the application of retrospective application for construction of holiday accommodation. Town Clerk read an email from a representative and two photographs were attached showing another building, adjacent to the building in question, clearly visible from Simmons Park.

### **122 Planning Authority Decisions – The following decisions were noted:**

1050/20/FUL **Conditional Approval** – for alterations and extension Gospel Hall, Crediton Road, Okehampton -  
T3: Oak - Lateral reduction by 2m on North, East and West sides to give 2m clearance from buildings

1365/20/POD **Prior approval required and given** – for proposed change of use from offices (Class B1 (a)) to 2 no dwellinghouses (Class C3) 20-21 Fore Street

### **123 Tree Preservation Order – The Committee noted that the following TPO had been confirmed as served:**

TPO 1008 at Simmons Park, Okehampton

### **124 Joint Local Plan - Cllr Leech reported there supplementary planning policy had been approved.**

- 125 **Neighbourhood Plan** - Cllr Leech reported a remote meeting was being arranged between the various parties. Funding may possibly be applied for by WDBC on behalf of the Town Council.
- 126 **Payment of Invoices** – On the proposition of Cllr Yelland, seconded Cllr Tolley, the schedule of payments was **APPROVED**.
- 127 **Members Reports and Requests for Agenda Items -**
- 127.1 **Dartmoor Railway Supporter’s Association** – Cllr Ireland reported that a daily watch has been kept on Okehampton station by DRSA members since the closure of the café and rail service, and during the COVID-19 lockdown. There is currently work being undertaken on the station roof. It is hoped that DRSA will play a role in supporting tourists and regular passengers to the railway when it reopens.
- 127.2 **Northern Links** – No meeting had been held
- 127.3 **Ockment Centre** - Cllr Leech reported that the Ockment Centre was closed but volunteers were cleaning and decorating the premises to enable possible reopening in August. Concerns for the future of the Centre due to COVID-19 were noted as meetings are being held remotely and this may continue.
- 127.4 **Okehampton & Area Health & Wellbeing Alliance** - No meeting had been held

A motion to suspend Standing Order 3 (bb) to permit extension of the meeting was proposed by Cllr Goffey, seconded Cllr Yelland, and agreed.

- 127.5 **OkeRail Forum** - No meeting had been held. Socially distance meeting being arranged for September.

#### **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 disclosure of sensitive and confidential information. It was proposed by Cllr Goffey, seconded by Cllr Yelland.

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9pm.

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**Councillor Leech**  
**Chairman**