

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee held on
Monday 4 April 2016 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton**

Committee Members Present: Councillor A Leech (Chairman)
Councillor T Cummings
Councillor Mrs V Cushing
Councillor Mrs J Goffey
Councillor R Rush
Councillor B Stephens
Councillor P Vachon (Town Mayor)
Councillor Mrs C Marsh (Chairman Parks)

Other Members Present: Councillor Mrs J Carpenter
Councillor Miss C Holt

In Attendance: P R Snell (Town Clerk)

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<p>505. <u>Urgent Items</u> - The Chairman brought two items for information a) parking on Station Road to be considered at the next full Planning Committee, b) information about dog faeces DNA testing from local vets for the attention of the Parks Committee.</p>	
<p>506. <u>Apologies</u> - Apologies were presented on behalf of Councillor Ireland.</p>	
<p>507. <u>Deferment of Business</u> - No public presence.</p>	
<p>508. <u>Members' Questions</u> - Nil</p>	
<p>509. <u>Minutes</u> - The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 25 January, 22 February and 7 March 2016 were approved and signed by the Chairman on the proposition of Councillor Cummings, seconded Councillor Goffey.</p>	
<p>510. <u>Matters Arising</u> - With reference to minute 415, the Clerk confirmed that a response from the Leader of West Devon Borough Council had been received and circulated to all Members. Councillor Rush asked that the response be formally considered at a future agenda of the Planning Committee.</p>	
<p>511. <u>Planning Applications:</u> 0418/16/HHO Householder application. Householder application for proposed extension, loft conversion and improvements at 32 Leaholes Avenue, Okehampton EX20 1NR Mr B Welham</p>	

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

0543/16/OPA

Outline Planning.

Outline planning permission with some matters reserved for erection of a single bungalow and single garage. Creation of ample amenity space at unused green space on southern edge of Newcombe Close, Okehampton EX20 1UG.

Linden Homes SW

Resolved to object to the application on grounds of visual impact on the area, density of building, impact on neighbours, loss of green space. This on the proposition of Councillor Goffey, seconded Councillor Rush.

512. **Planning Decisions** - The Committee noted the decisions made by the planning authority as follows:
2859/15/PDM Prior approval given
2777/15/FUL Conditional approval
0150/16/VPO Refusal to vary obligation
01092/2015 Conditional approval
0465/16/COM Permitted development
0405/16/DCC Conditional permission
0206/16/FUL Conditional approval
3117/16/PAD Prior approval given
Notification of Tree Preservation Order for area to the south of St Boniface Church, 95 Station Road, Okehampton EX20 1ED.
513. **Our Plan** - The Chairman reported that *Our Plan* was progressing slowly and that Officers were aware of the 2017 deadline.
514. **Neighbourhood Plan** - The Chairman reported that all who lived in Okehampton Town should now have received a questionnaire. The next stage would be evaluation of the returned questionnaires. Councillor Goffey reported that the business questionnaire had been prepared and was being emailed out. A paper copy was in preparation for those who were not contactable by email.
515. **Planning Officer Presence at Okehampton** - Councillor Marsh noted that the regular attendance of a Planning Officer at Okehampton had been withdrawn temporarily in August 2015, but there were now no plans for reinstatement of this service. On the proposition of Councillor Marsh, seconded Councillor Goffey, it was agreed to write to West Devon Borough Council to make representation for the reinstatement of a Planning Officer presence in Okehampton, befitting its need and relevance as the Borough's second largest town.

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516. Members' Reports and Reminders for Agenda Items -

- (i) Dartmoor Railway Supporters' Association: no report.
- (ii) Ockment Centre: Councillor Leech reported that works were currently being done in the hall in preparation for roof refurbishments and further preparation for possible introduction of solar PV and further work was being undertaken by the Sticklepath and Okehampton Conservation Group to clear the frontage of bushes.
- (iii) Devon Heartlands Community Development Trust - Councillor Cushing reported that she had been unable to attend the last meeting, but that Councillor Carpenter had attended. Councillor Carpenter reported that the scheduled speaker had not attended and that numbers generally were declining at the group. The next scheduled meeting was on Thursday to take place in North Tawton.

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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 Goffey and agreed.

517. Review of Enforcement Cases

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The meeting was closed at 7.54 pm.

Councillor Leech
Chairman