

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 3 June 2014 at the rising of the Full Council meeting in the Council
Chamber, Town Hall, Fore Street, Okehampton**

Committee Members Present: Councillor A Leech (Chairman)
Councillor T Cummings (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Dr M Ireland
Councillor B Stephens
Councillor P Vachon (Town Mayor)
Councillor Mrs M McDonald (Chairman, P & R)
Councillor Mrs J Goffey (Chairman, Property)

Other Members Present: Councillor Mrs J Yelland

In Attendance: Mr P R Snell (Town Clerk)

50. **Apologies for Absence** - Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of Councillor Mrs C Marsh.
51. **Deferment of Business** - (for comment by the public) - There were no members of the public present.
52. **Members' Questions** - Councillor Mrs McDonald had noted that 2 new brown signs had appeared on the corner of Barton Road. It was reported that Councillor Mrs Marsh was taking this up with planning enforcement as these were not authorised signs.
53. **Minutes** - The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 28 April 2014 were accepted and signed by the Chairman on the proposition of Councillor Mrs McDonald and seconded by Councillor Vachon. All were in favour.
54. **Matters Arising** - none
55. **Planning Applications** -
00464/2014
Full
Householder application for revised scheme for rear extension
66 The Heathers, Okehampton EX20 1TB
Mrs J Humphrey
Resolved to support the application on the proposition of Councillor Cummings, seconded by Councillor Mrs Goffey.
- 00479/2014**
Full
Proposed garage block with flat over, plus works to flat numbers 1 and 3 within existing building including balcony
Moorview, Moyses Lane, Okehampton
Mr A G Cottle
Resolved to support the application on the proposition of Councillor Cummings, seconded by Councillor Mrs Goffey.

00481/2014

Full

Retrospective application for installation of ATM & ATM surround
Martin the Newsagent Ltd, 8-9 Fore Street, Okehampton EX20 1AN
Notemachine

Resolved to object to the application on grounds of visual impairment of amenity in Conservation Area, road safety and crime potential (glazed surround). Proposed by Councillor Mrs Goffey, seconded by Councillor Ireland and carried.

00482/2014

Advertisement

Retrospective advertisement application for ATM surround and fascia
Martin the Newsagent Ltd, 8-9 Fore Street, Okehampton EX20 1AN
Notemachine

Resolved to object to the application on grounds of visual impairment of amenity in Conservation Area and road safety. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Goffey, seconded by Councillor Mrs McDonald and carried.

00524/2014

Advertisement

Advertisement consent for erection of adverts including new fascia signs, hanging signs and ATM surround
40 Fore Street, Okehampton EX20 1EY

Resolved to object to the application on grounds of visual amenity in Conservation Area on the proposition of Councillor Ireland, seconded by Councillor Stephens and carried with 1 abstention.

00525/2014

Advertisement

Erection of illuminated advertisement
Waitrose, School Way, Okehampton EX20 1WL
John Lewis Group

Resolved to object to the application due to visual impact on neighbours on the proposition of Councillor Vachon, seconded by Councillor Ireland and carried.

00531/2014

Full

Replacement of existing windows with upvc windows
Church Hall, Market Street, Okehampton EX20 1HN
Mr C Pantrey

Resolved to support the application on the proposition of Councillor Stephens, seconded by Councillor Vachon and carried.

00538/2014

Works to trees in conservation area

Works to trees in a conservation area for the removal of a holly from the rear garden boundary of 90 Station Road

Lynton House, 90 Station Road, Okehampton EX20 1EH

Mr T Barwood

Resolved to support the application on the proposition of Councillor Cummings, seconded by Councillor Mrs McDonald and carried.

00552/2014

Full

Revised scheme for extension and alterations to dwelling

Little Ground, Lodge Hill, Okehampton EX20 1JH

Mr R Barnett

It was agreed to request further information in terms of location plan and elevation of proposed building in relation to neighbours in order to make resolution on this application.

56. Planning Decisions -

00339/2014 Conditional consent to Waitrose for replacement of water chillers at School Way, Okehampton EX20 1WL.

00340/2014 Conditional consent for external seating, sloped access and handrail at Waitrose as above.

00345/2014 Conditional consent for additional doors and windows as above.

00355/2014 Conditional consent for new and replacement signage as above.

00369/2014 Conditional consent for conversion of garage to form living accommodation at Heathfield House, Klondyke Road, Okehampton EX20 1EW.

00375/2014 Conditional consent for tree pollarding at car park of Rivers Edge Court.

00428/2014 Conditional consent for householder application for erection of double garage with storage over at 13 Station Road, Okehampton EX20 1DY.

00434/2014 Conditional consent for householder application for erection of single storey rear extension at 6 Newcombe Close, Okehampton EX20 1UG.

00438/2014 Conditional consent for householder application for erection of extension at 2 Wonnacotts Road, Okehampton EX20 1LX

Councillor Cummings gives apologies and leaves the meeting at 9.15 pm.

57. Enquiry re Possible Sale of Council Land adjacent to Skate Park - The Clerk reported that an enquiry had been received as to whether a piece of land adjacent to the Skate Park might be sold or let to the adjacent property owners. After discussion,

it was agreed to check transfer documents from West Devon Borough Council and to refer the matter to both Policy and Resources and Parks Committees.

- 58. Okehampton Neighbourhood Plan** - After discussion, it was agreed that, prior to the formation of a working group, it was essential to invite Rebecca Black (Strategic Planning Officer, West Devon Borough Council) to give a presentation on Our Plan and Neighbourhood Planning in general. It was also agreed that the Clerk should approach a contact who might assist with the pre-consultant considerations of a Neighbourhood Plan. The importance of working with both Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council and engaging the community was emphasised, but the terms of reference for a working group would be considered at a later meeting.

59. Members' Reports -

- (i) Dartmoor Railway Supporters' Association - Councillor Ireland reported that the failure of the Dining Trains to operate would adversely effect the number of tourists coming to Okehampton by rail. A recent walk-out train-back excursion to Meldon Viaduct had been supported by some 25-30 people.
- (ii) Ockment Centre - Councillor Leech reported there had been a successful weekend recently where the Centre had attracted a good number of the public and there had been various expressions of interest from interested parties who wished to base themselves at 'the hub'.

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 Mrs McDonald, seconded by Councillor Stephens.

- 60. Review of Enforcement Cases** - *List of cases reviewed (for information only).*

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.10 pm.

Councillor A Leech
Chairman