



## Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting held on Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019  
in the Parish Council Office, 27 Victoria Road, Mortimer, at 5.30pm

### **Present:**

Councillors: Cllr. S. Beard, Cllr. M. Dennett and Cllr. J. Wells

Assistant to Clerk: B. O'Reilly

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

- The start of the meeting was delayed until 5.45pm.
- 19/53 **To elect Chairman of the meeting:**  
Cllr. M. Dennett was unanimously elected as Chairman of the meeting.
- 19/54 **Public Session:**  
None.
- 19/55 **To receive Apologies for Absence:**  
Apologies were received from Cllr. D. Morsley, Cllr. S. Hill, Cllr. C. Lewis, and Cllr. L. Jones.
- 19/56 **To receive any Declarations of Interest:**  
None.
- 19/57 **To receive and approve the minutes for the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2019:**  
Cllrs. Beard and Wells agreed that the minutes were a true record of the meeting and were duly received for approval to be signed by the Chairman of the Committee.
- 19/58 **To receive any updates on the progress of the planning application for the Mortimer Station Car Park:**  
There were no updates to report since the meeting of the Full Council on 12<sup>th</sup> September. It was noted that Mr. N. Kiley would be meeting again with representatives from Great Western Railway and Englefield Estate on Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> September and would report back to the Committee.
- 19/59 **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):**  
There were no updates to report since the meeting of the Full Council on 12<sup>th</sup> September – item 19/95.
- 19/60 **To review any updates on the Biodiversity and Green Space project for MOR006:**  
There were no updates to report since Cllr. Morsley's and Mr. Barber's update at the meeting of the Full Council on 12<sup>th</sup> September – item 19/95.
- 19/61 **To review Policy Consultant E-Briefing 10-19 – 5G Mobile Coverage in Rural Areas and AGREE any comments for NALC:**

Further to discussion on the Government Consultation document 'Proposed reforms to permitted development rights to support the deployment of 5G and extend mobile coverage', the Committee AGREED the following responses on the three questions raised by NALC would be forward to them for their review:

Question 1.1: If these in principle proposals (set out in Questions 2 to 5) were taken forward, what impact would they have on meeting the Government's ambitions in relation to mobile coverage including addressing 'total not-spots' and 'partial not-spots'? - It was felt that the Planning Committee were not qualified to comment on this issue.

Question 3.1: Do you agree with the principle of amending permitted development rights to allow an increase in the width of existing ground-based masts by more than one third, to support 5G deployment and encourage greater utilisation of existing sites? – **The Committee had no objections.**

Question 5.1: Do you agree in principle with amending permitted development rights to increase the height of new masts, subject to prior approval? – **The Committee would have no objections to increasing the height up to a maximum of 30m.**

19/62 **To consider the following planning applications:**

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
19/02248/HOUSE	79 The Avenue, Mortimer Common, Reading RG7 3QU	Proposed new first floor
<b><u>SMPC Comments:</u></b> No objections.		

19/63 **Minor Matters for Information Only:**

It was noted that:

- West Berkshire Council (WBC) have refused planning application 19/00723/FULD at 54 Victoria Road;
- WBC have approved planning application 19/01985/HOUSE at 29 St Johns Road;
- the retrospective advertising application 19/00986/ADV at land at Tower House has gone to appeal with the Planning Inspectorate;
- applications for Certificate of Lawfulness have been submitted to WBC for development at 3 Stanmore Gardens (19/02351/CERTP) and at the old NatWest building, 7 West End Road (19/02346/CERTP);
- WBC raised an enforcement enquiry 19/00494/15UNAU on an issue the Parish Council enquired about on development at The Bevers and further information is sought;
- a resident has submitted a complaint to WBC regarding an approved development (16/01596/CERTP) at The Street.

The meeting closed at 6.20pm.