

**Minutes of a Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting  
held on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 at 6.30pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton**

**Committee Members Present:** Councillor T Leech (Chairman)  
Councillor A Fisher (Mayor)  
Councillor R Colman (Chairman, Property)  
Councillor J Yelland (Chairman, Policy & Resources)  
Councillor T Cummings  
Councillor M Richards

**In Attendance:** Mrs E James (Town Clerk)  
Councillor C Holt  
Councillor L Bird

**Action**

63 **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies tendered by Cllrs Ireland (personal) and Tolley (personal) were approved on the proposition of Cllr Colman, seconded Cllr Fisher.

64 **Declaration of Interests** – None

65 **Public Participation** – None

66 **Members Questions** – None

67 **Waiting Restrictions and Parking Places – TRO ENV ID 5906** – Revocation of No Waiting at Any Time on specified lengths of Cavell Way: Revocation of Disabled Badge Holders at Any time on a specified length of Cavell Way.

The proposed change was stated to be because the specified area was privately owned land and not within the jurisdiction of Devon County Council who could therefore not enforce parking restrictions.

On the proposition of Cllr Leech, seconded Cllr Yelland, it was **RESOLVED** to comment that the description of the site was not clear and whilst the Committee understood the reasons for the proposed change, unrestricted parking could create issues for those attending the hospital.

68 **Planning Applications**  
Cllr Leech gave a brief overview of the role of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan (JLP), National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Neighbourhood plans.

**1382/24/TPO** T1: Western Red Cedar - Reduce overall height of tree by up to 7 metres creating a natural & balanced shaped upper crown, tree is situated on a risen lose bank made up of shillet stone close to the highway, reduce trees sail to reduce the risk of tree failure, T2: Small Beech - Reduce overextended limbs by up to 0.75metres on all sides of tree to shape canopy to allow more light into the beds, T3: Silver birch - Reduce height by up to 2 metres sympathetically reduce long branches by 1 metre on all sides, lateral reduction by 0.75 metres on all sides, to create a balanced natural form & T4: Horse chestnut – Reduce SW side of the tree over hanging the highway by up to 2 meters Balance crown with the rest of the tree to leave a natural looking form. **Brandize House, 74 Station Road, Okehampton EX20 1EH**

On the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded Cllr Colman (1 abstention), it was **RESOLVED** to OBJECT on the grounds that no arborist report had been provided detailing the necessity of the proposed work.

(Cllr Bird arrived)

[1018/24/HHO](#) Householder application for proposed enlargement of driveway with boundary wall and installation of powered driveway gate. **78 Crediton Road, Okehampton EX20 1NY**

On the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded Cllr Richards, it was **RESOLVED** to OBJECT to the application on the following grounds:

- Highways had indicated they wished to comment, but the comment was not available on the planning portal
- There was no indication of the gate action – sliding, swinging or direction of travel and the potential impact on pedestrians and other road users could not be ascertained
- Depending on gate action, traffic holdups could be caused by opening/closing
- Potential for creation of issues for those parking on the opposite side of the road

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7pm.

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Chairman