

**Minutes of a Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting
held on 3rd July 2023 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton**

Committee Members Present: Councillor T Leech (Chairman)
Councillor M Ireland (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor A Fisher (Mayor)
Councillor C Holt (Chairman, Parks)
Councillor A Wood (Chairman, Property)
Councillor J Yelland (Chairman, Policy & Resources)
Councillor L Bird
Councillor R Colman

Other Members Present: Councillor T Cummings
Councillor M Harding
Councillor C Marsh
Councillor B Tolley
Councillor S Weekes

In Attendance: Mrs E James (Town Clerk)
Mr J McGahey (Park-Keeper)

111 **Apologies for Absence** – None

112 **Declaration of Interests** – None

113 **Public Participation** – None

114 **Members Questions** – Comment was made about litter along the Link Road.

115 **Planning Applications**

1947/23/TPO - On the proposition of Cllr Yelland, seconded Cllr Colman, it was **RESOLVED** to object to the application to reduce the crown all over by approximately 8 metres, to leave as a pollard at approximately 20 metres, on the grounds that:

- there are no apparent signs of ash dieback disease and no supporting arborist report
- loss of amenity and ecological value

33 Edgehill, Fern Meadow, Okehampton EX20 1PB

1945/23/TPO - On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded Cllr Colman, it was **RESOLVED** to object to the application on the following grounds:

- loss of amenity and ecological value
- no arborist report supporting the need for the work and the Committee suggests that a report is obtained.

T1: Oak - Crown reduce by up to 3 metres the tree is very large and is providing excessive shade throughout multiple gardens within the housing block. This is causing other less species to grow horizontally out over the fence in search of light and restricting grass growth, the tree has also lost a few minor branches within the residential gardens and G1: Birch x 2 Crown height reduction by up to 3 metres due to trees causing excessive shading on the small residential gardens. 3 Quarry Fields, Okehampton EX20 1TZ

(Cllr Cummings arrived)

Action

[1823/23/HHO](#) - On the proposition of Cllr Wood, seconded Cllr Fisher, it was **RESOLVED** to support the householder application to replace roof with grey tile and the addition of 2 Velux windows (Retrospective) 12 Brandize Park, Okehampton, EX20 1EQ.

[1836/23/FUL](#) - On the proposition of Cllr Yelland, seconded Cllr Wood, it was **RESOLVED** to support the application for conversion of former bank to commercial unit with two self-contained flats. 40 Fore Street, Okehampton EX20 1EY

(Mr J McGahey, Park-Keeper arrived)

[1858/23/FUL](#) - On the proposition of Cllr Wood, seconded Cllr Fisher (1 abstention), it was **RESOLVED** to support the application to replace windows, install 2.4m high security fencing and vehicle and pedestrian gates, 8no parking spaces and timer frames covered seating area. Okehampton Community College, Mill Road, Okehampton EX20 1PW

[1964/23/FUL](#) - On the proposition of Cllr Colman, seconded Cllr Wood, it was **RESOLVED** to support the application for existing decorative brick bands to front elevation to be replaced for new decorative brick bands matching the original design. 27-28 Fore Street, Okehampton EX20 1HB

(Cllr Weekes arrived)

[1642/23/FUL](#) - On the proposition of Cllr Colman, seconded Cllr Wood, it was **RESOLVED** to support the application for conversion of existing mixed use development to include/provide 4 dwellings (resubmission of 4129/22/FUL at 21 East Street, Okehampton EX20 1AT with the comment that parking in front of the adjacent shop frontage would need to be curtailed.

(All persons other than Members of the Committee left the room)

- 116 **Part Two Confidential Items** – On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded Cllr Colman, 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.
- 117 **Parking Matters** – Cllr Leech reported on a matter and action taken by relevant authorities for the information of the Committee.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.20pm.

Councillor Leech
Chairman