

# HUNGERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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**MINUTES** of the **Environment and Planning Committee** held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.00 pm in The Library, Hungerford.

**Present:** Cllrs Farrell, Winsor, Knight, Crane, Chicken, Brookman and Simpson.

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllrs Whiting and Hudson
2. **Declarations of interest** – Cllr Winsor (4b)
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018, also minutes from the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018** – *Cllr Winsor proposed both sets of minutes, seconded by Cllr Simpson, all in favour.*
4. **Planning Applications: -**
  - a) **18/00697/PAD56**  
**Cowbridge Underline Bridge, Lower Denford**  
**Network Rail**  
Prior approval, Replacement of underbridge, under Part 18 (development under local or private Acts or Order), Class A to Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015. Repair and refurbish the bridge as per the submitted drawings. Replacing the deck (including handrails), waterproofing the bridge and the addition of a walkway.  
**No comments as permitted development**
  - b) **18/00542/FUL**  
**95 and 96 High Street**  
**Nikki Cave**  
Change of use from residential summer house to wellbeing studio  
*Cllr Chicken proposed No Objections, seconded by Cllr Brookman, 2 abstentions (Cllrs Farrell and Winsor), rest in favour.*
  - c) **18/00731/HOUSE**  
**43 Fairview Road**  
**Mr and Mrs Fraser**  
Replacement single storey rear extension and conversion of existing attached garage. Replacement roof over single storey elements to convert from flat roof to hipped  
*Cllr Chicken proposed No Objections, seconded by Cllr Farrell, all in favour.*
  - d) **17/03339/FULD**  
**Hungerford Police Station, Park Street**  
**Mr Darke**  
Extension and conversion of the building to 4x two bedroom self-contained flats and 1x two-bedroom dwelling with associated works

Parking plan E was viewed and discussed. After consideration it was thought the view is not obscured by the bin store. Parking for 5 spaces is ok but a 6<sup>th</sup> space would mean reversing onto the road which is against the Highway Code.

*Cllr Brookman proposed Objection because of concerns about parking, seconded by Cllr Knight with an amendment that the unavailable document on the website should be forwarded to us, all in favour.*

e) **18/00806/HOUSE and 18/00807/LBC2**

**13 Bridge Street**

**Mr and Mrs Lloyd**

New ground window in south elevation

*Cllr Farrell proposed No Objections, seconded by Cllr Simpson, all in favour.*

**5. Case Officers Reports: - These were read out and noted**

**6. Review of the Action Plan/Strategy associated with Committee** – The Action plan was explained and copies handed out. The main item on the Action Plan is the Neighbourhood Plan. It was suggested the Hungerford 2036 Project Team should bring ideas to E&P rather than the other way around. There are enough Councillors on the Project Team for all Chairmen to be kept informed. The Plan should be community led and the community need to be kept informed. It is a chance for E&P to think in advance of ideas so they can contribute at the right time.

Cllr Crane met with Thames Valley Enterprise and they have a plan going forward which includes high broadband speeds and electric cars. We need to have a vision for the next 20 years.

It was suggested we look at population growth and work backwards. We need to have a policy to agree some housing in the AONB. **Action:** Add empty homes and premises to the Action Plan.

**7. Discussion over what the E&P Committee would like to see included in the Neighbourhood Plan i.e. affordable housing** – Cllr Farrell suggested looking at the provision of affordable housing and stopping developers from not complying with the process. Also mentioned was prioritising affordable housing for locals for a certain period. No sixth form at JOG School and the Primary school being full was another concern mentioned along with the travel cost that parents face with their children travelling to Newbury for sixth form every day.

The question was asked ‘what assistance do WBC give us as a Rural Service Centre?’

Also of concern is the Redwood/Linley Lodge development being on the outskirts of town and the residents not being in the town centre and is there sufficient chemists/surgeries for their needs.

**Action:** Committee members were asked to think about what they would like included in the NP.

Also any themes/trends that are apparent through the planning applications received, such as the amount of parking, should be passed to the Project Team.

**Meeting closed 7.55 pm**