

**Minutes of a Remote Okehampton Town Council Extra Ordinary Planning Committee  
Meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 9.20pm**

**Committee Members Present:** Councillor T Leech (Chairman)  
Councillor J Yelland (Mayor)  
Councillor C Marsh (Chairman, Parks)  
Councillor B Tolley (Chairman, Policy & Resources)  
Councillor M Ireland  
Councillor P Jessop  
Councillor A Wood

**Other Members Present:** Councillor D Sanger

**In Attendance:** Mrs Emma James (Town Clerk)

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| <b>372</b> <b><u>Declaration of Interests</u></b> – Cllr Yelland declared a personal interest in the planning application being a Member of WDBC’s Planning Committee   |               |
| <b>373</b> <b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b> – Apologies tendered by Cllr Goffey who had been ill earlier in the day were <b>approved</b> on the proposition of Cllr Yelland, seconded by Cllr Ireland. Apologies received from Cllr Holt who was not a member of the Committee were noted.   |               |
| <b>374</b> <b><u>Deferments of Business</u></b> – None  |               |
| <b>375</b> <b><u>Members Questions</u></b> – Cllr Ireland requested an update on previous issues raised, Cllr Leech advised that a response was awaited.  |               |
| <b>376</b> <b><u>Planning Application</u></b> –<br><b>2949/20/TCA</b> - 111 Station Road, Okehampton<br>T1, T2, T3, T4 Conifer – Fell due to excessive shading and proximity to properties<br>T5, T6, T7 Sycamore – Crown reduction to 2m from ground level due to proximity to road and parking spaces<br>T8, T10 Conifer – Fell due to excessive shading and proximity to property and public footpath<br>B1 Bus (buxus sempervirens) - Fell to allow more light to property<br><br>On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded by Cllr Jessop (1 abstention), it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to make a ‘no comment’ response with the following for consideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The application refers to T5 to T7 as being sycamore/ash trees, however there is no other reference to Ash trees within the documentation.</li><li>• The application is for work to T5, T6 and T7, and the felling of six Conifer type trees and B1 mainly because of shading. Concern was raised as to how the amount of work proposed would affect the animals, bats and other species that may live in the area.</li><li>• Any approval to fell tree/s should be conditional for replacement with a suitable species</li><li>• A blanket TPO is placed covering the trees within the application to preserve the amenity value to the community and the animals that live within them</li></ul> |               |

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.44pm

**Councillor Leech**  
**Chairman**