

**Minutes of the Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee held on
Monday 12 September 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 D Weekes (Chair, Property)
Councillor Mrs J Yelland (Vice Chair, P&R)

Other Members Present: Councillor Mrs J Carpenter
Councillor B Tolley

In Attendance: P R Snell (Town Clerk)

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| <p>200 <u>Urgent Items for Information</u> - Councillor Yelland reported that planning application 00938/2015 (development of land adjacent to Castleford, Castle Road) was scheduled to come before the WDBC Planning Committee on 20 September. The Town Council had previously objected to the application. It had been suggested that a tree preservation order might be made, but the Town Council was unable to consider the matter at this meeting due to insufficient notice given.</p> | |
| <p>201 <u>Apologies for Absence</u> - Apologies were presented on behalf of Councillors Cummings, Marsh and Stephens.</p> | |
| <p>202 <u>Deferment of Business</u> - Mr Wise made comments about the Borough Council's recent Planning Committee and expressed hopes that the development of brown-field sites would be prioritised, planning inspectors with local knowledge would be appointed and that there would be a section 106 settlement that was favourable to the community.</p> | |
| <p>203 <u>Members' Questions on the Workings of the Committee</u> :</p> <p>(i) Councillor Ireland asked about progress on matters he had raised previously. The Chairman responded that, as reported at the previous meeting (Minute 184), the matters were being investigated either by the WDBC enforcement team or had been passed to parking enforcement at DCC.</p> <p>(ii) Councillor Tolley asked if any enforcement action was being considered concerning parking in Crediton Road/Victoria Road. The Chairman reported that the Traffic Management Plan had become delayed due to significant objections to two of the proposals, which were now scheduled to be considered by DCC Highways and Traffic Orders Committee (HATOC).</p> | |

- (iii) Councillor Cushing had asked about progress on questions concerning application 2264/16/VAR. The Clerk responded that questions to the WDBC Planning Officer had not yet been answered. It was also clarified that, although the Town Council had asked for the matter to be placed in abeyance pending further clarifications, this would not be binding on the Borough's planning processes.

204 Planning Applications:

2593/16/HHO

Councillor Leech declared a personal, non-pecuniary interest.

Householder application two-storey side extension and associated internal alterations at 9 Holley Park, Okehampton EX20 1PL.

Mr T Chastey

Resolved to support the application on the proposition of Councillor Weekes, seconded Councillor Goffey, subject to confirmation that the building line did not impinge on the pedestrian access to common garage block.

2544/16/FUL

Full Planning Application.

Alternative proposal for construction of dwelling on land to rear of 65 Exeter Road, Okehampton EX20 1QF

Mr A Clark

Resolved to object to the application on grounds of visual amenity, concern that ridge line higher than adjacent properties and surface drainage issues not addressed on the proposition of Councillor Weekes, seconded Councillor Ireland.

2382/16/POD

For information only - no consultation required.

Prior approval for proposed change of use of building from office use (Class B1(a)) to dwellinghouse (Class C3)(Class Qa) at 101 Northfield Road, Okehampton EX20 1BA

Mr J Edwards.

- 205 Planning Decisions 1493/16/VAR & 2731/15/OPA** - Further to the report made under Urgent items for Information, the Chairman gave a report on the proceedings of the West Devon Borough Planning Committee of 23 August 2016. The report was supplemented by Cllr Rush, who attended the meeting to speak on behalf of the Town Council against application 2731/15/OPA. The Chairman expressed concerns about the way in which information had been presented to WDBC Members before the meeting and certain other procedural aspects. After discussion, it was agreed to write a letter to the Leader of WDBC Planning Committee, reflecting the Town Council's concerns about aspects of the meeting, to include the late presentation of significant information, the decision not to defer the

meeting and the absence of responses from Dartmoor National Park or South West Water, this on the proposition of Councillor Rush, seconded Councillor Ireland.

On the proposition of Councillor Ireland, seconded Councillor Weekes, it was further agreed to invite the Chairman of the WDBC Planning Committee to a meeting of Okehampton Town Council to explain some of the protocols associated with the Committee's workings and to appraise him of the Town Council's frustrations over a series of decisions where the Town Council's objections appear to have been set aside.

The meeting was closed at 8.22 pm.

Councillor Leech
Chairman