

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on
Monday 3 March 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: Councillor D Weekes
Councillor Mrs J Yelland

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

483. Apologies for Absence - Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of Councillor M Davies and Councillor B Stephens.

484. Deferment of Business - (for comment by the public) - There were no members of the public present.

485. Members' Questions - There were no questions raised from Members regarding the workings of the Committee.

486. Minutes - The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 3 February 2014 were signed by the Chairman on the proposition of Councillor Dr M Ireland seconded by Councillor P Vachon.

487. Matters Arising -

487.1 Buses/Bus Stops - The Clerk advised that a reply had been received from Jacketts' Coaches responding to the issues raised. It was proposed by Councillor Dr M Ireland and seconded by Councillor Mrs M McDonald that a copy of their contract of work from Devon County Council be obtained to ascertain locations of where they should be stopping and then the company be invited to attend a Council meeting to discuss the issues raised. All Councillors in agreement.

487.2 Green Spaces/TPO's - Clerk to issue revised password to all Councillors and it was proposed by Councillor Mrs J Goffey and seconded by Councillor P Vachon that the new Clerk should be trained on the system at a cost of £75 per person and that a group session be organised with the Hamlets and other local councils using the system.

488. Plans -
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Works to trees in conservation area
Works to trees in a conservation area for the reduction of a line of sycamore located between the Jacobs Pool Estate and the West Okement River, Okehampton EX20 1LJ, to a height of 4 feet

Jacobs Pool Estate, Okehampton EX20 1LJ
Jacobs Pool Management Company

Councillors resolved to support the application, proposed by Councillor C Letchford and seconded by Councillor Mrs J Goffey.

- 489. Past Planning Applications** - Councillor Leech advised that the Mill Road site had now received conditional consent.
- 490. Okehampton Masterplan** - Councillor Leech advised the Masterplan had been adopted and further discussions were taking place between West Devon Borough Council and Devon County Council. A site meeting had taken place in connection with Parcel 2 of the development at Chichacott Road. A Roman road has now been identified meaning the developers have to review their plans for houses and drainage as the site of the road cannot be built over or dug through.
- 491. Members' Reports** -
- (i) Ockment Centre - Councillor Leech advised the Centre is working well, it is hoped the buildings will be taken over by the trustees on 1 April. They are trying to relocate the Children's Centre back to the Ockment Centre. A £2,000 grant has recently been obtained.
 - (ii) Devon Voice - no report.
 - (iii) Dartmoor Railway Supporters' Association - Councillor Ireland advised that members of the group visited London on 22 February to view station redevelopment. A model is being produced of the coach 11, he also advised members were concerned about the future of the Heritage Service if the main line was re-opened.
 - (iv) Okehampton Matters meeting due 20 March 2014.
 - (v) Okehampton Vision - meeting due 27 March 2014. Councillor Vachon advised the draft strategy document has been issued to the group, feedback awaited.

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 Councillor C Letchford, seconded by Councillor P Vachon.

492. *Review of Enforcement Cases*

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Councillor A Leech
Chairman