

**Minutes of a Remote Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee  
Meeting held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 8.25pm**

**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)

		<b>Action</b>
<b>670</b>	<b><u>Declaration of Interests</u></b> – Cllr Yelland declared a personal interest in the planning application being a Member of WDBC’s Development Management & Licensing Committee.	
<b>671</b>	<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b> – Apologies from Cllr Holt who was not a member of the committee were noted.	
<b>672</b>	<b><u>Deferments of Business</u></b> – None	
<b>673</b>	<b><u>Members Questions</u></b> – Thanks was passed to WDBC who had cleared the majority of the bins following issues previously reported and were caused by the pandemic.	Cllr Leech
	Information in relation to dog issues previously reported to be forwarded to Cllr Goffey.	Cllr Leech
	Cllr Leech to work with the Assistant Clerk in relation to enforcement issues as previously resolved at Min Ref 649 of the meeting on 1st February 2021.	Cllr Leech/ Ass. Clerk
<b>674</b>	<b><u>Planning Applications</u></b> – (During the debate in relation to the following planning application and prior to the resolution Cllr Sanger joined the meeting and Cllr Button left.)  <b>4272/20/HHO</b> The Clerk reported that a response to the request for further information from WDBC in relation to the use of the containers, as resolved at the meeting of the Committee on 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2021 Min Ref 640, had not been received and it had not been possible to contact the Planning Officers by phone.  On the proposition of Cllr Jessop, seconded Cllr Ireland (1 abstention) it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to OBJECT to the retrospective application for retention of storage containers for use ancillary to enjoyment of dwelling house at 11 Maceys Terrace, North Road, Okehampton on the following grounds: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The design, siting and external appearance of the two large containers</li> <li>• The visual impact of the two large containers in an area designed to be green space</li> </ul>	

- The privacy/overbearing nature of the containers sited in a garden of a residential area
- The impact on the ecology and landscape in an area designed for green space
- Planning history
- The cumulative impact of two large containers sited in green/garden space in a residential area
- Retrospective application
- Light pollution – security type halogen lighting located on posts above the storage containers
- Concern that the containers are for commercial use and not in accordance with that stated in the application form

**675** **Urgent Item** – Concern was raised regarding the difficulty experienced contacting and obtaining responses from WDBC Officers and it was **agreed** that reference to these issues be commented upon in the letter to be sent to WDBC as at Min Ref 673.

Cllr Leech/  
Ass. Clerk

The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.57pm.

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**Councillor Leech**  
**Chairman**