

**Minutes of the Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee held on  
Monday 21 November 2016 at 8.20 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 C Marsh (Chair, Parks)

**Other Members Present:** Councillor Mrs J Carpenter  
Councillor Miss C Holt

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

	<b>Action</b>
<b>357</b> <b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b> - Apologies were presented on behalf of Cllrs Goffey and Weekes.	
<b>358</b> <b><u>Deferment of Business</u></b> - No public presence.	
<b>359</b> <b><u>Members' Questions</u></b> - Nil.	
<b>360</b> <b><u>Minutes</u></b> - The Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 10 and 31 October 2016 were approved and signed on the proposition of Cllr Stephens, seconded Cllr Cushing after correction of Minute 268 (iii) to read 'John Love' and not 'John Hart'.	
<b>361</b> <b><u>Matters Arising</u></b> -	
<b>361.1</b> Pelican Crossing in Market Street - The Chairman reported on the response he had received from the County Highways Officer, who expressed the view that nothing further could be done. The Committee was of the opinion that further trials or work could be undertaken to alleviate the cause of the frequent traffic gridlocks and it was agreed that a question should be put to John Hart at the Superlinks Meeting on 7 December. On the proposition of Cllr Ireland, seconded Cllr Stephens, it was agreed to ask the relevant DCC councillors to press the case for further consideration.	Cllr Leech
<b>362</b> <b><u>Planning Applications:</u></b>	
<b>2591/16/FUL</b> Application for change of use of land from community garden to mixed use, the erection of a community workshop and associated works at Okehampton Community Garden, Fatherford Lane, Okehampton. L Harper <b>Resolved to support the application on the proposition of Cllr Marsh, seconded Cllr Stephens.</b>	

**2996/16/HHO**

Application for retrospective removal of high level decking and construction of a single storey extension to the rear of the property for use as a boot room at 11 Tappers Meadow, Okehampton EX20 1FE

Mr & Mrs R Luddington

**Resolved to object to the application on the proposition of Cllr Stephens, seconded Cllr Ireland. Reason for objection: Extension appears out of character with immediate built environment.**

**3178/16/TPO**

Works to a tree under preservation order.

Application to remove T1 Ash at 24 Craon Gardens, Okehampton EX20 1SY

Mr P Lawrence

**Resolved to object to the application on the proposition of Cllr Leech, seconded Cllr Stephens. Reason for objection: Concern that there was little evidence to support removal of a healthy, mature tree at this stage noting Ash dieback effect in parts of the country.**

**3045/16/LBC**

Listed Building Consent. Members of the Committee expressed a personal interest as Members of the Town Council. The Clerk noted that a dispensation was appropriate in these circumstances.

Consent application for proposed additional screen and alteration of existing toilet layout at New Carlton Cinema, Market Street, Okehampton EX20 1HN.

Mr G Greaves

**Resolved to support the application on the proposition of Cllr Stephens, seconded Cllr Marsh.**

**3488/16/TPO**

Works to a tree under tree preservation order.

Application to pollard 2 x Lime trees, removal of branches from an oak tree under TPO that overhang neighbouring roof. Removal of small oak tree that is not in conservation area but close to trees under TPO at 'Maesbury', Darkey Lane, Okehampton EX20 1JL

Mr P Sachon

**Resolved to support the pollarding of limes and removal of overhanging oak branches, but object to removal of small oak on the proposition of Cllr Leech, seconded Cllr Ireland.**

**3175/16/COU**

Application for change of use from Retail to D1 Osteopathic Clinic at Unit 3, Rosemary House, 3 Market Street, Okehampton EX20 1HN.

Mrs J Williams

**Resolved to support the application on the proposition of Cllr Marsh, seconded Cllr Stephens.**

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

1614/16/TCA  
2265/16/FUL  
1614/16/POD  
2423/16/TPO  
2016/16/HHO  
2593/16/HHO  
0410/16/VAR  
2545/16/HHO

The meeting noted that 2734/16/OPA had been refused.

- 364** **Joint Local Plan** - The Chairman reported that the three councils involved in the JLP would be arranging meetings to discuss the viability of new sites brought forward and expressed the view that the timescale for delivery of a new draft plan to the Inspector was unlikely to be before December 2017. The Chairman encouraged all Members to submit individual responses to the consultation in addition to the need for a town response.
- 365** **Chairman's Report** - The Chairman reported that there was a WDBC working paper on making site visits effective. One of the recommendations was to restrict town and parish council input. There was strong opposition to this suggestion and an updated draft was awaited. Cllr Leech also noted that there had been some discrepancies between the planning list he had received on his tablet and the list as circulated by Development Management, but accepted this might be due to formatting. He would report this back to WDBC. Cllr Leech
- 366** **20 mph Zoning** - Cllr Ireland had noted that road traffic in and adjacent to Hunters Gate was travelling at excessive speeds. This had been reinforced by anecdotal reports and discussion with other residents. Cllr Ireland asked what steps could be taken to introduce a 20 mph zone, what evidence was required and what procedure should be invoked. The Chairman suggested that there would be other areas to be considered in addition to Hunters Gate and it was agreed to ask Cllr Marsh to raise this at the next HATOC meeting (29 November). Cllr Marsh
- 367** **Members' Reports & Reminders for Agenda Items –**
- (i) Dartmoor Railway Supporters' Association: Cllr Ireland reported that DRSA had supported the OkeRail presentation on 12 November and the event had proved a good recruitment opportunity for the Association.
  - (ii) Ockment Centre: Cllr Leech reported that the former tool shed had now been converted and was serving as a practical skills workshop, currently making ceramic-topped copper poppies.

**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 Cllr Marsh, seconded by Cllr Ireland.

**Action**

**368     Review of Enforcement Cases**

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 9.30 pm.

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**Councillor Leech**  
**Chairman**