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Minutes of an Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on 23rd November 2026 at 6:30pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton

Members Present:
Councillor T Leech (Chair)
Councillor M Ireland (Vice-Chair)
Councillor T Cummings
Councillor M Ricketts
Councillor B Tolley (Chair, Parks)

In Attendance:
Mrs A Horn (Assistant Clerk)
Cllr C Marsh

The meeting was livestreamed through the Council Facebook page.

372. Apologies for Absence
On the proposition of Cllr Tolley and seconded by Cllr Ireland it was **RESOLVED** to accept the apologies of Cllr Bird (Work), Cllr Yelland (Illness) and Cllr Colman (Personal)

373. Declarations of Interest
None

374. Public Participation
None

375. Members' Questions
Cllr Ireland reported that the vegetation outside 57 Station Road was half blocking the pavement for pedestrians.
Cllr Ricketts reported that on Crediton Road by St James' School and the Zebra crossing there was a hedge that was obstructing the view making it difficult to pull out.
Cllr Tolley reported that there was a lack of drop curbs between Cladco and the new Interchange Railway station causing pedestrians issues.

376. Planning Applications for Consideration
2950/26/HHO Proposed two storey rear extension
19 Exeter Road, Okehampton

(Cllr Marsh arrived at 6:40pm)

On the proposition of Cllr Cummings and seconded by Cllr Ricketts it was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

3022/26/TPO T5811: 1 x common beech (Fagus sylvatica – crown lift over the garden areas of both properties to achieve a height of 4 meters clearance above ground level, with cuts not exceeding 50mm in diameter. Reduce the northern, northeastern and northwestern canopy aspect by 2 meters

to 19 meters. All cuts will not exceed 150mm in diameter. Remove all deadwood.
41 Crocken Tor Road, Okehampton

On the proposition of Cllr Cummings and seconded by Cllr Ireland it was **RESOLVED** to ask for lesser works - minor lateral pruning of 1.5m to 2m on the trees North East, North and North West aspects only.

3096/26/TPO TPO N16: T006 Ash Fell tree to as near to ground as possible. Tree is exhibiting advance symptoms of Ash Dieback Disease and significant physiological decline, potentially compromising structural integrity. T020 Sorbus - Fell to ground level. Tree has been identified as dead. Possibly of failure in close proximity to busy footpath.
Rivers Edge Court, Oaklands Drive, Okehampton

On the proposition of Cllr Cummings and seconded by Cllr Ricketts it was **RESOLVED** to support the application and request replanting to ensure no long-term loss of woodland cover

3116/26/FUL Replacement of windows
Bridge House, 25 Fore Street, Okehampton

Cllr Leech declared an interest as a West Devon Borough Council Councillor

On the proposition of Cllr Cummings and seconded by Cllr Tolley (1 abstention) it was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

377. Highways

Correspondence from the Highways Officer regarding vegetation and visibility for vehicles in Herons Brook was considered.

Proposed by Cllr Tolley and seconded by Cllr Cummings, it was **RESOLVED** to reply that proper maintenance would resolve the vegetation issue and that the vegetation should be retained as part of the traffic-calming measures.

The meeting closed at 6:54pm

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Cllr Leech, Committee Chairman