

## Stratfield Mortimer Parish Plan Update

The Stratfield Mortimer Parish Plan was completed in early 2004 and adopted by West Berkshire Council in April 2004 (This can be viewed in the Parish Office/Library or downloaded from the Parish Council website). Since then the former Parish Plan Working Party have reviewed and updated the Action Plan on a 6/9 month basis and the Parish Council would like to thank members of that working party for their continued help and support in particular Gareth Price, Geoff Mayes, Philip Sinclair, Pete Blagden and the Clerk. They last met with Mrs Emma Lamb, Parish Plan Liaison Officer, West Berkshire Council on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November when the Action Plan was up-dated and reviewed. A number of the outstanding actions are now being/have been addressed or investigated such as Village Design Statement, community building on the Fairground, feasibility study into street lighting, reduction in speed limit on The Street and the introduction of SID (speed indicator device), additional funding for the Mortimer Link Bus, Parish Plan grant to purchase new Youth Shelter, new combination goal for the Fairground, safe route to St Mary's School, new railway station car park, , possible provision of social housing from the Rural Housing Trust, possible provision of additional part-funded Community Support Officer etc. West Berkshire Council now recommends that the Parish Council consider re-visiting the Parish Plan. Extracts from the current Action Plan document are set out below:

### Stratfield Mortimer Parish Plan - Action Plan

Action No.	Key Subject	Action Proposal	Proposed Action Agreed/Comments/Current Status	Start Date	Finish Date
1	Footpaths, Cycle Paths & Pavements	Investigate and recommend action on provision of a continuous path to St Mary's school and Mortimer station.	Not possible to achieve a continuous path so a controlled crossing to be installed east of Kiln Lane instead.	Sept 03	Done Oct 06
2	Footpaths, Cycle Paths & Pavements	Investigate and recommend action on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>extension of pavement in St Catherine's Hill</li> <li>provision of a pavement on Hammonds Heath.</li> </ul>	To be discussed with WBC to investigate footpath. Results of current traffic management survey may have an impact.	July 04	Dec 07
3	Footpaths, Cycle Paths & Pavements	Ensure pavements are well maintained, and investigate and take appropriate actions to reduce unacceptable levels of pavement obstruction	Traffic warden now visits the village regularly	July 04	Ongoing
4	Footpaths, Cycle Paths & Pavements	Investigate cycle paths to Willink and Mortimer station.	Agreed that action point 1 had priority over this project.	July 04	Ongoing
5	Communications	Establish a steering group of local editors and interested parties to implement the vision.	Parish Council communications committee has been established.	June 04	Done Jan 05
6	Communications	Investigate and recommend actions to provide facilities that enable people to exchange and feedback ideas, opinions and information.	To be considered	Jan 04	ongoing
7	Communications	Investigate innovative means of improving communications to inform people of activities and plans in the parish.	Now included in Parish Council newsletter.	Since start of PP	Ongoing
8	Communications	Develop and publish an introduction to the parish for newcomers informing them about services, facilities etc.	Investigating a Welcome to Mortimer /Information Pack	June 04	Dec 07
9	Communications	Produce a directory of services provided by people within the parish funded by advertising fees.	To be included in parish welcome pack covered in action point 8.	June 04	Dec 07

