

# HUNGERFORD TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the **Environment and Planning Committee** held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2015 at 7.00 pm in the Corn Exchange complex, Hungerford.

**Present:** Cllrs Wilson, Podger, Crane, Thompson, Brookman, Hudson, Farrell

1. **Apologies for absence.** Cllrs Benneyworth
2. **Declarations of interest.** none
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2014** - Cllr Crane proposed minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Farrell, 1 abstention, rest in favour.
4. **Planning Applications:-**
  - (a) **14/03092/HOUSE**  
Mr & Mrs Miles Young  
1 Wantage Road  
Proposed oak frame car port to front of house  
Cllr Hudson proposed **objection** due to the height and impact on neighbouring properties, seconded by Cllr Brookman, all in favour
  - (b) **14/03210/HOUSE**  
John Levey  
2 Parsonage Lane  
Replacement of existing rear porch with new entrance porch and WC. New conservation velux roof light to the front of the property  
Cllr Hudson proposed **no objection**, seconded by Cllr Brookman, all in favour
  - (c) **14/02961/COMIND**  
Sovereign Housing Assoc Ltd  
Redwood House  
Resurfacing existing green space with permeable block paving and to install smoking shelter and waste bin  
Cllr Hudson proposed **support** as it will provide a good amenity for the residents, seconded by Cllr Thompson, all in favour
5. **Case Officer's Reports:-** were noted
6. **Lettings Policy – Cllr Farrell.** Cllr Farrell has spoken to Kingsclere Parish Council who successfully allocated a new development of affordable houses to local people through co-operation between themselves, the District Council and the developers - so this can be done. However Kingsclere is a rural exception site, so policy allows affordable housing to be built on land outside the settlement boundary, which does not apply to Hungerford. Affordable

housing is made available at 80% of market value where social housing is 50%. HTC went through the same process when Penny Farthing Close was built, however the houses were not all allocated to Hungerford residents. This could have been because although there was a need, local people could not afford them. As a small town the Committee felt that Hungerford residents should get priority of any new affordable housing built in the town and a policy for this should be put in place. **Action:** Cllr Farrell to set up a meeting with Sovereign to ask them to allocate at least a 3 month window for Hungerford residents to buy the new homes built at Fairfields and Northview, Cllrs Wilson, Crane and Thompson also voiced interest to attend.

**Meeting closed at 7.35pm**