

**Minutes of a Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting
held on 5th February 2024 at 7pm 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

Other Members Present:

In Attendance: Mrs C Ellis (Assistant Town Clerk)
2 Members of the Public

Action

566 **Apologies for Absence** – On the proposition of Cllr Yelland, seconded Cllr Bird the apologies tendered by Cllr Leech (health) and Cllr Holt (other commitments) were approved.

567 **Declaration of Interests** – None

568 **Public Participation** – None

569 **Members Questions** – None

570 **Planning Applications**

3984/23/FUL Refurbishment of café/restaurant to form 3 x commercial units including café at lower ground level; change of use at first floor and second floor level to 5 x apartments. 4 Market Street, Okehampton EX20 1HN

A councillor raised concerns regarding:

- No outside amenity space for the new accommodation.
- No parking places for the new accommodation.
- Narrow pavement, not enough room for a wheelchair or pushchair to pass when people are looking in the shop window.

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

3933/23/TPO Cllrs Fisher and Ireland both declared an interest, being Trustees of Okehampton United Charities. T19-21 Ash – veteranize to approximately 4m AGL due to ash die back, T1162: Ash – remove to ground level due to ash die back. All Saints Church of England, Vicarage Road, Okehampton EX20 1LE
On the proposition of Cllr Yelland, seconded Cllr Cummings, 2 abstentions, it was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

0283/24/TPO T08: Beech – crown reduce height and spread by 2m due to risk of damage in high winds. Land at SX 595 953 Okehampton
On the proposition of Cllr Colman, seconded Cllr Fishers it was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

The following application was noted.

4219/23/TCA T1 – Ash, fell due to dieback disease (referred to as T004 in the Tree Risk/Survey Assessment), T2 – Sycamore, crown lift of lowest hanging branch to allow use of the area and increase light levels.

Cemetery Extension. South Church Lane, Okehampton EX20 1LE

571 **Payment of Invoices** – Cllrs Yelland and Fisher both declared a pecuniary interest as they had expenses claims.

Cllr Yelland left the meeting.

On the proposition of Cllr Richards, seconded Cllr Bird, it was **RESOLVED** to approve payment of the schedule of invoices.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.30pm

Chairman

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