

**Minutes of a Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting
held on 21st November 2022 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton**

Committee Members Present: Councillor B Matravers (Chairman)
Councillor C Marsh (Chairman, Parks)
Councillor B Tolley (Mayor)
Councillor J Yelland (Chairman, Policy & Resources)
Councillor A Wood (Chairman, Property)
Councillor T Abbots
Councillor J Goffey
Councillor M Ireland

Other Members Present: Councillor T Leech

In Attendance: Mrs E James (Town Clerk)

		Action
446	<p><u>Appointment of Chairman and Vice-Chairman</u> – On the proposition of Cllr Marsh, seconded Cllr Goffey, it was RESOLVED to appoint Cllr Matravers as Chairman.</p> <p>On the proposition of Cllr Wood, seconded Cllr Marsh, it was RESOLVED to not to appoint a Vice-Chairman for the remainder of the council year.</p>	
447	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> – Apologies from Cllr Holt who was not on the committee were noted.	
448	<u>Declaration of Interests</u> - Cllr Yelland declared a personal interest in the planning applications, being a member of WDBC’s Development and Management Committee.	
449	<u>Public Participation</u> – None	
450	<u>Members Questions</u> – None	
451	<u>Minutes</u> of the Planning Committee meeting held on 17 th October 2022 were APPROVED on the proposition of Cllr Tolley, seconded by Cllr Wood and signed by the Chairman.	
452	<u>Parking by Okehampton Primary School</u> – Correspondence received raising concern about parking by the school at the beginning and end of the day was considered. The Clerk advised that DCC’s Enforcement Team and Cllr Samuel had been notified.	
453	<u>Parking in Exeter Road</u> – Correspondence received which highlighted concerns about visibility for vehicles pulling out into Exeter Road from De Brionnie Heights was considered. The Clerk reported that DCC’s Enforcement Team and Cllr Samuel had been informed. It was was agreed that the issue be raised at the next HATOC meeting.	Cllr Leech
454	<u>Devon Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy Consultation</u> – On the proposition of Cllr Wood, seconded Cllr Tolley, it was RESOLVED not to respond on behalf of the Council, but that Councillors could do so as individuals.	
455	<u>Planning Application 2844/22/FUL</u> – The Committee noted the application for alterations to the roof structure and associated works at 2 Crediton Road, Okehampton had been considered by WDBC’s Development Management & Licensing Committee Meeting held on 8 th November. No representatives from the Council attended.	

456 **Planning Applications**

3706/22/TPO - T1: Oak – dead wood of all branches over 50mm in diameter. Crown lift branches over hanging garden by 3m, cuts to be no more than 60mm. Encroaching on garden. 41 Herons Brook, Okehampton EX20 1UW.

On the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded Cllr Wood (1 abstention), it was **RESOLVED** to support the removal of deadwood and recommend that the advice of an arborist be sought in relation to crown lifting which seemed excessive.

3497/22/DCA - On the proposition of Cllr Wood, seconded Cllr Marsh (1 abstention), it was **RESOLVED** to support the application for demolition in a conservation area for part removal of a stone wall to allow vehicular access at the Car Park, George Street, Okehampton EX20 1HR.

3796/22/FUL - On the proposition of Cllr Tolley, seconded Cllr Wood (1 abstention), it was **RESOLVED** to support the application for demolition of unsafe buildings and provision of car parking at The Old Mill, Mill Road, Okehampton.

3505/22/ADV – Advertisement consent for new information board showing a map of Simmons Park and associated facilities location on grass verge adjacent to car park. Car Park, Simmons Park, Okehampton EX20 1EP. The application which had been submitted by the Council was noted.

457 **Planning Authority Decisions** – The Committee noted the following decisions made by the planning authority.

2913/22/TPO G1: Sycamores – group of 3 sycamores, crown height reduction by approximately 3 meters to create better light for solar panels that are to be installed. 9 Kestrel Close, Okehampton X20 1UT

Refused

2222/22/HHO Householder application for alterations to existing roof. 29 New Road, Okehampton EX20 1JE

Conditional Approval

2677/22HHO Householder application for ground floor rear extension, garden studio, raised decking to rear of property. 6 Upper Crooked Meadow, Okehampton EX20 1WW

Conditional Approval

458 **Withdrawn Planning Applications** – The Committee noted that application **2451/22/FUL** for the proposed conversion of a redundant commercial building into 5no residential dwellings at 21a East Street, Okehampton EX20 1AT had been withdrawn.

459 **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Matravers reported that a meeting would be held in December to consider the results of the consultation. It was noted the Council would not comment as it had been consulted during its preparation, but that councillors could respond individually.

460 **Payment of Invoices** – On the proposition of Cllr Marsh, seconded Cllr Wood, payment of invoices as per the schedule were **APPROVED**.

461 **Member's Reports and Requests for Agenda Items** –

461.1 **Dartmoor Railway Association** – Cllr Ireland reported there had been issues with parking at the station which Dartmoor Railway Association members had been helping customers with. The opening of the café and shop had been successful and were attracting people from out of the town.

- 461.2 OkeRail Forum** – The next meeting was in January. Cllr Yelland advised that WDBC were awaiting the outcome of the Levelling Up Fund bid for the Parkway Station.
- 461.3 Ockment Centre** – Cllr Leech reported that groups were continuing to return to the centre, funding for a warm hub had been received and a Christmas special event was being provided.
- 461.4 Okehampton & Area Health & Wellbeing Alliance** – There had been no recent meeting. Rural areas across the country were having the same problems as Devon; loss of community beds, hospital blockages, ambulance waiting times.
- 461.5 Northern Links** – No recent meeting. It was envisaged a Superlinks meeting would be held in the near future.
- 462** On the proposition of Cllr Tolley, seconded Cllr Ireland 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 items which are **CONFIDENTIAL** by virtue of relating to legal and/or commercial matters, staffing and/or the financial or business affairs of a person or persons other than the Council.
- 463** **Enforcement Issues** – Planning enforcement cases were noted by the Council.

On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded Cllr Tolley it was **RESOLVED** to exit Part Two.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.44pm.

Councillor Matravers
Chairman