

**Minutes of a Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting  
held on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton**

**Committee Members Present:** Councillor T Leech (Chairman)  
Councillor A Fisher (Mayor)  
Councillor R Colman (Chairman, Property)  
Councillor B Tolley (Chairman, Parks)  
Councillor T Cummings  
Councillor M Ireland  
Councillor M Richards

**In Attendance:** Mrs E James (Town Clerk)  
Councillor C Marsh

		<b>Action</b>
219	<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b> – Apologies tendered by Cllr Yelland (personal) were approved on the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded Cllr Ireland.	
220	<b><u>Declaration of Interests</u></b> – None	
221	<p><b><u>Public Participation</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An historic light had been removed from West Bridge. DCC had advised the light was faulty and had been temporarily removed whilst a replacement was sourced. Clerk to follow up expressing the Councils disappointment and to establish location of the original light. Other light to be Listed if possible.</li> <li>• A tree was growing from the base of a lamppost on the pavement in Station Road. This had been previously reported, to be followed up.</li> </ul>	Cllr Leech/ Clerk
222	<p><b><u>Members Questions</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress relating to the Crediton Road development regarding the provision of footpaths was queried. Footpath signage provided had been placed in a location that was hard to read even when on foot and was located on grassland making viewing difficult.</li> <li>• Crossing lights by St James’ School had failed before the school holidays and had not been repaired</li> <li>• Bus services were being reduced from September</li> </ul>	Cllr Leech/ Clerk
223	<p><b><u>Planning Applications</u></b> <b><u>1810/24/FUL</u></b> Replacement of external timber framed windows and doors with UPVC units. Sparrows Row, Park Row, Okehampton.</p> <p>On the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded Cllr Colman it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to support the application.</p> <p><b><u>1971/24/FUL</u></b> New parking area within front garden including dismantling of front garden wall, lowering of garden for access and modification of existing bay window retaining wall. 82 Station Road, Okehampton.</p> <p>On the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded Cllr Colman (1 abstention) it was <b>RESOLVED</b> to OBJECT to the application on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The property was within the conservation area and there would be visual impact not fitting the look of the area</li> <li>• Historic interest of the area</li> <li>• Potential for cumulative impact on other properties and the highway</li> <li>• Detriment to tourism in relation to the look of the area</li> </ul>	

[2260/24/HHO](#) Householder application for proposed dropped kerb and removal of section of wall to provide off-road parking hardstanding. 42 Station Road, Okehampton EX20 1EA.

On the proposition of Cllr Fisher, seconded Cllr Cummings (1 abstention) it was **RESOLVED** to OBJECT to the application on the following grounds:

- Within the conservation area
- Planning history
- Loss of an amenity parking space from the road

(Cllr Marsh left the meeting)

[2023/24/HHO](#) Householder application for rear extension to lower ground floor to be used as kitchen. 6 Brandize Park, Okehampton EX20 1EQ.

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

[2432/24/HHO](#) Householder application to replace damaged roof and garage doors. 1 Kempley Road, Okehampton EX20 1DS.

On the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded Cllr Colman it was **RESOLVED** to support the application commenting that materials should be replaced like for like.

**224** **Prior Approval Planning Application** – To following application was noted:

[2241/24/POD](#) Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use from commercial, business and service (Class E) to 2 dwelling houses (Class C3). Langton Workshop, West View Road, Okehampton EX20 1NF

**225** **Consultation - Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system** – Cllr Leech provided some information, as known, about the proposed changes. It was noted there were a number of unanswered questions including, how land for dwellings would be allocated, and how the proposals might affect the Plymouth and South-West Devon Joint Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plans.

**226** **Payment of Invoices** – On the proposition of Cllr Fisher, seconded Cllr Colman it was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment of invoices as per the schedule which included transfer of funds from NatWest to the Lloyds account.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

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**Chairman**