

**Minutes of a Remote Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on
Monday 3rd August 2020 7pm**

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

Other Members Present: Councillor C Holt
Councillor D Sanger

In Attendance: Mrs Caroline Ellis (Assistant Town Clerk)

- 193** **Urgent Items** – None
- 194** **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies tendered by Cllr Penna and Councillor Marsh who both had internet issues and Councillor Yelland who was on holiday. Absences **approved** by Cllr Goffey and seconded by Cllr Tolley.
- 195** **Interests** - None
- 196** **Deferments of Business** – None
- 197** **Members Questions** – Cllr Tolley noted that due to the resignation of Cllr Tucker the committee was reduced to eight members. Five attending the meeting, so the committee was quorate. A replacement Member would be appointed in due course.
Cllr Leech read a statement from Cllr Ireland regarding a complaint he had received regarding traffic congestion over the previous weekend. This was due to roadworks and an accident. Traffic was diverted through Okehampton. It was noted that the complaint should be directed to Highways England.
- Cllr Ireland entered the meeting*
- 198** **Minutes** of meetings held on 6th July 2020 were approved on the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded by Cllr Jessop to be signed at a later date
- 199** **Matters Arising** – None
- 200** **Planning Applications** –
- 200.1** **1693/20/FUL**
On the proposition of Cllr Tolley, seconded by Cllr Goffey (1 abstention) it was **RESOLVED** to support the application for proposed redevelopment of garages into 2no Dwellings at land at SX585955 Entrance to Oaklands Residential Park, Glendale Road.
- 200.2** **1726/20/ARM**
On the proposition of Cllr Goffey seconded Cllr Tolley, one abstention, **RESOLVED** to make no comment to the application for construction of 220no dwellings, public open spaces, landscaping, pedestrian, cycle and vehicular links and associated infrastructure, Land to East of Crediton Road, North of Kellands Lane, Okehampton, because not all planning aspects were fully finalised and the Council would like to discuss revisions with planners.
- 200.3** **1873/20/TPO**
On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Jessop **RESOLVED** to object to the application to fell T1 Ash to 1m from ground level due to suspected ash dieback. No ash dieback had been confirmed.

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- 200.4** 2197/20/ADV
On the proposition of Cllr Goffey and seconded by Cllr Jessop it was **RESLOVED** to support the application to updated external signage with new branding, 2 Market Street, Okehampton
- 201** Planning Authority Decisions – The following decisions were noted:
2232/19/FUL **Refusal** – for replacement of existing agricultural buildings with a single residential dwelling at Vicarage Gardens, Broadmoor Lane, Okehampton.
3472/19/FUL **Conditional Approval**– for retrospective application for the construction of holiday accommodation at 129 Station Road, Okehampton.
- 202** Joint Local Plan - Cllr Leech would like to discuss with planning proposed paint colours of the new developments. Cllr Leech reported his concerns regarding New Permitted Development Legislation which have been published by the government.
- 203** Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr Leech reported that a meeting had been held but more information was required for the draft plan. Grants may be applied for. It was hoped the plan would be completed by April 2021.
- 204** Payment of Invoices – On proposition of Cllr Tolley, seconded Cllr Ireland, the schedule of payments was **APPROVED**.
- 205** Members Reports and Requests for Agenda Items -
- 205.1** Dartmoor Railway Supporter’s Association – Cllr Ireland reported a meeting had been held. Proposal to enhance the carpark at Sampford Courtenay to enable commuters to park there until the Park Way Station is constructed.
- 205.2** Northern Links – No meeting had been held. A new member to be appointed due to Cllr Tucker resigning.
- 205.3** Ockment Centre - Cllr Leech reported that the Ockment Centre was due to re-open tomorrow for three days a week. A full deep clean had been completed enabling CAB to work from the offices again, but no ‘face to face’ meetings. Cllr Leech confirmed that groups were looking to book rooms from September but must complete Risk Assessments and Method Statements. The old decking had been removed and would be replaced at a later date. The gardens had been maintained during lockdown and were due to open tomorrow.
- 205.4** Okehampton & Area Health & Wellbeing Alliance – Cllr Goffey reported that no meetings had been held. Cllr Goffey reported that Hospicare were looking to use Dartmoor Ward for administrative purposes but was not feasible due to cost. They were looking to locate between Okehampton and Credition but charity funding would be needed.
- 205.5** OkeRail Forum – Cllr Ireland had reported both as Dartmoor Railway Support’s Association and OkeRail, report as above.

PART TWO ITEMS

It was **RESOLVED** that under 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 item as it involves the likely disclosure of sensitive and confidential information. Proposed by Cllr Goffey, seconded by Cllr Ireland.

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm

Councillor Leech
Chairman