

**Minutes of a Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting  
held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 4pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton**

**Committee Members Present:** Councillor B Matravers (Chairman)  
Councillor C Marsh (Chairman, Parks)  
Councillor B Tolley (Mayor)  
Councillor C Botton  
Councillor J Goffey  
Councillor M Ireland

**Other Members Present:**

**In Attendance:** Mrs E James (Town Clerk)

**748** **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies tendered by Cllrs Yelland and Wood (both due to ill health) were **approved** on the proposition of Cllr Tolley, seconded Cllr Ireland.

Apologies tendered by Cllrs Holt, Fisher and Leech who were not members of the Committee were noted.

**749** **Declaration of Interests** - None

**750** **Public Participation** – None

**751** **Members Questions** – None

**752** **Planning Applications**

**0664/23/VAR** – On the proposition of Cllr Tolley, seconded Cllr Ireland (1 abstention), it was **RESOLVED** to OBJECT to the application for variation of conditions 2 (approved drawings) and 4 (fence details) and removal of condition 5 (surface water drainage) of planning consent 2342/19/FUL to allow for improved privacy for neighbours and address drainage restrictions within the site at St James Church of England Primary School, Fort Road, Okehampton EX20 1GJ on the following grounds:

- Visual impact on neighbouring properties
- Planning history
- Design and appearance of the proposed pitch and fence height
- Privacy and overbearing nature of the proposal on neighbouring properties
- Loss of daylight/sunlight to neighbouring properties, especially once the trees are planted and have matured
- Ecology and landscape

**0621/23/TCA** - On the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded Cllr Ireland, it was **RESOLVED** to support the application, subject to the recommendations of the Tree Officer, for T1: Horse Chestnut – thin deadwood, remove crossing branches, crown height reduction by 5m to reduce weigh on weak V unions at 12m from g/l, T2: Beech – remove crossing branches, crown height reduction by approximately 25ft, T3 & T7: Lime – reduce branches overhanging by approx. 25ft, T4 & T5: Chestnut – remove deadwood/crossing branches, T10: Beech – thin deadwood/crossing branches, T12 & T14: Chestnut – fell, T13: Beech – fell, T15: Beech – fell, T16: Lime – remove limb on North Side overhanging neighbours car park, T17: Beech – crown height reduction by 25ft, T18: Lime – reduce branches overhanging car park by 10m. Land at SX 592 948, Okehampton Community College, Mill Road, Okehampton EX20 1PW

**Action**

**0662/23/FUL** - On the proposition of Cllr Matravers, seconded Cllr Marsh (1 abstention), it was **RESOLVED** to support the conversion of garden chalet to one bedroom holiday chalet at Sweetlands, Vicarage Road, Okehampton, EX20 1LE.

**753** **Planning Application to Note – 0815/23/POD** – Submission of an application to determine if prior approval was required for a proposed change of use from Commercial, Business & Service (Class E) to dwelling house (Class C3) at Bridge House, 25 Fore Street, Okehampton was noted.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 4.20pm.

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**Councillor Matravers**  
**Chairman**