

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee held on
Monday 15 September 2014 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall,
Fore Street, Okehampton**

Committee Members Present: Councillor A Leech (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: Mrs J Gillard (Deputising for Town Clerk)

231. **Apologies for Absence** - Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of Councillor T Cummings.
232. **Deferment of Business** - (for comment by the public) - There were two members of the public present, no comments were addressed to the meeting.
233. **Members' Questions** - Councillor Dr M Ireland requested the following be considered for a future agenda item - 'What steps are being taken to ensure the enforcement of the legislation restricting parking on pavements?' It was also agreed that this matter and question be added to the Okehampton Matters agenda, next meeting due to take place this week.
234. **Minutes** - The minutes of the Planning Committee held on Monday 4 August 2014 were accepted and signed by the Chairman on the proposition of Councillor Dr M Ireland and seconded by Councillor P Vachon and agreed.
235. **Matters Arising** - There were no matters arising from the minutes.
236. **Planning Applications** -
Declarations of Interest - personal interest in planning applications 00977/2014 and 01004/2014 declared by Councillor Mrs Goffey as applicants known to her.

00910/2014

Full

Proposed garage block with one flat over and minor works to existing flats

Moorview, Prospect, Okehampton EX20 1JD

Mr A Cottle

Resolved to support the application as the previous application for this site, which has been withdrawn, was also supported. Proposed by Councillor Mrs Goffey, seconded by Councillor Vachon.

00977/2014

Full

Retrospective application to retain a yurt for holiday use, change of use for ancillary building and surrounding area to holiday use, construction of decking and associated works

129 Station Road, Okehampton EX20 1EH

Mrs A Y Martin-Fleming

Resolved to support the application on the proposition of Councillor P Vachon, seconded by Councillor Dr M Ireland with the inclusion of the comment that concerns are raised that the fact this application is retrospective and the delay taken to deal with the planning issues at this site.

00983/2014

Full

Householder application for erection of conservatory

15 Steeperton Close, Okehampton EX20 1QB

Mrs D Medland

Resolved to support the application.

00991/2014

Full

Extension to industrial unit

Cladco Profiles, North Road Industrial Estate, Okehampton EX20 1BQ

Mr L Trescher

Resolved to support the application.

01004/2014

Full

Householder application for single storey rear extension at 20 Northfield Road, Okehampton EX20 1BB

Mr M Bendix

Resolved to support the application.

01006/2014

Listed Building

Listed building consent for internal and external alterations at the White Hart Hotel, Fore Street, Okehampton EX20 1HD

JD Wetherspoon PLC

Resolved to request a presentation giving more details of the application from Wetherspoons with a response to be agreed at the next Planning Committee meeting on 20 October 2014.

01007/2014

Advertisement

Advertisement consent for internally illuminated fascia signs, externally illuminated hanging signs and other signage at 40 Fore Street, Okehampton EX20 1EY

Royal Bank of Scotland

Resolved to object to the proposal on the grounds of the visual impact of the development in a conservation area. Proposed by Councillor Mrs McDonald, seconded by Councillor Mrs Goffey.

01015/2014

Full

Householder application for construction of a porch at 7 Howard Close, Okehampton EX20 1UJ

Mrs J King

Resolved to support the application.

01031/2014

Full

Alterations to existing building at White Hart Hotel, Fore Street, Okehampton EX20 1HD

J D Wetherspoon PLC

Resolved to request a presentation giving more details of the application from Wetherspoons with a response to be agreed at the next Planning Committee meeting on 20 October 2014.

237. Past Planning Applications -

00695/2014 Conditional consent for erection of garage and porch at 18 Limehayes Road, Okehampton EX20 1NX. Noted.

Notification of Tree Preservation Order to include all species located within an area centred on 125, 127 and 129 Station Road, Okehampton EX20 1EH. Noted.

238. Our Plan and Neighbourhood Plan - Councillor Leech advised he would attend the Our Plan workshop on 26 September 2014 at Kilworthy Park and it was agreed to offer the second place to Councillor Cummings initially and if he was unable to attend, Councillor Mrs McDonald to be approached.

Councillor Vachon advised that he is arranging a meeting with the Chairman of Okehampton Hamlets, Councillor D Webber, to discuss the draft terms of reference for the Neighbourhood Plan in order that this process be progressed.

Councillor Leech advised that the Okehampton Business Park outline application had been submitted, an application for the railway station was not included, however an area of land was retained for this purpose.

239. Community Renewable Energy Scheme - The Chairman reported that full Council had agreed for a Working Group to be established to undertake a feasibility study for a scheme. Councillors Vachon, Leech and Stephens have agreed to be on this Working Group. A meeting for the Group to be arranged with Mr A Shadrake and T Furness. Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council to receive presentation on the scheme from Mr Shadrake at their next meeting.

240. Members' Reports -

- (i) Dartmoor Railway Supporters' Association - Councillor Ireland advised work on the restoration of the vandalised coach continues and it is hoped to move the coach to Okehampton Station for display. The Dartmoor Society are holding a meeting on 11 October at Meldon Village Hall, 'What future for the railways and their heritage on Dartmoor', he will be attending. Further information to be advised in part two of the meeting.

- (ii) Ockment Centre - Councillor Leech advised that the Ockment Centre building is now owned by the trustees and they are now looking at how the property is to be maintained in the future. He advised RISE are shortly moving in to the old dining hall thus creating further income. The CAB are restructuring their hours affecting the time their office is used. Councillor Mrs McDonald suggested that a representative from the Ockment Centre attend a Town Council meeting before budget setting for the coming year in order to gain an understanding of their current financial situation.

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 Stephens, seconded by Councillor Ireland.

240. Members' Reports continued

241. Review of Enforcement Cases

Councillor A Leech
Chairman