



## Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

### Planning Committee Meeting

Meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2017 in the Parish Council Office, 27 Victoria Road, Mortimer at 6.15pm

**Present:**

Councillors: Cllr. M. Dennett (Chairman), Cllr. D. Ives, Cllr. N. Kiley, Cllr. P. Wingfield, Cllr. C. Lewis.

Admin Assistant: L. Hannawin

Public/Press: 1 Member of the Public - at 6.35pm - and 0 Members of the Press present.

17/27 **To receive Apologies**

Cllr. J. Earl

17/28 **Public Session**

Martin Winter attended at 6.35pm but on hearing the Committee had made 'No Objections' to 17/01695/HOUSE he left forthwith.

17/29 **To receive Declarations of Interest**

None

17/30 **To receive and approve the minutes for the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Received and **APPROVED** to be signed as a true record of the meeting

17/31 **To consider the following planning applications:**

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
17/01695/HOUSE	7 King Street Mortimer RG7 3RS	Proposed first floor rear extension and internal alterations
<u>Comments:</u> No objections		
17/01814/HOUSE	20 Windmill Road Mortimer RG7 3RN	Side infill extension to first floor
<u>Comments:</u> No objections to the proposed infill extension. However, the Committee is confused over the proposed two parking spaces and by WBC's Highways response. The application form states: Under 5 – no change to pedestrian and vehicle access Under 7 – no trees or hedges to be felled or pruned Under 8 – no change to existing car parking arrangements The plan shows 3 no 2.5m by 5m bays at the right hand side of the property. The photograph below shows that two of these are in the gravel drive to the side of the house, which is shown on the plan as part of the property. The third one is shown partly in front of the house straddling the current hedge.		



This does not make sense, perhaps the parking spaces are shown wrongly on the plan. There appears to be more than adequate parking at the side and rear of the property. The proposed infill is not changing the number of bedrooms.

WBC Highways response includes:

*“HIGH12 - Parking/turning in accord with plans (YHA24) - The use shall not commence until the vehicle parking and/or turning space have been surfaced, marked out and provided in accordance with the approved plan(s). The parking and/or turning space shall thereafter be kept available for parking (of private motor cars and/or light goods vehicles) at all times.”*

Given the actual appearance of the site we suggest this is not appropriate. Even if the parking spaces are in the driveway it would seem unnecessary for them to be surfaced and marked out. Gravel drives and parking spaces are very common in Mortimer and this area and are preferred by the committee on grounds of appearance and in reducing potential rainfall runoff.

The Committee request that clarification is sought on the parking arrangements.

17/01832/HOUSE	31 King Street Mortimer RG7 3RS	Replacement of existing flat roof with proposed tiled pitched roof.
<u>Comments:</u> No objections		
17/01919/FULD	Land at Loves Wood Mortimer	Section 73: Variation of Condition 2: Approved plans and removal of Condition 4: Code For Sustainable Homes, of approved application 14/02378/FULD
<u>Comments:</u> No objections		

The meeting closed at 6.46pm