

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting held on
Monday 5 August 2013 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Fore Street,
Okehampton at 7.00 pm**

Committee Members Present: Councillor A Leech (Chair)
Councillor Mrs J Goffey (Vice Chair)
Councillor C Letchford
Councillor P Vachon
Councillor Dr M Ireland
Councillor M Davies (Town Mayor)
Councillor Mrs C Marsh (Chair, Parks)
Councillor T Cummings (Vice Chair, P & R)

Other Members Present:

In Attendance: Mrs J Gillard (Deputising for Town Clerk)

140. **Apologies for Absence** - Apologies for absence were presented on behalf of Councillor K Ball and Councillor Mrs M McDonald.
141. **Deferment of Business** - (for comment by the public) - There was one member of the public present, (Mrs Parker), she explained the rationale behind her two letters of complaints sent recently to the Beacon Bus Company and Western Greyhound, copies of which she had forwarded to the Council. She also advised she had, to date, received no response to either letter.
142. **Members' Questions** - There were no questions from Members regarding the workings of the Committee.
143. **Minutes** - The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 8 July 2013 were approved and signed by the Chair on the proposition of Councillor M Ireland, seconded by Councillor C Letchford.
144. **Matters Arising** -
- 144.1 **Buses/Bus Stops** - Councillors expressed disappointment that Mrs Parker had not received acknowledgements to her letters of complaints. It was also reported that the bus timetable at Limehayes Road was out of date and a member of the public had reported that the bus stop in Mill Road, the 318 service was not allowed to stop there as it was a Stagecoach stop. The Chair advised he would progress these issues and report back.
- 144.2 **Green Spaces/TPO's** - No report, Chair and Clerk to review before next P & R meeting.
145. **Plans** - See attached appendix A for list of plans received.

146. Past Planning Applications -

00458/2013 - Householder application to replace existing garage with single storey side extension at 10 Bright View, Okehampton EX20 1JR - conditional consent noted.

The Chair advised that the application for tennis courts at Ashbury Golf Club had been withdrawn, LAS Aerospace have submitted an application for a new building on the Exeter Road Industrial Estate, two applications for wind turbines have gone to appeal with one at Bondleigh approved with conditions.

147. Okehampton Masterplan - The Chair advised that Borough Members had received a presentation on progress from Rebecca Black and a meeting had also been held recently between the Town Council and Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council. Public consultation is due shortly and the need to get further input at that stage emphasised.

148. Members' Reports -

- (i) Ockment Centre - no report.
- (ii) Devon Voice - no report.
- (iii) Dartmoor Railway Supporters' Association - Councillor M Ireland reported that a new company had been set up to operate the three trains on each Sunday in August and that this company was paying for the charter of the trains. He also advised that advertisements had been seen in the press from Express Rail for posts which appeared to be staffing for the Polar Express. He also advised that more investigation and links need to be made with the Devon Rail Partnership who could help to promote use of the line.
- (iv) Okehampton Matters - Councillor M Davies attended the recent meeting, the police were doing a community speed watch in Crediton Road, the culprits causing the vandalism at the Mill Site had been caught. Concern was raised about heavy vehicles using the run from Exeter Road to Crediton Road via Gypsy Corner, dog fouling was discussed again and investigation was being made by Louisa Daley on the use of ordinary waste bins for dog waste. Councillor Ireland advised that the lack of parking spaces for residents in the Mill Road area was an issue, Councillor Leech agreed to investigate whether there were concessionary parking permits available for residents of this area.
- (v) Okehampton Vision - Councillor Vachon advised there had been no further meeting, but expressed concern about the way the group was evolving. It was agreed that the Liaison Meeting could be used more for areas the Vision Group appeared to be covering. At the suggestion of Councillor Davies it was agreed that an item be added to the next full Council agenda - 'How do we engage with the public?'

Meeting closed 8.25 pm.

Councillor A Leech
Chairman

Plans Received up to Monday 5 August 2013

00689/2013 258458,94910

CLEUD

Certificate of Lawfulness application to establish that works constituting a commencement of works in relation to planning permission 12800/2009/OKE were started prior to 29 May 2012 (the expiration of the planning consent).

8 Moyses Meadow, Okehampton EX20 1JY

Mr & Mrs C Acton

Resolved to support application

00690/2013 258431,95470

Full

Demolition of building and change of use of land for siting of mobile unit for use as gym and meeting room. Siting of steel storage container for pitch maintenance equipment. Siting of 2 small timber storage sheds and erection of screening fence.

Okehampton Rugby Club, Oaklands Park, Okehampton EX20 1LN

Okehampton Rugby Club

Resolved to support application

00709/2013 258841,95484

Prior Approval - Telecoms

Notification for the installation of 1 x DSLAM equipment cabinet

O/S 61 North Street, Okehampton EX20 1AR

The Harlequin Group

Prior approval noted, Councillors were in support of the application

00720/2013 260004,95459

Full

Erection of dwelling and associated works

Land to the rear of 71 Exeter Road, Okehampton EX20 1QF

Mr M Quelch

Personal interest declared by Councillor A Leech.

Resolved to support this application, 4 votes in favour with 1 abstention