

**Minutes of a Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting
held on 19th August 2024 at 7pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Okehampton**

Committee Members Present: Councillor T Leech (Chairman)
Councillor A Fisher (Mayor)
Councillor R Colman (Chairman, Property)
Councillor B Tolley (Chairman, Parks)
Councillor T Cummings
Councillor M Ireland
Councillor M Richards

In Attendance: Mrs E James (Town Clerk)
Councillor C Marsh

Action

219 **Apologies for Absence** – Apologies tendered by Cllr Yelland (personal) were approved on the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded Cllr Ireland.

220 **Declaration of Interests** – None

221 **Public Participation**

- An historic light had been removed from West Bridge. DCC had advised the light was faulty and had been temporarily removed whilst a replacement was sourced. Clerk to follow up expressing the Councils disappointment and to establish location of the original light. Other light to be Listed if possible.
- A tree was growing from the base of a lamppost on the pavement in Station Road. This had been previously reported, to be followed up.

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Clerk

222 **Members Questions**

- Progress relating to the Crediton Road development regarding the provision of footpaths was queried. Footpath signage provided had been placed in a location that was hard to read even when on foot and was located on grassland making viewing difficult.
- Crossing lights by St James' School had failed before the school holidays and had not been repaired
- Bus services were being reduced from September

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223 **Planning Applications**

[1810/24/FUL](#) Replacement of external timber framed windows and doors with UPVC units. Sparrows Row, Park Row, Okehampton.

On the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded Cllr Colman it was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

[1971/24/FUL](#) New parking area within front garden including dismantling of front garden wall, lowering of garden for access and modification of existing bay window retaining wall. 82 Station Road, Okehampton.

On the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded Cllr Colman (1 abstention) it was **RESOLVED** to OBJECT to the application on the following grounds:

- The property was within the conservation area and there would be visual impact not fitting the look of the area
- Historic interest of the area
- Potential for cumulative impact on other properties and the highway
- Detriment to tourism in relation to the look of the area

[2260/24/HHO](#) Householder application for proposed dropped kerb and removal of section of wall to provide off-road parking hardstanding. 42 Station Road, Okehampton EX20 1EA.

On the proposition of Cllr Fisher, seconded Cllr Cummings (1 abstention) it was **RESOLVED** to OBJECT to the application on the following grounds:

- Within the conservation area
- Planning history
- Loss of an amenity parking space from the road

(Cllr Marsh left the meeting)

[2023/24/HHO](#) Householder application for rear extension to lower ground floor to be used as kitchen. 6 Brandize Park, Okehampton EX20 1EQ.

On the proposition of Cllr Colman, seconded Cllr Fisher it was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

[2432/24/HHO](#) Householder application to replace damaged roof and garage doors. 1 Kempley Road, Okehampton EX20 1DS.

On the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded Cllr Colman it was **RESOLVED** to support the application commenting that materials should be replaced like for like.

224 **Prior Approval Planning Application** – To following application was noted:

[2241/24/POD](#) Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed change of use from commercial, business and service (Class E) to 2 dwelling houses (Class C3). Langton Workshop, West View Road, Okehampton EX20 1NF

225 **Consultation - Proposed reforms to the National Planning Policy Framework and other changes to the planning system** – Cllr Leech provided some information, as known, about the proposed changes. It was noted there were a number of unanswered questions including, how land for dwellings would be allocated, and how the proposals might affect the Plymouth and South-West Devon Joint Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plans.

226 **Payment of Invoices** – On the proposition of Cllr Fisher, seconded Cllr Colman it was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment of invoices as per the schedule which included transfer of funds from NatWest to the Lloyds account.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm.

Chairman