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MINUTES of the **Environment and Planning Committee** held on Monday 25th September 2017 at 7.00 pm in the Corn Exchange Complex, Hungerford.

Present: Cllrs Farrell (arrived at 7.05 pm), Winsor, Knight, Chicken, Crane, Brookman, Hudson and Simpson.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Whiting
2. **Declarations of interest** - None
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2017.** Cllr Simpson proposed the minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Knight, all in favour with three abstentions (Cllrs Crane, Brookman, Hudson).
4. **Planning Applications: -**
 - a) **17/02478/HOUSE**
19 De Montford Grove
Mr and Mrs Shearing
Remove store at the rear of garage and new front extension to create en-suite and new porch.
5. **Case Officers Reports: -** These were read out and noted.
6. **Judicial Review – consider fundraising progress and launch of new Just-Giving site.**

At the time of the meeting HTC had not received any news about the judicial review. The re-launching of the crowd funding web site was discussed by the committee, as it had been agreed to raise funds to cover the permission stage which would cost £13, 500 and then the situation would be reviewed depending on results. The initial crowd funding web pages had raised £7, 500, but the page had now closed due to the time constraints of the web site. Town Clerk has set up a new page and the councillors were asked to review this before the page was re-launched.

A lengthy discussion took place covering the amount of money that should be given as a target amount, potential costs and our response following the decision made at judicial review. Cllr Simpson suggested that a factual information statement could be produced to inform the public of the current state of the review and Cllr Crane suggested that this could be printed in Hungerford Matters and put on our noticeboards under the railway bridge. This was agreed to be a good suggestion and Cllr Knight stated that more information could be put on the HTC web site to allow people to read more.

Cllr Hudson stated that he would get more information from the QC and Cllr Simpson asked if the QC would be available to attend a meeting via conference call or Skype to answer questions. Cllr Knight suggested looking at the outcome from other parish councils who have taken similar steps.

Action: Cllr Hudson to find out the maximum time permitted between approval at planning committee and issuing a permission notice.

Cllr Farrell proposed to make the Just Giving web site live with reference to the previous site. This was seconded by Cllr Simpson with all in favour.

A brief update was given following the meeting about the development at Oakes Site. The result was against the application. It appeared that not all of those from West Berkshire planning were aware of the car park situation. It became apparent that the site owners did own the 21 spaces in front of the development as they had been used as visitor parking.

Meeting ended at 7:40 pm

Meeting closed 8.10 pm