



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

NDP Community Projects Committee Meeting

Meeting held on Monday 24th July 2017 in The Parish Council Office
27 Victoria Road (behind the Library), Mortimer at 7:00pm

Present:

Councillors: Cllr. P. Wingfield, Cllr. D. Ives, Cllr. N. Carter, Cllr. N. Kiley, Mr. T. Barber, Mrs S. Carter, Mrs. D. Morsley.

Clerk: H. Selwyn-Jones (Parish Clerk) and Mrs. L. Hannawin

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

17/86	<p>Public Session None.</p>	
17/87	<p>Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. J. Earl</p>	
17/88	<p>Declarations of Interest: None.</p>	
17/89	<p>Matters arising from Minutes of last meeting dated 3rd April 2017: Apologies were given by the Clerk and Cllr. N. Carter that no action had been taken regarding Item 17/85.</p>	
17/90	<p>To receive progress updates on active projects: Project 9. 'Extension of Station Car Park'– Cllr N. Kiley & Mr. T. Barber Cllr. N. Kiley advised that progress had slowed down due to the disappointing response given the pre-application discussions with the WBC Planning Officer who just repeated the responses previously given for the refusal of the earlier Planning Application, disregarding the new layouts and actions taken to mitigate the previous concerns. Cllr. N. Kiley has been advised that the planning application will be called in so that District Councillors will make the decision. In order to show that the current proposals mitigate the original objections, a number of additional surveys are being considered. An initial parking survey has been done, to be paid for by the Council, which has resulted in some questions being raised which have still to be answered. Cllr. N. Carter recalled a very useful survey carried out by WBC a few years ago, which gave a large amount of information regarding the Station Car Park. Cllr. P. Wingfield asked whether the slipping timescale would affect the Council getting the D.O.T. funding for the project at the end of the year. Cllr. N. Kiley indicated that GWR have indicated that time pressures no longer apply. Cllr. P. Wingfield then asked whether the Council was expected to pay for the other proposed surveys or would GWR be paying for them. Cllr. N. Kiley responded by advising that there was no firm commitment by GWR yet on this and he was still talking to them. Cllr. P. Wingfield then asked whether the whole project was on course to be delivered. Cllr. N. Kiley expressed his confidence that it would be delivered and that the crucial meeting with WBC to demonstrate that the original reasons for the earlier refusal of Planning Permission had been fully addressed was due in the next 4-6 weeks.</p>	

	<p>The Clerk expressed his concern that the Council would be expected to pay a further un-budgeted sum of £10K, on top of the already committed un-budgeted sum of £15K before planning permission, which may possibly be refused again.</p> <p>Project 12. & 13. ‘Extension of Fairground Facilities and Sports Facilities’ – Cllr. L. Jones (Liaising with Fairgrounds, Trees and Amenities Committee)</p> <p>Cllr. L. Jones is no longer on the Committee and Mrs. L. Hannawin (Admin Assistant), who had started helping with this project, reported that 24 community based sporting based providers had been identified and contacted. 8 have responded with their interest and the others are being followed up.</p> <p>A kick-off meeting needs to be arranged as soon as possible, possibly mid-September, which was AGREED and Mrs. L. Hannawin was requested to proceed.</p> <p>It was also AGREED that Mrs. D. Morsley would lead this project for the kick of meeting behalf of the Council and that Cllr. P. Wingfield would also attend.</p> <p>Project 27. & 30. ‘Identify Heritage Sites and Develop a Mortimer Heritage Trail’ – Cllr. D. Ives (Liaising with Roads, Footpaths and Commons Committee)</p> <p>Cllr. P. Wingfield made it clear that various amendments had been circulating for some time now and it was now time for a decision, as to whether further amendments were going to be sought or made, needed to be made and that Cllr. D. Ives would make the decision so that printing an A4 paper version could be done without any further delay, going with what we have got, for distribution via Baobab and the Library and an e-version for the website.</p> <p>Item 6 – Schools – Cllr. P. Wingfield, Mr. T. Barber</p> <p>Mr. T. Barber reported that nothing further had taken place and asked the question as to whether the schools should be pushed further on this or should be left a while and approaches made to Oxford Diocese.</p> <p>The Clerk indicated that he had access to contacts at the Diocese and would get try to some names for contact.</p> <p>Item 14 – Traffic Management – Cllr. P. Wingfield</p> <p>Cllr. P. Wingfield reported that Pedestrian Crossing was being put in shortly and that WBC would then planning to do some speed checks to determine whether there is a need for a regulated 20mph zone or not. Options will then be considered.</p>	
17/91	<p>Review of last year’s progress</p> <p>Discussion identified that whilst some progress had been made – The Heritage Trail and The Station Car Park, the reality was that little had been achieved.</p> <p>It was clear that ownership by people who want and are able to make things happen needs to be obtained.</p>	
17/92	<p>Discussion on way forward:</p> <p>Project 3 ‘Tree Preservation Order’. – Mrs. D. Morsley, which had been held until after the referendum on the NDP, could now proceed.</p> <p>Cllr. P. Wingfield proposed that the members of the Committee should seed the projects which then be run by a wider group of “Community Champions”.</p> <p>This could be promoted by a special Magazine edition for “Big Feel Projects” (BFPs) to focus minds and a community way of working.</p> <p>In discussion both Mrs. S. Carter and Mr. T. Barber proposed BFPs of Sports Facilities and Bio Diversity, with Cllr. P. Wingfield stressing that a far more professional approach, taking on the concept of professional consultants supporting the development of strategy, needed to be taken and “Green Projects” would be an ideal start for a mid-September Newsletter.</p>	

	In order to facilitate this, it was AGREED to request Full Council to approve an initial budget of £5,000 as a starter for the hire of professional consultants to assist with the strategy for projects which fall within our scope as a Council without a General Power of Competence.	
17/93	Co-option: With the co-option as Councillors of Cllr. D. Kilshaw and Cllr. T. Reade, who have both indicated that they would be keen to serve on the NDP Community Projects Committee, there was no need to consider further co-options.	
17/94	Minor matters for information only: None	
17/95	Items for Communications Heritage Trails delivery – next week	
17/96	Proposed agenda items: 1. Deferred to next meeting: Using the SMPC Facebook and website to launch a PP Information programme on Community Projects progress and need to get involved. Cllr. N. Carter and the Clerk were asked to prepare a paper on this. 2. Green Spaces registering: The Clerk, with the support of Cllr. C. Lewis, were requested to progress this for next meeting.	
The meeting closed at 8:45pm		