



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council
Planning Committee meeting

Meeting held on Thursday, 30th January 2020
in the Parish Council office (library), 27 Victoria Road, Mortimer, at 5.30pm

Present:

Councillors: D. Morsley (Chairman), S. Beard, M. Dennett, D. Ives, S. Hill, K. Johnson, J. Wells, N. Kiley

Assistant to Clerk: B. O'Reilly

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

19/104 **Public Session:**

A resident enquired about whether a breach of condition of use of the floodlights on the football field has occurred and was advised how to check with West Berkshire Council. Mr. M. James of M&G Development spoke to the Committee on their plans for putting forward an application for a car park on land to the west of Mortimer station. The Chairman advised that a meeting with representatives from the Parish Council and M&G could be arranged.

19/105 **To receive Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Cllr. C. Lewis and Mr. T. Barber

19/106 **To receive Declarations of Interest:**

There were no declarations of interest.

19/107 **To receive and approve the minutes for the Planning Committee meeting held on 9th January 2020:**

The Minutes were received and APPROVED unanimously and signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

19/108 **To receive updates on current projects and consider any recommendations for resolution as reported:**

a. Mortimer Station Car Park Planning Application

- The Parish Council is due to receive the draft of the planning application on 31st January for SMPC, GWR and Englefield Estate to review for sign off.

b. MOR006 (Land south of Tower Gardens) Planning Application

- There are no updates to report yet.

c. MOR006 (Land south of Tower Gardens) Biodiversity and Green Space

- On behalf of Mr. Barber, Cllr. Morsley reported no updates have been received to date.

19/109 **To review Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) due on new developments:**

Cllr. Dennett let the Committee know that an estimate on the CIL for the MOR006 development had now been sent to West Berkshire Council (WBC) for checking. Cllr. Dennett also advised that due to a successful appeal against CIL charged on application 17/02144/FULD, for development of the old Budgens site, the Parish Council will be requested to refund £10,800 to WBC from CIL monies received.

19/110 **To consider the following planning applications:**

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
20/00003/HOUSE	26 Briar Lea Road, Mortimer Common, Reading RG7 3SA	Single storey extension for garage and utility room, to side and rear of existing private dwelling.

SMPC Comments:

From the drawings submitted, it is not clear if the single storey garage/utility room extension is an addition to the previously approved four-bedroom development of the property (18/000916/HOUSE) but, if so, the Parish Council strongly object on the grounds that the car parking space does not meet requirements. The construction of the extension would remove available parking space. The Stratfield Mortimer Neighbourhood Development Plan car parking standard, as per Policy GD2, clearly states that 3 parking spaces should be provided for a four-bedroom house.

If the single storey extension is only intended for the existing two bedroom dwelling and the additional bedrooms extension is not going to be built at any time, then the Parish Council would have no objections.

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Minor Matters for Information Only:

- An update on planning decisions made by WBC would be presented to Full Council at the February meeting, including notification of the approval of 19/01038/FULD for apartments behind Budgens on King Street, and 19/02968/FUL for detached single garages behind the Horse & Groom.
- The Committee were advised that a hair salon would be moving into the ground floor of the old Nat West bank building currently under renovation on West End Road.

The meeting closed at 6.25pm.