

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee held on
Monday 30 March 2015 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall,
Okehampton at 7.00 pm**

Committee Members Present: Councillor A Leech (Chairman)
Councillor T Cummings
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
Councillor D Weekes - from 7.30 pm
Councillor M Davies - from 7.45 pm

In Attendance: P R Snell (Town Clerk)

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<p>593. <u>Apologies for Absence</u> - Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of Councillor Mrs C Marsh.</p>	
<p>594. <u>Deferment of Business</u> - No members of the public present.</p>	
<p>595. <u>Members' Questions</u> - Councillor Ireland asked the Chairman if planning permission was required to convert a detached garage to living accommodation. The Chairman agreed to enquire further.</p>	Cllr Leech
<p>596. <u>Minutes</u> - The minutes of the Planning Committee held on Monday 9 March 2015 were accepted and signed by the Chairman on the proposition of Councillor Ireland, seconded Councillor Goffey and agreed.</p>	
<p>597. <u>Matters Arising</u> - (i) With reference to Minute 571, the Chairman reported that he had been trying to contact the police on this matter. (ii) The Chairman reported that he had received no answer from the Planning Department as yet concerning commercial vehicles parked on Exeter Road (Minute 571 refers). (iii) It was reported that application 00216/2015 had been withdrawn. (iv) The Clerk reported that with reference to application 00234/2015, no more detailed information had been available and therefore no comment was returned on this application.</p>	
<p>598. <u>Planning Applications</u> - 00293/2015 Full. Target date 3 April 2015. Extension and alterations to form a two bedroom flat to the ground floor (amendment to application 00998/2013) at 5A St James Street, Okehampton EX20 1HN. Mr R Comstive</p>	

After discussion, it was resolved to make a neutral comment on the proposition of Councillor Ireland, seconded Councillor Cummings and agreed. In making a neutral comment, the Committee noted concerns concerning the fire escape access for the proposed development and the fact that car parking frequently appeared to block safe entrance and exit to the area.

00309/2015

Full. Target date 3 April 2015.

Householder application for conversion of garage to residential accommodation at 24 The Heathers, Okehampton EX20 1TB.

Mrs Y Toynton

Resolved to support the application on the proposition of Councillor McDonald, seconded Councillor Stephens and approved by a majority.

Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011

Environment Act 1995: (Schedule 14) Periodic Review of the Schemes of Conditions relating to Mineral Planning Permissions.

Scheme of conditions in respect of First Periodic Review at Knowle Quarry, North Road Industrial Estate, Okehampton EX20 1RQ

Invitation to comment. Target date 7 April 2015.

It was agreed to make no comment on the proposition of Councillor Cummings, seconded Councillor McDonald and agreed.

599. Planning Decisions -

00074/2015 Refusal – development proposed for land adjacent to 10 Upper Crooked Meadow, Okehampton EX20 1WW

00173/2015 Conditional consent for addition of balcony to rear and protection bollard below at 2-4 Market Street, Okehampton EX20 1HN

00225/2015 Permission not required for erection of replacement switchroom building at Electricity Sub-Station, Park Row, Okehampton

00481/2014 Appeal allowed for retrospective application for installation of ATM and surround at Martin the Newsagent Ltd, 8-9 Fore Street, Okehampton

00482/2014 Appeal split decision re: retrospective advertisement application for ATM surround and fascia at Martin the Newsagent, 8-9 Fore Street, Okehampton

600. Our Plan - The Chairman reported that consultation on Our Plan would close on 13 April. It was agreed to convene a Working Group to compile a formal response from the Council as part of the consultation process on the proposition of Councillor Ireland, seconded Councillor Goffey and agreed.

601. Members' Reports and Agenda Items -

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- (i) Dartmoor Railway Supporters' Association - Councillor Ireland reported that
- The Lab 11 coach had been fitted out and was ready to run at Easter.
 - Mr Chris Bligh had prepared a timetable showing connectivity from Okehampton when using the Sunday Rover.
 - As yet there was no evidence of publicity from County regarding the Sunday Rover. Councillor Ireland asked if the County Member would provide confirmation that a leaflet was available.
- (ii) Ockment Centre - Councillor Leech reported that the AGM had taken place on 30 March, that office accommodation rentals were increasing and that the Conservation Group would be working in the garden to open up an area for possible generation of income.

Clerk

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 Cummings, seconded Councillor McDonald and agreed.

602. Review of Enforcement Cases

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The meeting was closed at 8.12 pm.

Councillor A Leech
Chairman