

**Minutes of an Extraordinary meeting of the Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee held on Monday 13 March 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton**

**Committee Members Present:** Councillor A Leech (Chairman)  
Councillor Mrs V Cushing  
Councillor Dr M Ireland  
Councillor Mrs J Goffey (Town Mayor)  
Councillor Mrs J Yelland (Vice-Chair, P&R)

**Other Members Present:** Councillor Mrs J Carpenter  
Councillor B Tolley  
Councillor P Vachon

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

	<b>Action</b>
<b>533</b> <b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b> - Apologies for absence were received from or on behalf of Cllrs Stephens, Rush and Weekes.	
<b>534</b> <b><u>Deferment of Business</u></b> - There were no members of the public present.	
<b>535</b> <b><u>Planning Applications:</u></b> Cllr Yelland declared an interest as Member of the WDBC Planning & Licensing Committee and abstained from voting.	
<b>0518/17/TCA</b> Works to a Tree in a Conservation Area. T1: Sycamore – Re-coppice to approximately 0.5 meters from ground level at Carglaze, Prospect, Okehampton EX20 1JD. Ms Stewart <b>Resolved to support the application on the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded Cllr Ireland.</b>	
<b>536</b> <b><u>Non-Parish Application for the attention of the Council</u></b>  <b>0425/17/FUL</b> Proposal for seven new houses in a former railway cutting, incorporating proposed DCC cycle path, raising of the track bed, and the removal and replacement of three TPO protected trees at The Beeches, Callington Road, Tavistock PL19 8LN Mr M Tucker <b>The Committee noted that the application was remote to Okehampton, but that the proposal, if granted, would present strategic impediments to future economic regeneration north of Tavistock due to obstruction of the track-bed for a future Plymouth – Tavistock – Okehampton rail line. On the proposition of Cllr Goffey, seconded Cllr Ireland, it was agreed to object to the proposal, citing the following grounds:</b>	

- **References to the draft Joint Local Plan relevant to rail infrastructure for both Okehampton and Tavistock**
- **Concerns about high water table at site, with consequential implications for subsidence, drainage and ground contamination**
- **Density of housing.**

**537** **Urgent Items** - Cllr Leech reported that the appeal for proposed development at Newcombes had been rejected by the Planning Inspector. Cllr Goffey, noting that the Joint Local Plan had now been published, reported that she had contacted the Chair of Okehampton Hamlets Parish Council with a view to a joint meeting to discuss and respond to the Plan.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.46 pm.

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**Councillor Leech**  
**Chairman**