

**Minutes of a Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting
held on 14th April 2024 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton**

Committee Members Present: Councillor T Leech (Chairman)
Councillor M Ireland (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor R Colman (Chair, Property)
Councillor A Fisher (Mayor)
Councillor B Tolley (Chairman, Parks)
Councillor J Yelland (Chairman, Policy & Resources)
Councillor D McNeill
Councillor M Richards

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

Action

714 **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies received from Cllr Cummings (health) and Cllr Fisher (prior commitment) were approved on the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded Cllr Richards.

715 **Declaration of Interests** – None

716 **Public Participation** – None

717 **Members Questions** – Cllr Ireland commented there had been smashed glass in the bus layby in School Way earlier in the day.

718 **Planning Applications**
0518/25/LBC Listed Building Consent for a wifi upgrade. White Hart Hotel, Fore Street, Okehampton

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

(Cllr Marsh arrived)

0801/25/HHO Householder application for loft conversion to include dormer to rear. Spyoke View, 67A Exeter Road, Okehampton

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

- Loss of privacy and amenity to the detriment of neighbouring premises
- Overbearing nature of the proposal in relation to neighbouring premises
- Proposed design and materials
- Alter the character of the area

(Cllr Fisher arrived)

0833/25/HHO Householder application for proposed two-storey side extension. 4 Park View Terrace, Okehampton

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

0674/25/TPO TPO N16: T20 Common Beech to be felled with stump cut low as possible as tree is leaning on fence. Okehampton Primary School, Glendale Road, Okehampton

On the proposition of Cllr Colman, seconded Cllr Richards, (1 against, 1 abstention) it was **RESOLVED** to submit a neutral response to the application.

3670/24/FUL READVERTISEMENT (amended description) Application for change of use to funeral directors premises (Use Class E). Single storey rear extension, removal of chimney & installation of 3 air source heat pumps to rear. Erection of signage, wall mounted clock and flag pole to south elevation 6&7 Fore Street, Okehampton

On the proposition of Cllr Colman, seconded Cllr McNeill (1 abstention) it was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

719 **Planning Applications** – The following application submitted by Okehampton Town Council was noted.

0932/25/TCA T1453 Oak - Remove failed branch above public footpath, T1455 Oak - Remove failed branch above public footpath, T1458 Sweet Chestnut - Historical failure of primary branch exposing remaining stem, reduction to last growth point, T1459 Common Beech - Removal of hung up branch by public footpath, T3 Common Ash - Removal of tree to ground level due to ash dieback, T3972 Copper Beech - Reduction of south west aspect primary stem 2m laterally to reduce dynamic loading on junction. Simmons Park, Okehampton

720 **Payment of Invoices** – On the proposition of Cllr Colman, seconded Cllr Yelland, it was **RESOLVED** to:

- Approve the payment of invoices in accordance with the schedule (BACS payments £14,776.17)
- Ratify payments made the previous week (BACS payments £4,859.68) noting a payment to WDBC in the sum of £2,106 had not been made.
- Approve payment of April salaries, pension and NI contributions

The Clerk advised withholding a payment to WDBC in the sum of £2,106 for the emptying of general and dog waste bins, the cost having been retrospectively increased to £5 per bin, per empty with no prior notice. It was **agreed** the Clerk raise the matter with WDBC.

721 **Urgent Items** – Agreement and use of S106 funding was commented upon.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.05pm.

Chairman