

**Minutes of the Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee held on  
Monday 10 October 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 B Stephens  
Councillor Mrs J Goffey (Mayor)  
Councillor D Weekes (Chair, Property)

**Other Members Present:** Councillor Miss C Holt  
Councillor B Tolley

**In Attendance:** P R Snell (Town Clerk)

	<b>Action</b>
<b>259</b> <u><b>Urgent Item for Information</b></u> - Application 00938/2015 (Land adjacent to Castleford, Castle Road, Okehampton) would be presented to the WDBC Planning & Licensing Committee on 18 October 2016.	
<b>260</b> <u><b>Apologies for Absence</b></u> - None received.	
<b>261</b> <u><b>Deferment of Business</b></u> - The applicant for planning application 2676/16/FUL presented his reasons for seeking to develop the site.	
<b>262</b> <u><b>Members' Questions</b></u> - Nil.	
<b>263</b> <u><b>Minutes</b></u> - The Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 8, 15, 30 August and 12 September 2016 were approved and signed on the proposition of Councillor Ireland, seconded Councillor Goffey.	
<b>264</b> <u><b>Matters Arising</b></u> -	
<b>264.1</b> 2731/15/OPA - A copy of the letter sent to the Chair of the WDBC Planning and Licensing Committee had been circulated to Members.	
<b>264.2</b> 2264/16/VAR - The Clerk reported on the response received from the Planning Officer concerning the development of 'Exeter Arms' 5 East Street and that the application for variation of condition had now been approved.	
<b>264.3</b> The Clerk Reported that Cllr Sanders (Chairman WDBC Planning & Licensing Committee) had accepted an invitation to attend the Town Council meeting on 5 December 2016. Questions should be presented by 17 November in order to assist the provision of answers on the night.	

265 **Planning Applications:**

**2545/16/HHO**

Householder application.

Application for demolition of existing single-storey kitchen and scullery and construction of two-storey extension to existing dwelling at 19 Chichacott Road, Okehampton EX20 1PA.

W Burton & S Brown

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

**2676/16/FUL**

Application for development of redundant outbuildings to 2 x 1-bedroom flats at 9 Station Road, Okehampton EX20 1DY

Mr S Tancock

**Resolved to object to the application on the proposition of Councillor Goffey, seconded Councillor Ireland. Reasons for objection: Parking provision and risk of additional parking on Station Road (already impeded traffic flow) and density of development.**

**2797/16/TPO**

Works to a tree under preservation order.

Application to remove limbs of T1 & T2 Oak to raise crown by 5-6m approx. at 88 Crediton Road, Okehampton EX20 1NY

Mr I Vincent

**Resolved to object to the application on the proposition of Councillor Stephens, seconded Councillor Ireland. Reasons for objection - concern at volume of limbs and branches to be removed to raise crown to proposed height.**

**2936/16/TCA**

Works to a tree in a conservation area.

Application for crown reduction of T1 Holm Oak by 3-4m and crown thinning at 86 Station Road, Okehampton.

Mrs S West

**Resolved to respond with a neutral opinion on the proposition of Councillor Goffey, seconded Councillor Ireland. The Council expressed an interest in ascertaining the Tree Warden's comment.**

**2734/16/OPA**

Outline Planning application.

Application with all matters reserved for the creation of 3 x two-bed apartments with parking for one car per apartment on site on land at end of Moyses Lane, adjoining New Road, Okehampton.

Mr S Pring

**Resolved to object strongly to the application on the proposition of Councillor Stephens, seconded Councillor Cummings. Reasons for objection**

- Access and parking, visual impact, loss of wooded amenity, site suitability, access risk for waste collection and emergency vehicles.

**266** Planning Authority Decisions - The Committee noted the decisions made by West Devon Borough Council. Conditional approvals had been determined for:

1098/16/TCA  
1720/16/HHO  
1802/16/ARC  
2058/16/TPO  
1182/16/ARC  
2264/16/VAR  
2128/16/FUL

The meeting noted that an appeal had been lodged for 0543/16/OPA

An amended Tree Preservation Order had been served concerning trees at St Boniface Church, 95 Station Road, Okehampton EX20 1ED.

**267** WDBC Briefing for Clerks - The Clerk reported on attendance at the briefing on 26 September. Key points included:

- Procedures concerning publication of planning applications
- Limitations of the planning portal
- Planning information sessions for communities to be planned by WDBC
- New software to be introduced
- New telephone system still giving problems

**268** Members' Reports & Reminders for Agenda Items -

- (i) Dartmoor Railway Supporters' Association: Councillor Ireland reported that DRSA had suspended restoration on the Brake Van, pending identification of possible asbestos-containing materials. The Association was scheduled to make a presentation on 12 November on maintaining the infrastructure of the station.
- (ii) Ockment Centre: Councillor Leech reported that the Art Group would be converting the tool shed to establish a session for the long-term unemployed. The RISE rehabilitation office was likely to close, pending a consultation currently running. Concern about the geographical care-gap likely to be created was noted.
- (iii) Devon Heartlands Community Development Trust: Councillor Cushing reported on informal conversations with John Hart and Steve Blood independently. There had been no scheduled meeting of the Trust, with none planned.

**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 Stephens, seconded by Councillor Ireland.

269 **Review of Enforcement Cases**

270 **Traffic Issues - Market Street/School Way**

**Action**

The Committee exited part 2 proceedings and decisions made were ratified before the Chairman closed the Meeting at 8.42 pm.

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**Councillor Leech**  
**Chairman**