

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee held on
Monday 30 January 2017 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton at 7pm**

Committee Members Present: Councillor A Leech (Chairman)
Councillor T Cummings
Councillor Mrs V Cushing
Councillor Dr M Ireland
Councillor B Stephens
Councillor Mrs J Goffey (Town Mayor)
Councillor D Weekes (Chairman, Property)

Other Members Present: Councillor Miss C Holt
Councillor P Vachon
Councillor B Tolley
Councillor Mrs J Yelland

In Attendance: P R Snell (Town Clerk)

	Action
<p>460. <u>Apologies for Absence</u> - Apologies were presented on behalf of Councillors Marsh and Rush.</p>	
<p>461. <u>Deferment of Business</u> - No public presence.</p>	
<p>462. <u>Members' Questions</u> - Cllr Ireland enquired as to progress on unauthorised parking in East Street. The Chairman reported that he had passed this matter to the Devon County Council Member to take forward. Cllr Goffey observed that the motorcycle chained to the gate in East Street was now subject to a West Devon Borough Council enforcement notice.</p>	
<p>463. <u>Minutes</u> - The minutes of the Planning Committee meetings held on 21 November, 12 & 19 December 2016 and 9 January 2017 were approved and signed on the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded Cllr Ireland.</p>	
<p>464. <u>Matters Arising</u> - Nil.</p>	
<p>465. <u>Planning Applications:</u> 4078/16/TPO Works to a tree under preservation order. T1: Sycamore – selectively thin crown by approx. 15-20% and target prune limbs and branch growth to dwelling back by approx. 2-3m at suitable growth point. T2: Sycamore – target pruning approx. 1m from branch tips to previous pruning points within tree crown. G1: approx. 4xSycamores – target prune lateral branch growth back to parent stem by approx. 2-3m – only branches growing towards property boundary. T3: Elderberry bush – target prune branches approx. 2m from branch tips to suitable growth points at 33 North Street, Okehampton EX20 1AR. Mrs S Gibson</p>	

Resolved to support the application on the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded Cllr Weekes.

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

2814/16/HHO – Conditional approval for conversion of garage and undercroft

2948/16/FUL – Conditional approval for provision of garage

2180/16/ARC – Discharge of condition approved for details reserved by conditions

1438/16/VAR – Conditional approval for removal of condition 6 to planning consent

2544/16/FUL – Conditional approval for alternative proposal for construction of dwelling

2797/16/TPO – Conditional approval for works to oak trees

3077/16/FUL – Conditional approval for enlargement to roof dormer and internal alterations

2996/16/HHO – Conditional approval for retrospective removal of decking and single storey extension

3045/16/LBC – Condition LBC for creation of 3rd cinema and alteration to toilets

3175/16/COU – Conditional approval for change of use: retail to osteopath

3101/16/HHO – Conditional approval for replacement of window with French doors

3547/16/HHO – Conditional approval for extension to existing dwelling and new pedestrian access

3163/16/TPO – Tree works allowed for work to Oak tree

The meeting noted that 2676/16/FUL had been refused.

467. Joint Local Plan - Cllr Leech reported that the final draft of the Joint Local Plan was due to be published in February or March for consultation prior to forwarding to the Inspector. This consultation would be the last opportunity to input to the plan in its pre-submission stage.

468. Neighbouring applications for the attention of the Council -

4059/16/VAR - The Committee noted the application was for a largely Hamlets-located development which would have significant impact on the Town. On the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded Cllr Stephens it was agreed to make representation on the following points:

- a) the roundabout should be delivered upon the delivery of the 150th dwelling, not on its occupation as proposed
- b) to urge retention of all provisions of the existing section 106 agreement for the benefit of the community
- c) to ensure that parcel 2 was fully developed as a parcel and not linked to the development of parcels 3 and 4.

469. Members' Report and Reminders for Agenda Items -

- (i) Dartmoor Railway Supporters' Association (Cllr Ireland) - This weekend the Association was supporting Dartmoor Railway in organising a Diesel Supporters' Weekend. The Association was also supporting an Awareness Event in Bude on 18 February to promote the need for a passenger rail service from Okehampton.
- (ii) Ockment Centre (Cllr Leech) - Garden work continues to create open spaces.

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 Cummings, seconded Cllr Weekes.

Action

- 470. Review of Enforcement Cases -** The Borough's list of current enforcement cases was noted.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.38 pm.

Councillor Leech
Chairman