

**Minutes of an Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting
held at 7pm on 8th January 2024 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton**

Committee Members Present: Councillor M Ireland (Chairman)
Councillor A Fisher (Mayor)
Councillor R Colman (Chairman, Property)
Councillor J Yelland (Chairman, Policy & Resources)
Councillor L Bird
Councillor T Cummings
Councillor M Richards

In Attendance: Mrs E James (Town Clerk)
1 Member of the Public

	Action
498 <u>Apologies for Absence</u> – Apologies tendered by Cllrs Leech (health) and Holt (personal) were approved on the proposition of Cllr Colman, seconded Cllr Fisher.	
499 <u>Declaration of Interests</u> - None	
500 <u>Public Participation</u> – None	
501 <u>Members Questions</u> – Information about concerns raised by Cllr Cummings in relation to street lighting at the lower end of Crediton Road to be forwarded to the Clerk for the attention of DCC.	Cllr Cummings
502 <u>Minutes</u> – On the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded Cllr Yelland, it was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 6 th November, 4 th and 20 th December 2023.	
503 <u>Highways and Parking Matters</u>	
503.1 Correspondence received from a member of the public in relation to the impact of Lidl’s new parking system on persons with memory loss was considered. Parking enforcement in the privately owned carpark was managed by a company contracted by Lidl and complaints should be directed to them by those affected. The possibility that a local disability charity may investigate such issues if contacted by the complainant to be investigated.	Clerk
503.2 Correspondence from a member of the public in relation to road safety on Exeter Road was considered. On the proposition of Cllr Yelland, seconded Cllr Colman, it was RESOLVED that correspondence, if consent was given, be forwarded to HATOC.	Clerk
504 <u>Planning Applications</u> 3956/23/TPO T009: Turkey Oak – pollard to approximately 5m from ground level for tree health, G004: X1 early mature Ash tree – sectionally dismantle, fell and remove to ground level due to dieback and risk of falling. Rivers Edge Court, Oaklands Drive, Okehampton.	
On the proposition of Cllr Colman, seconded Cllr Richards, it was RESOLVED to submit a neutral response due to inconsistencies within the documentation.	Clerk

[3751/23/FUL](#) Reconfiguration of former supported living scheme with single storey extension and replacement of existing conservatory to provide 8 x 1 self-contained units and facilities. Moorview, 69 Exeter Road, Okehampton EX20 1QF.

On the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded Cllr Fisher, it was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

Clerk

505 **Planning Authority Decisions** – The Committee noted the following decision made by the planning authority.

3599/23/TCA T1: Ash – Fell due to severe ash die back, now becoming dangerous, small dead branches have fallen off, T2 & T3: Ash – Fell due to disease, ash die back, T4, T5 & T6: Fell due to severe ash die back, all trees are bordering the Fountain Inn car park or rear access footpath/road.

The Fountain Inn,
Fore Street, Okehampton EX20 1AP

No objections raised

506 **Appeal** - The Committee noted the following appeal for development which was located just outside of the town boundary:

4440/20/OPA Outline planning permission with some matters reserved (access) for a mix of around 60 1 to 4 bedroom residential dwellings and associated infrastructure. Land off Radford Way, Okehampton EX20 1UP

507 **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Colman advised the Regulation 16 Planning Inspector had requested further information and a meeting of the group was being held on 16th January. Recommendations and/or any response arising from the meeting would be considered by Full Council on 22nd January.

508 **Payment of Invoices** – On the proposition of Cllr Fisher, seconded Cllr Colman, payment of invoices in accordance with the schedule were **APPROVED**.

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

509.1 **Dartmoor Railway Association** – Cllr Ireland reported on recent damage caused to the footbridge at the station during a recent storm, the bridge being the responsibility of DCC. An OkeRail meeting was due to be held on 11th January when the damage would be discussed.

509.2 **OkeRail Forum** – Cllr Ireland reported there was a meeting on 18th January.

509.3 **Ockment Centre** – No report.

509.4 **Okehampton & Area Health & Wellbeing Alliance** – Cllr Colman advised there was no information to report.

509.5 **Beacon Path, Sticklepath to Okehampton** – Cllr Bird advised a meeting had been held in December and were now held bi-monthly. The report had been submitted and there was the possibility of some funding being available for the provision of the cycle path.

509.6 **Items for Future Agenda** - Cllr Richards to forward the Clerk a request for inclusion of an item relating to the planting of trees on the appropriate agenda.

Cllr
Richards

510 On the proposition of Cllr Fisher, seconded Cllr Colman 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.

511 **Enforcement Issues** – Planning enforcement cases were noted. The Clerk advised circulation of the lists by WDBC was being decreased to three monthly.

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

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm

Chairman