



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council
Planning Committee meeting

Meeting held on Thursday, 29th August 2019
in the Parish Council office,
27 Victoria Road, Mortimer, at 5.30pm

Present:

Councillors: Cllr. D. Morsley (Chairman), Cllr. S. Beard, Cllr. S. Hill, Cllr. D. Ives, Cllr. C. Lewis, Cllr. J. Wells, Mr. N. Kiley and Mr. T. Barber (co-opted)
Assistant to Clerk: B. O'Reilly
Public/Press: There were no members of the public or press present.

- 19/45 **To receive Apologies:**
Apologies were received from Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. K. Johnson and Cllr. L. Jones.
- 19/46 **Public Session:**
None.
- 19/47 **To receive Declarations of Interest:**
None.
- 19/48 **To receive and approve the minutes for the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday, 8th August 2019:**
Cllr. Morsley advised that under 19/42 the letter to the Development Control Officer Manager at WBC was not received and was resent again at the end of last week.
The Minutes were received and APPROVED to be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.
- 19/49 **To receive any updates on the progress of the planning application for the Mortimer Station Car Park:**
Further to a meeting held with representatives from Great Western Railway, Englefield Estates, ProVision and Stuart Michael Associates on 28th August, Mr. Kiley advised the Committee that outstanding issues were discussed and parties had agreed to move forward with the planning application for the station car park development on the eastern side of the railway station. Preparation of the current drawings and supporting documentation were in hand, and submission of the application could now take place in late October. It was noted that this planning application would be called in and considered by the Eastern Area Planning Committee at WBC as Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council was the applicant.
The parties would meet again in late September for updates on progress.
Mr. Kiley advised that GWR indicated there is no longer any commitment for the electrification of the Reading/Basingstoke line which removes some concerns from the current car park plans.
- 19/50 **To review any updates and progress of the Planning Application and receive any updates on the Biodiversity and Green Space project for MOR006 (17/03004/OUTMAJ):**
Cllr. Morsley presented a report on the meeting she and Mr. Barber had with TA Fisher last week to discuss the Acorn Ecology report recommendations and the developer's biodiversity and green space plans across the development. There were several points in the ecology report which it was noted may not be practicable, but the developer was willing to meet as many of the recommendations as possible.
Cllr. Morsley and Mr. Barber are due to meet with West Berkshire Council next week to confirm whether WBC can provide the biodiversity-friendly maintenance regime the Public Open Space (POS) will need and to enquire about the option of the Parish Council adopting

the POS. They will report back to the Planning Committee with details and what steps would be required for making a recommendation to the Full Council.

The Committee expressed interest in approaching Full Council for approval to write to Englefield Estate to enquire about the installation of a permissive footpath through the bottom south west of the development linking to Summerlug.

19/51 **To consider the following planning applications:**

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
19/01985/HOUSE	29 St Johns Road, Mortimer Common, Reading RG7 3TR	Single storey rear extension
<u>SMPC Comments:</u> No objections.		
19/02030/HOUSE	47 The Avenue, Mortimer Common, Reading RG7 3QU	First floor extension and front porch extension
<u>SMPC Comments:</u> No objections.		

19/52 **Minor Matters for Information Only:**

Further to a query raised by a resident through Cllr. Hill, the Parish Council office will write to West Berkshire Council for clarification on the issue of services being installed into an exterior garden shed.

The meeting closed at 6.10pm.