

**Minutes of Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee held on
Monday 6 March 2017 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton at 7.00 pm**

Committee Members Present: Councillor A Leech (Chairman)
Councillor T Cummings
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, Policy & Resources)

Other Members Present: Councillor Miss C Holt

In Attendance: P R Snell (Town Clerk)

527. Apologies for Absence - Apologies were presented on behalf of Councillors Rush and Stephens.

528. Urgent Items -

- Joint Local Plan - about to be published.
- Neighbourhood Planning - still awaiting confirmation for Neighbourhood Planning Forum on 25 March.
- Planning Application 0425/17/FUL (Tavistock) - to be informed at end of meeting.

529. Deferment of Business - Nil.

530. Members' Questions - In response to questions concerning parking infringements, the Chairman reported that:

- He had raised the areas of highest concern (East Street, Northfield Road) at Okehampton Matters and would ask the County Member if 'late shift enforcement' could be carried out.
- He would take forward the matter of proliferating A-boards outside the post office to the Planning Enforcement Officer.

531. Planning Applications - Cllr Yelland declared an interest on all applications as a Member of West Devon Borough Council's Planning Committee and abstained in all votes.

0195/17/HHO

Householder application to widen access to accommodate off road parking for disabled vehicle at 80 Station Road, Okehampton EX20 1EH
Mr E Hughes

On the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded Cllr Weekes, the Committee resolved to object to this application on the grounds of consequential displacement of two disabled parking spaces to create visibility splays in a road where parking was frequently problematic and proposed demolition of a wall in a conservation area.

Action

0443/17/TPO

Work to Tree Preservation Order Trees

T1: Beech – felled and removed at 11 Steeperton Close, Okehampton EX20 1QB

Mr Dollimore

(Cllrs Ireland and Goffey declared personal interest due to their trustee status with Okehampton United Charities.)

It was resolved to object to this application on the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded Cllr Cushing, as it was understood that this tree marked a line of historic trees under TPO and that the bank on which it stands was not in the applicant's ownership. Notwithstanding the consultancy report, it was not clear if the application was retrospective due to the terminology of the application.

0484/17/FUL

Application for change of use from B&B and sub-division into 4 flats at Upcott House, Upcott Hill, Okehampton EX20 1SQ

Mr J Bickley

On the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded Cllr Goffey, it was agreed to support this application.

532. **Special Business** - In the absence of any direct approach to the Town Council, it was agreed not to discuss proposals concerning the new primary school. It was hoped that there would be a discussion of options when full information was available.
528. **Urgent Item c (continued)** - **0425/17/FUL** - It was agreed to suspend Standing Orders in order to permit information from Cllr Davies to be received (proposed by Cllr Goffey, seconded Cllr Cummings). Cllr Ireland reported that an application to build 7 dwellings in the railway cutting adjacent to Callington Road, Tavistock had been registered. Although this was remote to the town parish, there would be significant implications for the future of a proposed Okehampton to Plymouth rail line. Cllr Yelland had requested an extension for consultation to enable Okehampton Town Council to consider the item by due process.

The meeting was closed at 8.14 pm.

Councillor Leech
Chairman