



## Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

### NDP Community Projects Committee Meeting

Meeting held on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017 in The Parish Council Office  
27 Victoria Road (behind the Library), Mortimer at 7:00pm

**Present:**

Councillors: Cllr. P. Wingfield (Chairman), Cllr. D. Ives, Cllr. D. Kilshaw, Cllr. T. Reade, Mr. T. Barber, Mrs. D. Morsley.

Clerk: Haydn Selwyn-Jones (Parish Clerk)

Public/Press: There were 0 members of public present and 0 members of the Press

<b>17/107</b>	<b>Public Session</b> None.	
<b>17/108</b>	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Apologies were received from Cllr. J. Earl, Cllr. N. Carter, Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. N. Kiley, Mrs S. Carter	
<b>17/109</b>	<b>To receive from Members, in respect of any items included on the agenda for this meeting, disclosure of any interests in line with the Parish Council's Code of Conduct and gifts and hospitality in line with Government legislation:</b> None.	
<b>17/110</b>	<b>Matters arising from the NDP Community Projects Committee meeting minutes dated 5th September 2017:</b> Mrs. D. Morsley questioned whether future meetings could be held on a Tuesday and the Clerk is to arrange this.	
<b>17/111</b>	<b>To receive progress updates on active projects:</b> <b>Project 9. 'Extension of Station Car Park'</b> – Cllr N. Kiley & Mr. T. Barber The written report from Cllr. N. Kiley was received and noted. Cllr P. Wingfield advised that Cllr. N. Kiley was concerned at the progress of this project and the negative concerns expressed by officers at West Berkshire Council on certain issues discussed at the pre-planning meeting were not helping. These concerns could be resolved quickly if SMPC paid for 2 surveys to answer the concerns being expressed and it was proposed that this should be brought to Full Council. <b>Project 12. &amp; 13. 'Extension of Fairground Facilities and Sports Facilities'</b> – Cllr. T. Reade Cllr. T. Reade reported that positive progress had been made following the meeting held on 10th October with a number of sports organisations interested in being part of the overall project to deliver sporting and leisure activity into the Village. The Consultants that have been contracted to support the project are validating the ideas put forward and the Members Bid for portable flood lights for use on the APMF and possible use on the Fairground and electricity and an electronic access and booking system for the Tennis Court area. Their initial report is expected on the 1 <sup>st</sup> week of December. Cllr. P. Wingfield questioned as to what the next step would be and was advised that the report, which will contain details on costs, sports bodies potential involvement and available grants, needs to be considered first before next steps can be considered.	

In answer to the question as to how contact was to be maintained with all those who took part in the October meeting, this is being handled by regular updates and there will be further relevant meetings.

**Project 27. & 30. 'Identify Heritage Sites and Develop a Mortimer Heritage Trail'** – Cllr. D. Ives (Liaising with Roads, Footpaths and Commons Committee)

Cllr. D. Ives reported that there was now regular positive use of the Heritage Trails and the new mark 2 trail notes had proved better and easier to use.

**Item 6 – Schools** – Cllr. P. Wingfield, Mr. T. Barber

Mr. T. Barber advised that a meeting had been had with the WBC Schools Dept. There is a need to await the update on School places required, which is currently being worked on, before meaningful talks could take place. The points were, however, made that WBC are short of Budget, that WBC are not currently considering shared services between Burghfield and Mortimer and that all new schools now needed to be Free Schools.

Talks have been had with the Headmaster of St. John's School and the matter is now being referred to their Governors.

**Item 14 – Traffic Management** – Cllr. P. Wingfield

Cllr. P. Wingfield reported that the Zebra was now in use and that SID have been in place recently, but no data reports have been from WBC yet.

There had been several suggestions on traffic management from the public as a result of the NDP Newsletter.

An immediate action could be an audit of Street Furniture throughout the Village to see what can be changed or removed.

