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Minutes of the **Environment and Planning Committee** held on 9th March 2015 at 7.00 pm in the Corn Exchange complex, Hungerford.

Present: Cllrs Wilson, Podger, Crane, Brookman, Hudson, Farrell, Thompson and Benneyworth. Also Rob Cox, Triangle Management Committee and Geoff Adams, Adviser.

- 1. Apologies for absence.** Cllrs Whiting
- 2. Declarations of interest.** Cllr Hudson as his wife drew up the plans and Cllr Thompson who as agent submitted the plans to WBC on behalf of Hungerford Theatre Company.
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2015 -** Cllr Crane proposed minutes as a true record, seconded by Cllr Brookman, all in favour

4. Planning Applications:-

(a) 15/00366/FUL

The Community of Hungerford Theatre Company
Triangle Field

Proposed installation of 4 x storage units on Triangle Field, Hungerford. Change of use of land from recreational and amenity to storage for theatrical equipment.

Cllr Brookman commented in view of an email letter of representation, he pointed out that in the Town Plan it states that the town should resist any move to convert existing sports grounds for other purposes, and it also states to promote and support local arts and societies. He also pointed out that The Town Plan was written before HTC were looking to purchase the Triangle Field. The proposed location of the containers are on what is currently waste ground (was outlined as car parking in a rugby club planning application 10 years ago). If the proposal goes ahead, this would mean increased income from the Triangle Field and the storage units will be under a lease, so if in the future the ground was needed for sporting facilities, the containers could be removed and on that basis Cllr Brookman proposed HTC should support the application. Cllr Farrell commented that the bund which is shown on the submitted plans will need to be removed before the containers can go in. The Triangle Field Management Committee are in full support on condition that the bund is removed. Cllr Crane proposed support subject to appropriate landscaping, seconded by Cllr Brookman, 2 non-voters due to declarations of interest, rest in favour.

(b) 15/00380/FUL & 15/00381/LBC2

Mr & Mrs Robert Johnston
29-30 Charnham Street

Proposed change of use of part of the ground floor and first floor from A1 to dwelling house – C3 with minor internal opening alterations to change from separate properties into one dwelling.

Cllr Crane proposed **no objections**, seconded by Cllr Brookman, all in favour.

- 5. Case Officers reports –** were noted.

- 6. Station Regeneration.** There is still lack of agreement with 1 party and Network Rail regarding access, however there is a number of potential developers in the pipeline and at least 1 interested party in the Police Station when it comes up for sale. Disappointingly, WBC Council Strategy does not mention the station area and have said that it would take at least 2 years until employment status can be changed, which all seems at odds with WBC Leader, Gordon Lundie who said he would give support. A further request to Richard Benyon MP for support and further hard work will continue.

Meeting closed at 7.40pm