

**Minutes of an Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee
Meeting held on Monday 9th August 2021 at 7pm in the Charter Hall, Okehampton**

Committee Members Present: Councillor M Ireland (Chairman)
Councillor B Tolley (Mayor)
Councillor A Wood (Chairman, Property)
Councillor T Abbots
Councillor T Leech
Councillor B Matravers

Other Members Present: Councillor J Goffey

In Attendance: Mrs E James (Town Clerk)

	Action
211 <u>Declaration of Interests</u> – Cllr Leech declared a personal interest being a member of WDBC's Planning and Development Committee.	
212 <u>Apologies for Absence</u> – Apologies tendered by Cllrs Holt and Marsh who were not members of the committee were noted. Apologies from Committee Members Cllrs Jessop and Sanger due to animal welfare issues and Cllr Travers were approved on the proposition of Cllr Wood, seconded Cllr Abbots (1 abstention). The Clerk was requested to remind Cllrs that the reason for absence at meetings of which they are members should be provided to the Clerk, preferably in writing.	Clerk
213 <u>Deferments of Business</u> – None	
214 <u>Members Questions</u> – None.	
215 <u>Payment of Invoices</u> – On the proposition of Cllr Wood, seconded Cllr Matravers, it was RESOLVED to approve the schedule of payments.	
216 <u>Planning Applications</u> 216.1 1887/21/FUL On the proposition of Cllr Wood, seconded Cllr Tolley (1 abstention) it was RESOLVED to OBJECT to the application for new vehicular access from Crediton Road and associated footway at land at Parcel 4b, East of Crediton Road, Okehampton on the following grounds: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ecology and landscape – removal of a large amount of Devon hedgerow would cause severe damage to the ecology of the area, of particular concern were the resident dormice, and negatively impact on the landscaping of the area• Highway Safety – the speed limit should be reduced to a maximum of 30mph due to the close proximity of the school and the blinding sunlight along the road that will impact drivers• Flood risk – will increase the flood risk to nearby Brightly• Design/siting/appearance – removal of trees and hedgerows will have a negative impact on the area• Cumulative impact – additional access will increase the number of access routes along the road to three• Visual impact – negative impact through the removal of trees and hedgerows• Pollution – additional vehicles will increase pollution in the area	

- Health and Safety – risk to pedestrians and other road users, speed limit should be reduced to a maximum of 30mph
- Planning history – there is already an approved access to the development

216.2 2730/21/TPO

On the proposition of Cllr Matravers, seconded Cllr Wood (1 abstention) it was **RESOLVED** to support the application for tree works at 33 Edgehill, Fern Meadow, Okehampton EX20 1PB:

G1: Beech Trees – Largest Beech tree to crown height reduction by 3 metres, lateral reduction by 3 metres on northeast, removal of 3 x limbs at approximately 15 metres from ground level on northwest side; smaller beech tree to crown height reduction by 3 metres all due to excessive shading and reduce future failure.

216.3 2677/21/FUL

On the proposition of Cllr Matravers, seconded Cllr Wood (1 abstention) it was **RESOLVED** to OBJECT to the application for the erection of a new dwelling including access via shared driveway at land to rear of 111 Station Road, Okehampton. EX20 1EH on the following grounds:

- A tree survey had not been completed
- The effect on the ecology and landscape of the area
- Highways access

216.4 1846/21/TPO

On the proposition of Cllr Matravers, seconded Cllr Tolley (1 abstention) it was **RESOLVED** to support to the application for tree work at 2 Glendale Road, Okehampton, subject to the advice of WDBC's Tree Specialist:

T1, T2 & T5: Ash – Fell and remove due to ash dieback.

T6: Alder – Fell and remove due to poor condition.

T7: Oak – Deadwood removal and crown clean (exempt).

T8: Oak – Lateral reduction on East and South sides by 1-5.5m to provide clearance from clubhouse & deadwood removal (exempt).

T9: Beech – Crown lift to 3m from ground level to provide clearance from car park.

T10: Beech – lateral reduction by 1.5 – 2m on North and South sides and crown lift to 3m from ground level to provide clearance from neighbouring property.

T16: Conifer x 2 Crown lift to 3m from ground level to provide clearance from parked cars.

T17: Birch – Remove, tree is dead.

T19: Willow – Deadwood removal.

216.5 2650/21/TPO

On the proposition of Cllr Tolley, seconded Cllr Abbots (1 abstention) it was **RESOLVED** to support to the application for tree work at 4 Badgers Holt, Okehampton, subject to the advice of WDBC's Tree Specialist:

T1: Beech – Crown raise to 5m from ground level and lateral reduction on north side

T2: Hornbeam – Crown raise to 5m from ground level and lateral reduction by 2m north side.

T3: Sweet Chestnut – reduce limb at approx. 4m from ground level on north side by 3m and crown raise to 5m from ground level on north side. Reasons: Due to excessive shading and close proximity to roof.

216.7 1889/21/HHO

On the proposition of Cllr Wood, seconded Cllr Abbots (1 abstention) it was **RESOLVED** to support the application for the proposed erection of porch and replacement existing glazed conservatory with new plain tiled roof at 26 Fairfield,

Brandize Park, Okehampton EX20 1EQ with the suggestion that a condition be made requiring the provision of a bat box.

216.8 1923/21/FUL

On the proposition of Cllr Abbots, seconded Cllr Tolley (1 abstention) it was **RESOLVED** to support the retrospective application to replace existing frames and polycarbonate roof with supalite tiled roof including velux and internal wall at Solonhurst, Mill Road, Okehampton EX20 1DU.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

Councillor Ireland
Chairman