

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee held on
Monday 4 August 2014 at 7.00 pm 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)

In Attendance: Mr P R Snell (Town Clerk)

161. Apologies for Absence - Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of Councillor Mrs C Marsh.

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

163. Members' Questions - The Chairman agreed to take forward the following points raised by Members:

1. Large advertising signs that had been placed on the corner of Exeter Road and the Link Road.
2. Large advertising sign for Linden Homes in the Okehampton Hamlets.
3. The observation that cars were frequently parked below De Brionne Heights and Ball Lane with 'for sale' notices.
4. The lorry park opposite Brayhams Terrace appeared to be used for trading cars.

164. Minutes - The minutes of the Planning Committee held on Monday 7 July 2014 were accepted and signed by the Chairman on the proposition of Councillor Mrs M McDonald, seconded by Councillor Dr M Ireland and agreed.

165. Matters Arising -

165.1 Community Renewable Energy Scheme - On the proposition of Councillor Mrs Goffey, seconded by Councillor Vachon it was agreed to ratify the recommendation of the Members present at the Parks Committee on 21 July 2014, to support the commissioning of an Integrated Feasibility Study for Okehampton Town and Hamlets subject to the approval of Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council.

166. Planning Applications -

00800/2014

Full. Target date 4 September 2014.

Householder application for replacement of section of the boundary fence with wood-clad concrete retaining wall

24 De Brionne Heights, Okehampton EX20 1WG

Miss N Vigers

Resolved to support the application on the proposition of Councillor Mrs Goffey, seconded by Councillor Cummings.

00848/2014

Full. Target date 9 September 2014.

Householder retrospective application for rear alterations

7 Station Road, Okehampton EX20 1DY

Mr L Thomas

Resolved to express a neutral view on the proposition of Councillor Mrs McDonald, seconded by Councillor Stephens.

00861/2014

Full. Target date 10 September 2014.

Demolition of existing building and construction of 2 two-bedroom dwellings, 1 two bedroom flat and conversion of existing stone building to 2 one-bedroom houses with associated parking, access and open space.

3 Kempsey Road, Okehampton EX20 1DS

Mr R Newton

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

00862/2014

Conservation Area. Target date 10 September 2014.

Demolition of existing vehicle repair workshop and tyre bay.

3 Kempsey Road, Okehampton EX20 1DS

Mr R Newton

Resolved to support the application on the proposition of Councillor Vachon, seconded by Councillor Mrs Goffey with the additional request that an archaeological watching brief be implemented for this project due to its location in the conservation area.

167. Planning Decisions -

167.1 **00525/2014** Conditional consent for erection of illuminated advertisement at Waitrose, School Way, Okehampton EX20 1WL.

167.2 The Chairman reported that there would be a hearing on the proposal to extend the opening hours at The Pretoria, and that he would attend the hearing as Ward Member.

168. Our Plan and Neighbourhood Plan - The Chairman had drafted a response and comment to the West Devon Borough Council Land Assessment Paper, as part of the Our Plan process. It was clarified that comments on land allocations and assessments outside the Town Council's direct area of responsibility were legitimate. The Chairman would forward a copy of the assessment to Okehampton Hamlets and report on any comments received. On the proposition of Councillor Leech, seconded by Councillor Mrs Goffey, it was agreed to adopt this draft as the Council's response to the consultation and to recommend it for the full Council's retrospective endorsement. Agreed.

169. Neighbourhood Planning - Councillor Vachon reported that there had been a meeting of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party and proposals for draft terms of reference would be brought to the next full Council meeting.

170. Members' Reports -

- (i) Dartmoor Railway Supporters' Association - Councillor Ireland reported the following significant points:
 - a) Restoration of the vandalised coach had almost been completed.
 - b) The Association was currently considering a proposal to re-lay a long siding in order to locate private railway coaches.
 - c) It had been previously reported that the Sunday Rover trains now had reduced capacity, as a result of which the increasing popularity of this excursion meant standing room only.
 - d) The Association was keen to establish contact with whoever had organised the Santa train in the past. The Clerk agreed to check previous correspondence.
- (ii) Ockment Centre - Councillor Leech reported that the Centre was currently awaiting formal transfer of property from Devon County Council. It was established that arrangements with various user groups (RISE) on the basis of short-term, but extendable leasing arrangements. Councillor Mrs Goffey reported that the Okehampton Times were investigating the possibility of establishing an office in the Ockment Centre. It was reported that bookings were well up on the previous year.

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 Mrs Goffey.

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

The meeting closed at 8.16 pm.

Councillor A Leech
Chairman