

**Minutes of the Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee held on
Monday 8 August 2016 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber,
Town Hall, Okehampton**

Committee Members Present: Councillor A Leech (Chairman)
Councillor R Rush
Councillor Mrs V Cushing
Councillor Dr M Ireland
Councillor Mrs J Goffey (Town Mayor)
Councillor Mrs C Marsh (Chair, Parks)
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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| 152. <u>Apologies for Absence</u> - Apologies were presented on behalf of Councillors Cummings and Stephens. | |
| 153. <u>Deferment of Business</u> - Mr Wise offered comments on filling in the consultation form for the Joint Local Plan and his hopes that there would be a good response from the public. | |
| 154. <u>Members' Questions</u> - Nil. | |
| 155. <u>Minutes</u> - The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 27 June and 18 July 2016 were approved and signed on the proposition of Councillor Ireland, seconded Councillor Goffey and agreed. | |
| 156. <u>Matters Arising</u> - The Chairman reported that an email from Thomas Jones (Senior Specialist West Devon Borough Council) had been received. This responded to the questions and concerns raised by the Town Council, Councillors Leech, Rush and others about application 2731/15/OPA. After discussion, the Committee resolved that: a) Councillor Rush be nominated to attend the forthcoming site meeting on 10 August on behalf of the Town Council and b) a further Planning Committee meeting be convened on 15 August to consider a response to the comments now received from the Planning Specialist, these on the proposition of Councillor Ireland, seconded Councillor Marsh. | |
| 157. <u>Planning Applications:</u> | |
| 2058/16/TPO | |
| Application to carry out works to trees under Tree Preservation Order for G1 - 3 x Beech trees: Crown raise to give 8m clearance above ground level.
Ockington Close, Okehampton EX20 1TA
DCH | |

Resolved to object to the application on grounds of lack of professional evaluation and advice for this application and concern that the volume of tree to be removed may cause considerable stress to the upper tree, on the proposition of Councillor Marsh, seconded Councillor Ireland.

2128/16/FUL

Application for erection of two bedroomed detached bungalow with parking space at 7 Wonnacotts Road, Okehampton EX20 1LX

Miss K Phillips

On the proposition of Councillor Goffey, seconded Councillor Carpenter, it was resolved to object to this application on grounds of site size, consequential road safety issues and density of resulting development.

2264/16/VAR

Variation or Removal of Condition.

Application for variation of a condition number 2 of planning consent 00708/2014 to allow revisions to approved plans at Exeter Arms, 5 East Street, Okehampton EX20 1AS

Mr A Leaves

On the proposition of Councillor Goffey, seconded Councillor Marsh, it was agreed to hold this application in abeyance as it is understood that a number of issues have been raised by the Planning Officer which may result in enforcement actions.

Variation of Premises Licences:

1) Application to amend the hours for sale of alcohol for consumption on the premises to Monday to Sunday from 8 am to midnight and other variations at The Dovecote, 38 Red Lion Yard, Okehampton EX20 1AW.

It was agreed to object to the use of the patio as an area licensed until midnight due to the likelihood of noise and disturbance to neighbours in a residential environment, this on the proposition of Councillor Carpenter, seconded Councillor Cushing.

2) To amend the premises licence from a 1-day to a 2-day event for the Battle of the Bands, Simmons Park, Okehampton EX20 1DX, to include regulated entertainment from 12 pm to 5 pm on the first Sunday in August.

On the proposition of Councillor Yelland, seconded Councillor Ireland, it was agreed to support this application.

- 158. Planning Decisions** - The Committee noted the decision made by the Planning Authority concerning 0436/16/COU granting change of use from private garage (C3) for furniture shop (A1). It was noted in particular that Devon County Highways had not objected to this application.
- 159. Joint Local Plan** - The Chairman noted that he had received very few responses to contribute to the Council's response to the Joint Local Plan consultation. After considerable discussion and on the proposition of Councillor Goffey, seconded Councillor Ireland, it was agreed that any comments should be forwarded to Councillor Leech by 5 pm on Tuesday 9

August in order for Councillor Leech to compile a response to the consultation on behalf of the Planning Committee and the Town Council under delegate powers.

160. Neighbourhood Plan - Councillor Goffey reported that a meeting was scheduled for the following day to consider an analysis of the survey as compiled by Mr S Pearce.

161. Members' Reports & Reminders for Agenda Items -

- (i) Dartmoor Railway Supporters' Association - Councillor Ireland reported that volunteers at Meldon were repainting two Polar Express coaches for BARS and had arranged a visit to the Avon Valley Railway.
- (ii) Ockment Centre - Councillor Leech. A new roof, windows, heating system and redecoration to the hall had been completed. The next stage was the sanding and sealing of the floor. The leat was blocked upstream and under investigation.
- (iii) Devon Heartlands Community Development Trust - Councillor Cushing. No change from previous report, and agreed to leave off the Members' Reports list until there was activity to report.

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 Goffey, seconded by Councillor Marsh.

162. Review of Enforcement Cases

The Committee came out of part two and agreed to ratify decisions taken on the proposition of Councillor Marsh, seconded Councillor Ireland.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.59 pm.

Councillor Leech
Chairman