



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Roads, Footpaths and Commons Committee Meeting

held on Tuesday 17th April 2018 @ 7.00 pm

at The Parish Council Office, 27 Victoria Road, Mortimer. RG7 3SH

Present:

Councillors: Cllr. D. Ives (Chairman), Cllr. N. Carter (arrived at 7:37), Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. S. Hill, Cllr. K. Johnson, Cllr. D. Kilshaw, Cllr. C. Lewis, Co-opted Dist. Cllr. G. Bridgman (non-voting)

Clerk: Lynn Hannawin – Deputy Parish Clerk

Public/Press: Two members of the public were present and no members of the press.

18/43	Public Questions: Mr Robinson was attending in relation to agenda item 18/45 and the footpath that runs from Windmill Road through to The Bevers. He made the following points: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The footpath is owned by the two cottages in Windmill Road to the left of the footpath and although it is not a public right of way, the owners allow the public to use it and maintain it for this purpose. They would like the status of the footpath to remain as it currently is. The area of land at the end of the footpath, where the new development is, does not have a right of way across it. 	
18/44	To receive any apologies for absence: Cllr. P. Wingfield.	
18/45	To receive any declarations of interest and dispensations: None	
#	Cllr. D. Ives proposed that agenda item 18/48 be discussed next and this was AGREED .	
18/48	To receive an update on the Footpath Registration Project and decide on action to be taken: Cllr. C. Lewis explained the obligation to register any footpath, that is clearly being used as a footpath but is not currently on the Definite Map and Statement, with West Berkshire Council. Any unrecorded footpath and bridleway, created before 1949 cannot be recorded after 1 January 2026. As part of the registration process, legislation must be followed, and a number of tests need to be passed. Cllr. C. Lewis will provide information on the legislation and registration process, for the Deputy Clerk to forward to Mr Robinson. Cllr. M. Dennett thanked Mr Robinson for keeping the path clear. Proposed by Cllr. C. Lewis and seconded by Cllr. K. Johnson, it was AGREED unanimously to proceed with the registering the three footpaths previously identified.	CL
18/46	To receive and approve the Minutes of the Roads, Footpaths and Commons Committee Meeting of 23rd January 2018: Received and APPROVED to be signed as a true record of the meeting.	
18/47	To receive and approve the quote for replacing the bollards in the West End Road Car Park:	

	Proposed by Cllr. D. Kilshaw and seconded by Cllr. C. Lewis, it was AGREED unanimously to proceed with the quote for replacing the bollards in the West End Road car park.	Deputy Clerk
18/48	To receive an update on the Footpath Registration Project and decide on action to be taken: Discussed above.	
18/49	To receive an update on the Mortimer to Burghfield Footpath Project: Cllr. D. Kilshaw reported that the project is currently on hold whilst an attempt is made to make contact with the landowner of the common towards Burghfield Common. Wokefield Parish Council have been contacted but have expressed no particular interest in the project. Cllr. D. Kilshaw is looking at potential sources of funding for the project.	
18/50	To receive an update on the Commons Registration Project and decide on action to be taken: Cllr. C. Lewis has requested plans of the commons but has received no response. It was AGREED for Dist. Cllr. G. Bridgman to assist with obtaining this information from WBC and Cllr. C. Lewis will forward on the relevant email.	CL GB
18/51	To receive an update on the overgrown footpaths and decide on action to be taken: It was AGREED for Cllr. C. Lewis to take photos of the problem footpaths and for these to be sent to WBC, along with an explanation, to establish the action that can be taken.	CL Deputy Clerk
18/52	To receive an update on the dropped kerb pavement outside Mortimer Café, Victoria Road and decide on action to be taken: Cllr. D. Kilshaw has met with the owner of Mortimer Café and explained the issues and what SMPC wish to achieve. The café owners are concerned, however, that any action taken will prevent cars from parking outside and negatively affect their business. In order to establish the definitive position as to the boundaries of the private land in relation to the footpath and the road, it was AGREED for the Deputy Clerk to obtain the filed plan from the Land Registry - Dist. Cllr. G. Bridgman to advise. The Deputy Clerk will send all previous correspondence about the kerb, with WBC, to Dist. Cllr. G. Bridgman.	Deputy Clerk GB
18/53	To receive an update on the path alongside St John's School and grassy area close to the pedestrian crossing and decide on action to be taken. Cllr. D. Ives reported that following an email correspondence with Chris Vidler, WBC are intending to widen the footpath. Cllr. D. Ives replied, stressing the need for the widening to include the whole length of the footpath from the end of the garden of the Horse and Groom to the entrance of Mortimer St John's School.	
18/54	To receive an update on the replacement of the Village Noticeboards: The Assistant to the Clerk has found some potentially suitable noticeboards that have a wooden frame and a healable rubber inner and is currently exploring other alternatives.	

18/55	<p>To review the Roads, Footpaths and Commons Committee's budget spend for the year 2018-2019:</p> <p>Further to the Full Council meeting of the 12th April 2018, the major potential cost will be purchasing Speed Indicator Devices (SID) as part of this round of WBC's Members' Bids, which SMPC will match fund up to £5000.00 if the bid is successful. Further to a discussion of the available options, it was AGREED to apply for 1 x portable Mini SID, 1 x ANPR SID and 4 x mounting kits. Cllr. D. Kilshaw will obtain a quote for the equipment for forwarding to Dist. Cllr. G. Bridgman by Tuesday 24th April.</p>	DK
18/56	<p>To decide on communications following on from this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The replacement of the bollards in West End Road car park • The proposed widening of the footpath alongside Mortimer St Johns. 	NC
18/57	<p>Minor Matters for information only:</p> <p>Dist. Cllr. G. Bridgman enquired if SMPC had been influential in replacing the stiles near Pitfield Lane with gates, but this is not the case.</p> <p>Cllr. S. Hill reported that the sleepers leading to the field opposite the APMF are damaged. He will report it to Streetcare.</p>	SH
18/58	<p>Future Agenda items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replacement of the information signs on the Fairground. <p>Cllr. D. Ives reported that he will not be standing as Chair of Roads, Footpaths and Commons again and thanked everyone for their input.</p>	

The meeting closed at 8:37pm