

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee held on
Monday 9 February 2015 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall,
Okehampton at 7.00 pm**

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

Other Members Present: Councillor Mrs J Yelland

In Attendance: P R Snell (Town Clerk)

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<p>495. <u>Urgent Items</u> - The Neighbourhood Planning event planned for 19 March will not now take place due to clashes with other planned meetings. Members were invited to check their emails to consider if either of the alternative dates proposed by West Devon Borough Council were more suitable.</p> <p>496. <u>Apologies for Absence</u> - Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of Councillor Cummings.</p> <p>497. <u>Deferment of Business</u> -</p> <p>498.1 <u>Traffic Management Plan</u> - Mr Mike Jones (Devon County Council Senior Traffic Engineer) attended the meeting to report that he would be commencing a Traffic Management Plan starting on 1st April 2015. He advised that the funding was only sufficient to be able to undertake minor schemes such as on-road parking, signing and kerbs with restrictions to suit. He explained the background to the current government funding policy and the emphasis on enterprise partnerships. He suggested the Council draw together a Working Group comprising residents, retailers and Council representation to feed ideas into the Traffic Management Plan, which was likely to take 12 months in the drafting. The Chairman thanked Mr Jones for the time he had given and the frankness with which he outlined the limitations of the task ahead.</p> <p>498.2 <u>For Comment by the Public</u> - No further comments from the public.</p> <p>499. <u>Members' Questions</u> - None.</p> <p>500. <u>Minutes</u> - The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on Monday 15 December 2014 and Monday 26 January 2015 were accepted and signed by the Chairman on the proposition of Councillor McDonald, seconded Councillor Ireland and agreed.</p>	

501. **Matters Arising** - None.

502. **Planning Applications** -

00108/2015

Reserved Matters.

Reserved Matters application for the erection of 43 dwellings and associated garages, parking areas and landscaping on land adjacent to Baldwin Drive, Radford Way, Okehampton.

Leander Developments Ltd

Resolved to support the application on the proposition of Councillor Goffey, seconded Councillor Stephens.

503. **Planning Decisions** -

01136/2014 Conditional consent for single storey extension to provide warehouse and staff welfare facilities at Lidl, School Way, Okehampton EX20 1EU

01238/2104 Conditional consent for demolition of existing garage and conservatory and replacement with two-storey side extension at 105 Station Road, Okehampton EX20 1EH

01243/2014 Conditional consent for change of use of building to A3 restaurant with takeaway (A5) including associated owner's accommodation above at 37 Fore Street, Okehampton EX20 1HB

01244/2014 Refusal for advertisement consent for erection of illumination to signage at 37 Fore Street, Okehampton EX20 1HB

01279/2014 Conditional consent for change of use of second floor from financial offices to treatment rooms for Sports Therapy at 3 West Street, Okehampton EX20 1HQ

01313/2014 Works to trees in Conservation Area allowed at Brandize House, 74 Station Road, Okehampton EX20 1EH

01373/2014 Conditional consent to carry out works to trees under Tree Preservation Order at Brandize House, 74 Station Road, Okehampton EX20 1EH

01374/2014 Conditional consent to carry out works to trees under Tree Preservation Order at Astley Courte, Ranelagh Road, Okehampton EX20 1JG

01416/2014 Works to trees in Conservation Area allowed at Okehampton Community College, Mill Road, Okehampton EX20 1PW

504. **Our Plan** - The Chairman reported that West Devon Borough Council's Our Plan strategy document was now in public consultation phase, with information sessions being held throughout the Borough. One such information session would be at the Charter Hall on Wednesday 4 March between 2 and 8 pm. The change in building allocations for area 4 created an opportunity for a Neighbourhood Plan to input where new development could take place. The alternative was for West Devon Borough Council to determine their own assessment.

505. **Traffic Management Plan for Okehampton** - Following up on the discussion of the earlier presentation, it was agreed to await the confirmation of the joint councils' working protocol on the Neighbourhood Plan before considering the composition of a Working Group, whose work should also feed into the Neighbourhood Plan.

506. **Members' Reports/Reminder for Agenda Items** -

(i) Dartmoor Railway Supporters' Association - Councillor Ireland reported the Association's concern that much of their working shed was filled up with BARS equipment. There was uncertainty as to the ownership and occupancy rights enjoyed by the Association. A further concern was the lack of response from BARS concerning the Association's request to run Heritage Trains between Meldon and Okehampton to link up with the Sunday Rover schedule. The Chairman agreed to take the ownership matters forward.

Cllr Leech

(ii) Ockment Centre - The Chairman reported that work was progressing in the garden with help from volunteer groups. The Info Café was building its activity but at present few people were attending.

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 Councillor Ireland and agreed.

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507. **Review of Enforcement Cases**

The meeting was closed at 9.00 pm.

Councillor A Leech
Chairman