Cllr. D. Kilshaw raised the question of Traffic Calming, which is a major concern of Village social media communications and was advised by Cllr. P. Wingfield that the outcome of the SID reports needs to be awaited as the view of those who handled the SID surveys was that speeding, in general, was not a serious issue, but there were clearly some that were speeding but this needs to be confirmed.

Cllr. D. Kilshaw expressed his view that a positive Communications program needs to be in place and should include getting the views of the Village through a forum perhaps.

**Project 17. – Provision of Footpath and Cycleway Connecting Mortimer and Burghfield** – Cllr D. Kilshaw

Cllr. D. Kilshaw presented a paper on a possible new footpath and cycleway route between Mortimer and Burghfield, providing what could be a safe walking and cycling route to and from the Willink School, which was discussed in depth.

The outcomes from the discussion were:

- 1 To consider a public forum.
- 2 Cllr. D. Kilshaw and The Clerk need to discuss ways of establishing landownership along the route.
- 3 Need to consider the Value/Cost ratio of the proposed route.
- 4 Need to establish the knowledge that it will work in meeting widths alongside roads and other safety aspects.
- 5 Need to establish an approximate cost, which can be done from cost data already available, to present to Council.
- 6 Project report to be prepared for presentation to Council at the December meeting.

**Project 3 Tree Preservation Order** – Mrs. D. Morsley

Mrs. D. Morsley reported that the NDP Newsletter had caused some concerns about the Tree Preservation Order (TPO) proposals and meetings have been held to discuss matters.

The proposal is that a new TPO should be requested for the West of The Site, which is not already covered by a TPO.

	<p>The next step is also, perhaps, to consider a further TPO to create a wildlife corridor.</p> <p>It was proposed that a report be presented to the Council, at the December meeting, to establish whether the Council would be mindful of extending the current proposals for a TPO and how this should be communicated to the Village.</p> <p>Discussion then took place regarding other possible TPOs and establishing other permitted footpaths, which the Chairman decided constituted a further project.</p> <p><b>Biodiversity and Green Space Projects – Mr. T. Barber</b></p> <p>Mr. T. Barber advised that a small group had been setup, which had already met with very positive outcomes.</p> <p>The first steps need to be the creating of a base line of wishes and needs for all the green places in the Village and carrying out of a survey of flora and fauna of back gardens, which would result in a positive involvement from the community.</p> <p>The Committee was reminded that there is already an active Mortimer Wildlife Facebook page and there is also a large area at the bottom of The Site that could be of prime consideration.</p> <p>It is also understood that potential funding is available for such projects that involve the Schools, on an educational basis, to collect the data needed.</p>	
<b>17/112</b>	<p><b>Update on Project Consultancy progress:</b></p> <p>Cllr. P. Wingfield proposed that there is a need for further project consultancy funding:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 To provide 2 further survey reports in support of the planning process for The New Station Car Park project.</li> <li>2 To carry out the professional work needed for The Bio-Diversity project.</li> <li>3 To carry out any necessary professional work to progress the Provision of Footpath and Cycleway Connecting Mortimer and Burghfield project</li> </ol> <p>and that a motion be brought, for consideration, to the November meeting of The Council that the NDP Community Projects Committee be permitted to commission further professional bodies to provide necessary surveys to facilitate the progress of the three above mentioned projects up to a total cost of £10,000.</p>	
<b>17/113</b>	<p><b>To consider and outline the strategy for developing projects, including vision, budgets and a three year plan:</b></p> <p>The Appendix of the report issued a year ago was considered again and found to be appropriate subject to amendments as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Add “seed corn funding in order to establish whether a project is viable or not”.</li> <li>2 Add a “3 year time-line before selecting projects”.</li> </ol>	
<b>17/114</b>	<p><b>Minor matters for information only:</b></p> <p>None</p>	
<b>17/115</b>	<p><b>Items for Communications</b></p> <p>Communicate regarding the benefits to the community of the items on the minutes.</p>	
<b>17/116</b>	<p><b>Proposed agenda items:</b></p> <p>None</p>	
The meeting closed at 20:45		