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10	Communications	Improve communications about and involvement in planning issues	PC now advises of all planning meetings on the parish council notice board. Plans are also available to be viewed in the Parish Office	April 04	Done Jan 05
11	Communications	Improve communications about actions of West Berkshire Council	Cllrs Lock/Harding summarise WBC activities at parish council meetings and this is put into the minutes which are displayed on notice boards and the parish website.	June 04	Done Jan 05
12	Communications	Inform residents as to the West Berkshire Councillors surgery.	Details are now on parish notice boards, on the parish website. Details are also included in P C Newsletter, the local Liberal Democrats newsletter and in Mortimer Life.	June 04	Done Jan 05
13	Crime Reduction	Establish a forum for police, residents and businesses to interchange information, to have a common view of the current situation and agree relevant actions.	Burghfield & Mortimer Neighbourhood Action Group now meeting bimonthly	May 03	Done Feb 05
14	Crime Reduction	Investigate case for parish policeman possibly shared with adjacent parishes.	Parish Council is looking at the possibility of sharing an additional PCSO with other parishes but there is an issue with cost. The police station at police house in Mortimer is due to reopen but will be manned by volunteers.	June 04	Mar 08
15	Crime Reduction	Investigate Installation of CCTV	This is part of a larger issue involves planning issues as well. As yet to be resolved.	June 04	June 07
16	Village Design Statement	Establish and fund a team to develop a professionally prepared design statement that encompasses the development of the total parish infrastructure e.g. its housing stock, environment, public spaces, public transport, traffic management.	Working party is working on the Village Design Statement.	Feb 05	June 07
17	Environment	a. Establish a volunteer programme for controlling litter, its creation and removal e.g. volunteer pick up groups b. businesses take responsibility for ensuring that their public frontages are kept clear.	a. Monthly group now meets to tidy up the Fairground. b. To be raised with businesses and with WBC.	July 03 Ongoing	Done Jan 05 Ongoing
18	Environment	Investigate problems with current recycling arrangements and recommend/initiate appropriate improvement actions.	Details to be worked out in consultation with the community and then discussed with WBC. WBC is currently working on plans to recycle 55% of waste in the next 1-2 years.	Feb 05	Dec 06
19	Environment	Investigate feasibility of community composting scheme possibly share with adjacent parishes.	Discussed and considered not feasible at the present moment.	Feb 05	Done Nov 06
20	Environment	Investigate where there is a problem with and seek and implement suitable solutions for: a. litter bins and b. dog litter bins.	a. 5 new litterbins installed on Fairground. b. 5 new dog bins installed Dec 06	June 04	Done
21	Environment	Investigate and recommend actions for the improvement of verge maintenance and quality (improved mowing, reducing damage by parked vehicles)	Parish Clerk is to monitor	Ongoing	Ongoing
22	Environment	Investigate revitalisation of the programme for maintaining and enhancing the wildlife ecology	Parish Council Fairground Committee in conjunction with the Pang Valley Countryside project covers these issues. Also monthly working party established.	Ongoing	Done Jan 05
23	Environment	Investigate developing action plans to increase the use of the fairground for the benefit of all parishioners. Enhance the look and feel of the fairground.	New facilities on fairground - multi sport facility, youth shelter etc New Stratfield Mortimer Community Centre	Ongoing Ongoing	Mar 07 Oct 07
24	Housing	Develop a design statement that is agreed with West Berkshire. (See action proposal 16)	See 16 above	Feb 05	June 07
25	Housing	Have an active pressure team to achieve the objectives of the village design statement and to monitor developments and to mount appropriate action if the agreed strategy is ignored.	Parish Council is very proactive in this area. The Village Design Statement will cover these issues.	Ongoing	Ongoing

