

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee held on
Monday 20 October 2014 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall,
Fore Street, Okehampton**

Committee Members Present: Councillor A Leech (Chairman)
Councillor T Cummings (Vice Chairman)
Councillor Dr M Ireland
Councillor B Stephens
Councillor P Vachon (Town Mayor)
Councillor Mrs M McDonald (Chairman, P & R)
Councillor Mrs J Goffey (Chairman, Property)

Other Members Present: Councillor Mrs J Yelland

In Attendance: Mr P R Snell (Town Clerk)

280. Apologies for Absence - Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of Councillor Mrs Marsh.

281. Deferment of Business - (for comment by the public) - One of the members of public present asked what progress was being made in putting forward brownfield sites within Okehampton (Northfield Road and Wonnacotts Road) for housing development. Councillor Leech responded as both Town and Borough Councillor that there had been a desire to progress this for some time. Devon County Council was having ongoing negotiations with interested parties, but one element of the Borough Council's interest was land blocked.

282. Members' Questions - Councillor Ireland raised the issue of speeding between Crediton Road and Hunters Gate and enquired as to whether there was any likelihood of a 20 mph speed limit being introduced. The Chairman responded that this was initially a residents' issue, however he would take the matter forward to Okehampton Matters as it is initially a police matter. The Chairman to action.

283. Minutes - The minutes of the Planning Committee held on Monday 15 September 2014 were accepted and signed by the Chairman on the proposition of Councillor Ireland, seconded by Councillor P Vachon and agreed.

284. Matters Arising - There were no matters arising from the minutes.

285. Planning Applications -

285.1 01006/2014

Listed Building. Target date 21 October 2014.

Listed building consent for internal and external alterations at the White Hart Hotel,
Fore Street, Okehampton EX20 1HD
JD Wetherspoon PLC

Resolved to support after full consideration and meeting with applicant's agent. Specific request that any artworks etc sold as part of the transfer be retained and hung/replaced when alterations complete. Proposed by Cllr McDonald, seconded Cllr Cummings and carried.

01007/2014

Advertisement. Response extension requested.

Advertisement consent for revised plans: internally illuminated fascia signs, externally illuminated hanging signs and other signage at 40 Fore Street, Okehampton EX20 1EY

Royal Bank of Scotland

Resolved to support with qualifying comment that revised plans received show external sign not illuminated and subject to supportive comment by Conservation Officer. Proposed by Cllr Cummings, seconded by Cllr Goffey and carried.

01091/2014

Full. Response extension requested.

Householder application for single storey side extension to provide larger kitchen, garden room and garage at 15 Kestrel Close, Okehampton EX20 1UT

Mr J Wooldridge

Resolved to support. Proposed by Cllr McDonald, seconded by Cllr Vachon and carried.

01136/2014

Full. Target date 31 October 2014.

Single storey extension to provide warehouse and staff welfare facilities, adjustments to existing customer car parking and improvements to existing building at Lidl, School Way, Okehampton EX20 1EU

Lidl UK GmbH

Resolved to support on proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded by Cllr Cummings and carried with the qualifying comment of concern at loss of parking spaces.

01163/2014

Works to trees in a conservation area. Target date 7 November 2014.

Works to lime trees on Church Street boundary of Albury: (1) for lime tree closest to drive – a minor crown reduction and removal of tertiary growth overhanging the drive; (2) for remaining lime trees up to 2m crown reduction and minor thinning at Albury, Church Street, Okehampton EX20 1JF

Resolved to support. Proposed by Cllr Goffey, seconded by Cllr Vachon and carried.

285.2 Proposed Amendment Order: West Devon Borough Council (Off Street Parking Places) Amendment Order No.1 2014 – invitation to comment on draft notice to be published. The draft was noted with no representations required at this stage.

286. Planning Decisions -

00552/2014 Refusal for revised scheme and alterations to dwelling at Little Ground, Lodge Hill, Okehampton EX20 1JH

00700/2104 Conditional consent for single storey extension at 57 Station Road, Okehampton EX20 1EA

- 00800/2014** Conditional consent for replacement of section of boundary fence with wood-clad concrete retaining wall at 24 De Brionne Heights, Okehampton EX20 1WG
- 00848/2014** Conditional consent for retrospective application for rear alterations at 7 Station Road, Okehampton EX20 1DY
- 01004/2014** Conditional consent for single-storey rear extension at 20 Northfield Road, Okehampton EX20 1BB
- 01015/2014** Conditional consent for construction of a porch at 7 Howard Close, Okehampton EX20 1UJ
- 00991/2014** Conditional consent for extension to industrial unit at Cladco Profiles, North Road Industrial Estate, Okehampton EX20 1BQ
- 287. Our Plan and Neighbourhood Planning** - The Chairman reported that the ‘Our Plan’ workshop held on 26 September had been sparsely attended. There was much focus on minor detail which tended to obscure the bigger picture. With reference to neighbourhood plans, the Chairman reported that another two applications were underway where parishes were working together as groups to achieve a neighbourhood plan.
- 288. Community Renewable Energy - Feasibility Study** - The Clerk reported that the draft Terms of Reference for the Working Group had been amended to reflect the confirmed participation of Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council. The Planning Committee expressed general support, asking that specific wording within paragraphs 4.3 concerning the updates and 6.4 ensuring that circulation of notes was made automatically to both Councils were taken forward to the next Working Group meeting.
- 289. Town Management Plan** - The Chairman introduced this item within the context of a potential Integrated Town Transport Plan. The discussion focussed on the purchase of flashing speed limit signs. After discussion, it was agreed to seek information to include data-gathering models. If funding were to be through the Town and Parish Structure (TAP fund) then application should be submitted on recommendation of a full Council meeting through the Northern Link Parishes meeting. It was agreed to forward this matter for the next agenda of both Okehampton Matters and Northern Link Parishes meetings.
- 290. Parking on Pavements** - Councillor Ireland had noted the ongoing problem of pavement parking and asked what regulatory powers could be invoked where pavement parking was causing an obstruction. The Chairman agreed to refer the matter to Okehampton Matters, but it was also noted that this was a civil enforcement matter rather than a police matter. The Chairman recommended that this matter should be included as part of the town traffic management strategy and also parking enforcement should be included in any neighbourhood planning policies.
- 291. Members’ Reports** -
- (i) Dartmoor Railway Supporters’ Association - Councillor Ireland reported that an apology had been received concerning missing parts taken from other

equipment belonging to DRSA and that the US owners had agreed to purchase replacement parts. The model shop had been vacated and the space was now in use by Polar Express. There was concern that funding for the Sunday Rover was not assured for the future.

- (ii) Ockment Centre - Councillor Leech reported that RISE, the Probation Service and Citizens Advice Bureau were all at different stages of working into the premises and being fully operational.

PART TWO ITEMS

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 item as it involves the likely disclosure of sensitive and confidential information. Proposed by Councillor Stephens, seconded by Councillor Cummings.

292. Review of Enforcement Cases

The meeting was closed at 8.50 pm.

Councillor A Leech
Chairman