

Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council



Minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council Meeting

held on 23rd October 2017 @ 6.00 pm

at Mortimer Methodist Church, West End Road, Mortimer

Present:

Councillors: Cllr. J. Earl (Chairman), Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. J. Bull, Cllr. N. Carter, Cllr. P. Challis, Cllr. D. Ives, Cllr. N. Kiley, Cllr. D. Kilshaw, Cllr. C. Lewis, Cllr. M. Lock, Cllr. T. Reade, Cllr. A. Richardson, Cllr. P. Wingfield.

Clerk: Haydn Selwyn-Jones – Parish Clerk

Public/Press: There was 0 members of the public, District Cllr. G. Bridgman and no members of the press present.

17/166	Public Questions: None	
17/167	To receive any apologies for absence: Cllr. K. Johnson	
17/168	To receive any declarations of interest and dispensations: Cllrs. N. Kiley and C. Lewis declared a personal interest in item 17/169 as members of the Mortimer Cricket Club and Cllr. A. Richardson declared a personal interest in item 17/169 as member of the Mortimer Tennis Club.	
17/169	<p>To receive a report on proposed Members Bid projects and decide on which to proceed with.</p> <p>Cllr T. Reade opened the discussion by summarising the setting up of the Working Group at the 12th October Full Council Meeting to consider the proposals coming forward for applications of funding from West Berkshire Council in support of Community Projects and to make recommendations' on what bids should supported, if any.</p> <p>The proposals being recommended were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Provide an electricity supply to the Tennis Court Area. 2 Provide a Tennis Court booking and access system. 3 Provide 2 x Portable Floodlights to the APMF. <p>Proposals not being recommended at this moment were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Provision of a grey water system for the Community Centre. 2 Provision of an all-weather practice wicket for the Cricket Club. <p>The total provisional cost of the projects proposed for support coming to £16,100.</p> <p>A Member's Bid application for matched funding was being proposed for £9,000 to provide a total project fund, allowing for contingency, of £18,000 with the Council committing to matched funding of £9,000 from S106 funding.</p> <p>A full and detailed discussion then took place, which ranged from:</p> <p><u>Tennis Courts:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Potential other usage of the tennis courts such as Netball and other potential sporting activities. 2 The potential driving up of usage by electronic Booking and access system. 	

	<p>3 The need to ensure other options were available for those who could not access the Booking & Access System</p> <p>4 The electricity supply enhancing the coaching opportunities with the use of a Ball Machine and use of lighting.</p> <p><u>APMF Portable Flood Lighting:</u></p> <p>1 The actual ownership of the 2 x portable floodlights – SMPF or APMF. This is currently under discussion.</p> <p>2 The potential benefit to the whole community such as on the Fairground or elsewhere.</p> <p>3 Concern was expressed as to the moving the portable flood lighting around the Village.</p> <p><u>The Electricity Supply:</u></p> <p>1 Was the best access point the Car Park pole mounted distribution block or the recently installed box in the Conservation Area – the answer to which was the Car Park pole as less distance to lay cable.</p> <p><u>Members Bid:</u></p> <p>1 The question was raised as to the benefits of applying for all 3 projects for funding as one application. This was answered by the information that this could be set as a prioritised application, but the indications are that the application could well be supported.</p> <p>Cllr. J. Earl proposed, seconded by Cllr N. Kiley, that The Council should submit a Members Bid application for £9,000 as matched funding for the electricity supply to the fenced fairground activity area, the provision of an electronic booking and access system to the same area and of 2 x portable floodlights for the APMF and potential for the Village, to facilitate multiple sports on the fenced fairground activity area, which was AGREED by 10 votes for and 3 abstentions due to declarations of interest.</p>	
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The next meeting is on 9th November 2017.

The meeting closed at 6:45 pm.