



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council
Planning Committee meeting

Meeting held on Thursday, 27th February 2020
in the Parish Council office,
27 Victoria Road, Mortimer, at 5.30pm

Present:

Councillors: D. Morsley (Chairman), S. Beard, M. Dennett, S. Hill, D. Ives, C. Lewis, J. Wells
(*arrived just after meeting started*) and Mr. N. Kiley (co-opted)
Assistant to Clerk: B. O'Reilly
Public/Press: There was one member of the public and no members of the press present.

- 19/119 **Public Session:**
None.
- 19/120 **To receive Apologies:**
Apologies were received from Mr. T. Barber.
- 19/121 **To receive Declarations of Interest:**
No declarations of interest were made.
- 19/122 **To receive and approve the minutes for the Planning Committee meeting held on 13th February 2020:**
The Minutes were received and APPROVED unanimously to be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.
- 19/123 **To receive updates on current projects and consider any recommendations for resolution as reported:**
- a. **Mortimer Station Car Park Planning Application**
 - Mr. Kiley advised that paperwork has been completed for the application and the letter of support from GWR was expected on Friday, 28th February, to enable the documents to be submitted to WBC.
 - Cllr. Morsley advised that a meeting with M&G had been scheduled for Friday, 6th March. Cllr. Morsley would attend, together with Cllr. Dennett, Mr. Kiley and the Parish Clerk, and a representative from Great Western Railways. Members of the Committee were free to join.
 - It was clarified for the public in attendance that there were no plans in place for the Parish Council to set up temporary parking at the bottom of The Street (east of the roundabout).
 - b. **MOR006 (Land south of Tower Gardens) Planning Application**
 - No updates to report to the Committee. Further to a question from the public, it was advised that building of Phase 1 should start within three years of the approval given in June 2019.
 - c. **MOR006 (Land south of Tower Gardens) Biodiversity and Green Space**
 - No updates to report to the Committee.
 - d. **MOR006 (Land south of Tower Gardens) Reserved Spaces**
 - Cllr. Morsley and Mr. Barber are meeting with the Governors of St. John's School on Friday, 6th March to discuss suggestions put forward. On the issue of space reserved for a medical clinic, Mr. Kiley following up separately with Mortimer surgery.
 - e. **Neighbourhood Development Plan Review**
 - Cllr. Morsley summarised the report from the first meeting of the **Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Group** which will carry on as an informal group until

required to set up a formal process in the future. Cllr. Morsley reminded the Committee that later this year, the Parish Council will need to advise WBC if we want to allocate any housing numbers we are given under the new Local Plan.

19/124 **To review Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) due on new developments:**

No updates to report to the Committee.

19/125 **To consider the following planning applications:**

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
20/00354/HOUSE	26 Briar Lea Road, Mortimer Common, Reading RG7 3SA	Two storey extension to rear and single garage extension to side of existing private dwelling.
SMPC Comments: The Committee acknowledged the comments from Highways regarding the three parking spaces for the proposed extended property and that, although these spaces met with requirements, it was questionable on how practical this would be to apply.		

19/126 **Minor Matters for Information Only:**

- Cllr Hill raised the issue of an old oak tree on Fairground (T567) identified in a recent tree survey as requiring remedial work and Clerk would enquire with the WBC Tree Preservation Officer to seek further advice.
- Mr. Kiley mentioned the affect of recent storms where power lines were damaged by fallen trees along Brewery Common which could be referred to the Roads, Footpaths and Commons Committee.

The meeting closed at 6.05pm.