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26	Leisure Activities & Facilities	a. Pavilion - Parish Council to seek volunteers and set up management committee to bring project to a conclusion.	a. A Community Interest Company has been set up to manage the Community Centre project.	Mar 04	Oct 07
		b. Recreational facilities	b. Being discussed	Mar 04	Oct 07
27	Leisure Activities & Facilities	Develop detailed proposals for the creation of	a. to be investigated.	Sept 04	Mar 07
		a. Youth development centre and youth council and implement agreed proposals. b. Agree programme for the provision of activities e.g. investigate the case for cycle track and skateboard park and put a business case to the Parish Council.	b. Parish Council are investigating these activities. Provision of multi sport facility, shelter, skateboard park for youth	June 04	Mar 07
28	Leisure Activities & Facilities	Fairground - develop a realistic programme for its development	Fairground Committee and CI C cover this point.	Ongoing	Done Jan 05 see 26 & 27
29	Leisure Activities & Facilities	Publish guidelines for use by parishioners wishing to create and maintain new social activities and identify what more if anything needs to be done to enable individuals to more easily initiate new activities.	Parish Council will support and advise any new organisation/activity on a self-help basis.	N/A	N/A
30	Leisure Activities & Facilities	a. Establish working group to investigate true need for adult education and produce a feasibility report.	a. To be discussed with Life long learning. WBC provide facilities in local area and parish council will get information out about facilities available and where.	July 04	Done Jan 05
		b. Investigate the potential to use Windmill Court as a community/drop in centre including the Parish Office.	b. Windmill Court now sold to Sovereign Housing thus will not happen.	N/A	Done June 06
31	Traffic Mgt	a. Investigate what can/should be done to bring about improvements in the school run. Consideration be given to operating a walking buses to school or provision of special public transport using the available grants for bus services.	a. WBC and St Mary's school undertook a survey in 2003 and are continuing to review the situation. St Mary's have now implemented their safer routes to school plan.	Spring 03	Ongoing
		b. additional parking at St Mary's school	b. being discussed		
32	Traffic Mgt	Conduct a professional risk analysis of traffic hazards within the parish	PC will rely on information from a second traffic management survey which is to be carried out.	Dec 04	Ongoing
33	Traffic Mgt	Determine what weight controls and access can be imposed and enforced by WBC and TVPA	Should be covered by survey noted in point 32.	Sept 04	Ongoing
34	Traffic Mgt	Investigate what can/should be done to bring about improvements in parking to reduce parking on pavements and enable residents to park close to their destination	Parish Council wrote to WBC in July 2006 about parking issues and are awaiting a response	June 04	Ongoing
35	Traffic Mgt	Investigate effective speed control measures (see road research findings);	SID is now being used in the village and may result in other speed controls. 6 councillors now trained to use SID equipment and do so regularly ) Speed limit on The Street is now 30mph on entire length and remove 40mph section ) 2 Vehicle Activated Signs applied for from West Berks ) ) ) Should be covered by survey noted in point 32.	June 04	Ongoing
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• utilises the 'Speed Indicator Device' to encourage adherence to speed limits</li> <li>• speed limit changes</li> <li>• traffic calming features such as chicanes and bumps</li> <li>• use of instrumentation that warns drivers of their speed.</li> <li>• speed cameras either fixed or hand held ones operated by residents as in other police authorities.</li> <li>• using parking on roadsides to act as a speed calming feature.</li> </ul>		Dec 04	Ongoing
36	Traffic Mgt	Develop road parking controls from the premise that there should be none except for reasons of public safety.	Should be covered by survey noted in point 32.	Dec 04	Done Dec 05

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37	Traffic Mgt	Investigate the possibility of making Victoria Road, Stephens Road and West End Road a one way system.	Officers at WBC state not practicable.	Dec 04	Done Dec 05
38	Public Transport	Undertake an origin and destination survey; investigate options, available grants for and economic viability of improving public transport services e.g. to Mortimer railway station.	Grant obtained from Countryside Agency for £10,000 towards improved mini bus service to the station to Feb 06. New funding has been obtained to continue service from March 06 until Feb 08.	Dec 04	Feb 08
39	Public Transport	Investigate extending car parking space at Mortimer railway station.	The provision of new car park on the north side of Mortimer station is being investigated. Talks have been held between PC/landowner and FGW to progress the project and raise finance.	Restart May 04	Mar 08
40	Public Transport	Determine constraints on car sharing, and seek to encourage where possible.	Could be actioned through point 6 above.	Sept 04	Done Jan 05
41	Social care	Determine the needs within the Parish and current services available to parishioners. Seek to plug gaps in the provision of needed services.	Provision of Social housing being discussed with Rural Housing Trust and a survey has been undertaken. Results being considered.	July 04	Ongoing
42	Other - Economic Activity	Encourage appropriate use of existing buildings for light engineering and office businesses.	To be covered in Village Design Statement		June 07
43	Other - Economic Activity	Develop a design statement that encourages appropriate development of local shops and services.	To be covered in the village design statement and/or Local Development Framework.	Feb 05	Sept 06
44	Other - Economic Activity	Investigate the opportunity to expand services to maintain/improve the environment funded by parishioners.	Being reviewed		Done see point 18/19
45	Other - Services	Investigate the case for improving a. road gritting and road side/street cleaning and b. street lighting.	a. Discussed with WBC and Improved gritting schedule now in place in Mortimer b. Feasibility study into street lighting is being carried out by a Parish Council working party	July 04	Ongoing June 07
46	Other- Economic Activity	Investigate how the present environment can be improved to encourage the creation of new and the development of existing shops and services.	To be covered in the Village Design Statement and/or Local Development Framework.	Feb 05	Sept 06