

**Minutes of the Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee held on
Monday 27 June 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 Dr M Ireland
Councillor Mrs J Goffey (Town Mayor)
Councillor Mrs J Yelland (Vice Chair, P&R)

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

In Attendance: P R Snell (Town Clerk)

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84 <u>Apologies for Absence</u> - Apologies were presented on behalf of Councillors Marsh, Rush, Stephens and Weekes.	
85 <u>Deferment of Business</u> - No public presence.	
86 <u>Members' Questions</u> - Councillor Ireland asked if any enforcement action was to be taken about illegal parking at the top of North Street. The Chairman confirmed that traffic enforcement would be asked to target that area. Councillor Ireland further noted an unapproved sign for motorcycle parking on East Street (north side). The Chairman agreed to investigate.	Cllr Leech
87 <u>Minutes</u> - The Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 4 and 25 April 2016 were approved and signed on the proposition of Councillor Ireland, seconded Councillor Cummings and agreed.	
88 <u>Matters Arising</u> - None	
89 <u>Planning Applications:</u>	
1614/16/TCA Works to trees in a conservation area. Application for works to trees to fell 2 Norway Spruce (T7 and T8) at I Castle Ham Lodge, Okehampton EX20 1FA. Guinness Hermitage Resolved to support the application on the proposition of Councillor Goffey, seconded Councillor Yelland.	

1438/16/VAR

Application for removal or variation of condition 6 following grant of planning consent 3/22/2119/95 6483/004 at Castleford, Okehampton EX20 1HZ

Birch Developments

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

1720/16/HHO

Householder application for ground floor extension to provide larger kitchen at 45 Exeter Road, Okehampton EX20 1NN

Mr G Partridge

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

0436/16/COU

The Committee noted the notice of presentation of this application to the WDBC Planning Committee. Councillor Yelland declared an interest.

- 90** **Planning Decisions** - The Committee noted the decisions made by the Planning Authority. Conditional approvals had been determined for:

0204/16/FUL

0442/16/HHO

2891/15/LBC

0572/16/TCA

1035/16/TCA

0936/16/HHO

0902/16/FUL

1229/16/ARC

A Tree Preservation Order had been served in relation to application 0328/16/TCA.

The WDBC Licensing Committee had refused the application to vary the premises licence at Dillan's Kebab, 9 West Street, Okehampton EX20 1HQ

- 91** **Joint Local Plan (JLP)** - The Chairman reported that the JLP would be issued for consultation on 1 July. This had replaced the previous WDBC 'Our Plan'.

- 92** **East of Okehampton Masterplan** - The Chairman reported that there was a risk that the scheduled phasing for development of parcels 2, 3 and 4 may be subject to amendment. It was nevertheless anticipated that DCC would complete the purchase of the school site within the next two months. The Chairman agreed to investigate the link between DCC's Exeter Airport fund and the ear-marked reserve to be applied to the station/line improvement.

- 93** **Planning Inspector's Enquiry** - The Chairman reported on the summing up of the recent public enquiry that had taken place concerning a housing

development in Tavistock. Publication of the final report was awaited.

- 94** **Neighbourhood Plan** - Councillor Goffey reported that all the questionnaire returns had now been input to Survey Monkey (800+ residential and 116 business returns). The summary of comments would be presented to the Neighbourhood Plan Forum on 28 June, when the 3 prize winners would also be drawn.
- 95** **Market Street Traffic Congestion** - The Committee noted correspondence between the Okehampton and District Chamber of Trade and Devon County Council Highways concerning traffic congestion in the town centre, and particularly the sequencing of lights in Market Street. There were no immediate solutions at hand and the Traffic Management Plan that was in progress was too limited financially to enable any strategic development.
- 96** **Members' Reports & Reminders for Agenda Items** -
- (i) Dartmoor Railway Supporters' Association: Councillor Ireland reported that DRSA fully supported the restoration of passenger services to Exeter and Plymouth. The Association had embarked on a new project to refurbish a 1948 SR Brake Van.
 - (ii) Ockment Centre: Councillor Leech reported that the Ockment Hall roof and windows had now been completed, with heating and re-decoration in progress. Volunteers were sought for Wednesday afternoons to work on the garden walkways. The leat had inexplicably stopped flowing.
 - (iii) Devon Heartlands Community Development Trust: Councillor Cushing reported that there were currently no meetings scheduled, but there was a willingness to resume if required.

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 by Councillor Yelland.

97 **Review of Enforcement Cases**

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The meeting was closed at 8.34 pm.

Councillor Leech
Chairman