

**Minutes of a Remote Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee  
Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 8pm**

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

**Other Members Present:** Councillor G Button  
Councillor D Sanger  
Councillor D Travers

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

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| <b>747</b> <u><b>Declaration of Interests</b></u> – Cllr Yelland declared a personal interest in the planning applications being a Member of WDBC’s Development Management & Licensing Committee and knowing the applicant of 3583/20/TCA.   |               |
| <b>748</b> <u><b>Urgent Item</b></u> – The Clerk read out an email received from WDBC in response to a letter commenting on their planning services. It was agreed that the Clerk would invite Cllr Mott and Mr Mullineaux to a meeting of the Planning Committee or full Council whichever could be arranged first.   |               |
| <b>749</b> <u><b>Apologies for Absence</b></u> – Apologies from Cllr Holt who was not a member of the Committee were noted.  |               |
| <b>750</b> <u><b>Deferments of Business</b></u> – None   |               |
| <b>751</b> <u><b>Members Questions</b></u> – Concern was raised about the impact the reinstatement of the passenger rail service would have on traffic using Station Road to access the existing station. Further consideration to be given at full Council following the awaited announcement.  |               |
| <b>752</b> <u><b>Planning Applications</b></u> –<br><b>3583/20/TCA</b> – On the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded Cllr Jessop (1 abstention), it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to support the application to fell T1 and T2 Birch trees due to ingress of roots into drains and lifting of walkways at Fairplace Methodist Church, Fairplace terrace Okehampton. Suggestion that some form of replacement should be included as a condition of the permission was made.<br><br><b>3993/20/FUL</b> - On the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded Cllr Abbots (1 abstention), it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to support the application for redevelopment of garages into 1no dwelling (resubmission of 1693/20/FUL) at SX 585 955, Glendale Road, Okehampton. The comments of SWW were noted and it was recommended that drainage matters were suitably addressed within the conditions of the permission.<br><br><b>4291/20/FUL</b> - On the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded Cllr Ireland, (1 abstention) it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to support the application for the part retrospective conversion of |               |

existing derelict buildings to form 7 self-contained flats at The Plume of Feathers, 38 Fore Street, Okehampton. It was commented that vehicular access was narrow and suggestion for the improvement of visibility for pedestrians and drivers would be welcomed, and it should be ensured there was adequate space for the ingress and egress of emergency service vehicles.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.43pm.

**Councillor Leech**  
**Chairman**

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