



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council  
Planning Committee meeting

Meeting held on Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019  
in the Parish Council office,  
27 Victoria Road, Mortimer, at 5.30pm

**Present:**

Councillors: Cllr. S. Beard, Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. S. Hill, Cllr. D. Ives, Cllr. L. Jones, Cllr. C. Lewis, Cllr. J. Wells, Mr. T. Barber (co-opted) and Mr. N. Kiley (co-opted)  
Assistant to Clerk: B. O'Reilly  
Public/Press: There were no members of the public and no members of the press present.

- 19/64 **To elect a Chairman of the meeting:**  
Cllr. M. Dennett was proposed by Cllr. Ives and seconded by Cllrs. Hill and Wells. Cllr. Dennett then was unanimously elected as Chairman of the meeting.
- 19/65 **Public Session:**  
None
- 19/66 **To receive Apologies:**  
Apologies were received from Cllrs. Morsley and Johnson.
- 19/67 **To receive Declarations of Interest:**  
None.
- 19/68 **To receive and approve the minutes for the Planning Committee meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019:**  
The Minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were received and APPROVED to be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.
- 19/69 **To receive any updates on the progress of the planning application for the Mortimer Station Car Park:**  
Mr. Kiley gave the Committee an update on the progress of the planning application and the recent meetings held with Englefield and Great Western Railways (GWR) during the past month. As the proposed car park had been increased in size to accommodate 150 vehicles, an additional topographical survey was now required for the planning application and the Parish Council was awaiting GWR's confirmation that it would cover this cost.  
It was now understood the planning application could be with West Berkshire Council before Christmas.
- 19/70 **To review any updates on the Planning Application for MOR006 (Land south of Tower Gardens):**  
West Berkshire Council has now approved the application relating to Phase I of the development (covering the first 28 dwellings) and it was noted that there were several conditions attached to the decision which covered concerns that the Parish Council had raised with WBC. As these conditions would require further consultation before building started, these would be tracked by the Parish office for follow up and to ensure the Committee were able give any feedback necessary on each to West Berkshire Council.  
It was noted that West Berkshire Council has not placed any condition preventing individual property owners replacing grass by artificial grass as requested by SMPC. As artificial grass would not be compatible with biodiversity on the development, the committee agreed that the developer be approached to consider setting this restriction as a covenant on the property buyers.

19/71 **To receive any updates on the Biodiversity and Green Space project for MOR006 (Land south of Tower Gardens):**

Although the Parish Council will be consulted on the plans for the 3ha of green space on the site when the developer submits their plans, the Committee was advised that they had not yet responded to the Parish Council's letter.

Further to the enquiry made to Englefield Estate about the possibility of a permissive path through adjacent farmland to access Summerlug from the development, Englefield had advised it was up to the tenant farmer and the Parish Council would seek Englefield's permission to approach the farmer directly.

19/72 **To consider the following planning applications:**

<b><u>Application No.</u></b>	<b><u>Location</u></b>	<b><u>Proposal</u></b>
19/02383/FULD	24 King Street, Mortimer Common, Reading RG7 3RS	New garage unit (domestic) with 3 x 2 bed flats over
The Committee was advised that this planning application has been invalidated by West Berkshire Council and comments were no longer required at this stage.		
19/02497/HOUSE	6 Bilberry Gardens, Mortimer, Reading RG7 3WU	Single storey rear extension.
<b><u>SMPC Comments:</u></b> No objections		

19/73 **Minor Matters for Information Only:**

- The Finance & General Purposes Committee have requested all Committees to review their current Terms of Reference and this would be an item put onto a future agenda for this Committee to consider in November.
- Mr. Barber advised the Committee that, although not legally binding, the Government has issued a new National Design Plan document which would be distributed to members of the Committee for their reference.
- Cllr. Ives would endeavour to supply further information for the enforcement enquiry reference 19/00494/15UNAU opened by West Berkshire Council.

The meeting closed at 6.07pm.