

**Minutes of a Okehampton Town Council Planning Committee Meeting
held on 9th December 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 (Chair, Property Committee)
Councillor J Yelland (Chair, Policy & Resources Committee)
Councillor B Tolley (Chairman, Parks)
Councillor T Cummings
Councillor M Ireland
Councillor M Richards

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

Action

- 463 **Apologies for Absence** – None
- 464 **Declaration of Interests** – Cllr Richards declared a personal interest in planning application 3493/23/VPO.
- 465 **Public Participation** – None
- 466 **Members Questions** – Cllr Leech advised he was awaiting a response from Cllr Samuel (DCC) in relation to town centre pavement condition and speeding in the Crediton Road area.
- 467 **Planning Applications**
1605/24/FUL Two new viewing platforms over the existing leat. Ockment Centre, North Street, Okehampton

Cllr Richards commented the leat was in a flood area and the erection of platforms in it would inhibit the flow of water when in flood, potentially causing a risk to those downstream. It was noted that no matters of concern or objection had been raised by DCC Highways, ecology or drainage consultants.

On the proposition of Cllr Yelland, seconded Cllr Colman (1 abstention, 1 against), it was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

3315/24/TPO T1: Elder – Remove due to exhibiting signs of poor vigour, characterized by significant dieback in the crown & to prevent any potential hazards & promote overall site health, T2: Oak - Removal of deadwood throughout the crown, Crown uplift to achieve a height of 2.5 metres from the highest ground level, Crown reduction of lateral limbs by 0.5 metres, with maximum cuts not exceeding 75 mm in circumference to enhance the trees overall shape & health, T3: Ash – Remove due to ADB & to mitigate the spread of the disease & maintain the safety of the area, T4: Ash – Remove to eliminate any potential safety risks associated with its condition, T5: Oak - Removal of deadwood throughout the crown & Crown lift to achieve a height of 3 metres from ground level, T6: Oak - Removal of deadwood throughout the crown & Crown lift to achieve a height of 2.5 metres from ground level, T7: Oak - Removal of deadwood throughout the crown & Crown lift to achieve a height of 6 metres from ground level, T8: Blackthorn - Reduction of lateral limbs extending toward the summer house by up to 1 metre, T9: Blackthorn - Reduction of lateral limbs by 1 metre on North side, T10: Blackthorn – Reduction of crown extending towards the house & the garden area by up to 1.5 metres, H11: Mixed Species Hedge (Holly, Hazel, Blackthorn) (inc T8, T9, T10) - Pruning of small lateral

growth back to the fence line with a hedge cutter, maintaining the area as a managed hedge up to 2.5metres in height - The proposed tree works are essential for the safety and health of the surrounding area, promoting better vigour and shape in the remaining trees while addressing hazards posed by dead or diseased specimens. 1 Kingfisher Drive, Okehampton

The Tree Officers comments were noted. On the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded Cllr Fisher, it was **RESOLVED** to object to the application on the grounds of loss of amenity value, effect on ecology and visual impact.

[3637/24/LBC](#) Listed building consent for replacement slate roof including sensitive integration of PV Panels. 30 Station Road, Okehampton

On the proposition of Cllr Cummings, seconded Cllr Colman, (1 abstention) it was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

[3493/23/VPO](#) Application for modification of Section 106 Agreement on 2731/15/OPA. East of Okehampton Development (Parcels 3 and 4), Okehampton

Cllr Leech declared a personal interest being a member of WDBC and advised he would not vote. Cllr Richards had previously declared a personal interest.

On the proposition of Cllr Yelland, seconded Cllr Cummings (2 abstentions), it was **RESOLVED** to support the application.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.07pm.

Chairman