



## Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

### NDP Implementation Committee Meeting

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Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016 in The Methodist Church, West End Road, Mortimer at 7:00pm

**Present:**

Councillors: Cllr. P. Wingfield, Cllr. D. Ives, Cllr. N Kiley, Mrs. D. Morsley, Mr. T. Barber.

Clerk: In the absence of the Clerk, the minutes were taken by Mr. T. Barber

Public/Press: There were 3 members of public present and 0 members of the Press

16/14	<p><b>Public Session</b></p> <p>Development of Community Centre/Sports Hall on the Alfred Palmer Playing Field (APPF)</p> <p>The Chair of the APPF Trustees briefed the committee on APPF plans for the replacement of the existing pavilion with a new community centre/sports club. This development is in the very earliest stages and at this time the funding of the project has not been established. The trustees would welcome the opportunity to work with the Parish Council as part of the NDP project to 'Contribute to the development of a community/sports centre on the Alfred Palmer Memorial Field (project 10).</p> <p>DM noted that there could be duplication with developments on the fairground and this should be avoided.</p> <p>In response to Cllr Wingfield asking whether the sports hall would be large enough for such sports as badminton, the Chair of trustees indicated there might be issues with the height of the building.</p> <p>Opinion of the Committee on the NDP Public Hearing</p> <p>This was taken under item 16/19</p>	
16/15	<p><b>Apologies for absence:</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. N. Carter, Cllr. L. Jones, Cllr. A. Richardson, Mrs S. Carter</p>	
16/16	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
16/17	<p><b>Any Matters arising from Minutes dated 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2016 not on Agenda:</b></p> <p>The chairman reported the Parish Council had received and approved the minutes of the last meeting</p>	
16/18	<p><b>To receive progress updates on priority project scoping documents:</b></p> <p>The Chairman reported the Parish Council had approved all the project scoping documents including the revised 'Extension of Station Car Park'</p> <p><b>Project 3 'Tree Preservation Order'. – Mrs. D. Morsley</b></p> <p>The project has not progressed due to the need to concentrate on the public hearing.</p> <p>The next step is to contact landowners for their views on placing TPOs on those trees not already covered by an order.</p> <p><b>Project 9. 'Extension of Station Car Park' – Mr. T. Barber &amp; Cllr N. Kiley</b></p> <p>The chairman will copy the revised 'Extension of Station Car Park' scoping statement to the non-parish councillors</p>	<p><b>DM</b></p> <p><b>PW</b></p>

	<p>Cllr N Kiley reported he had met with Englefield Estate with regard to having use of land to the east of the station (Basingstoke Platform side). Englefield Estate confirmed it is willing to make available land either on a lease basis or on the basis of a percentage of the car parking charges/profits. Cllr Kiley confirmed that Englefield Estate is not willing to sell the land.</p> <p>Contact has been made with West Berkshire officers seeking a meeting. A reply is awaited.</p> <p>Great Western Railway has been approached for advice on the relevant contacts regarding the extension of the car park.</p> <p>The next steps are to</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Establish the additional capacity required taking into account present and future developments such as increased demand, the new bus service to Reading which goes via the station, the planned Green Park station, MereOak Park and Ride and the Cross Rail service</li> <li>2. Determine the costs for the development and operation of an extended car park.</li> <li>3. Investigate the possibility of additional capacity on the western (Reading Platform) side of the station.</li> </ol> <p><b>Project 12. &amp; 13. 'Extension of Fairground Facilities and Sports Facilities'</b> – Cllr. L. Jones (Liaising with Fairgrounds, Trees and Amenities Committee)</p> <p>As Cllr L Jones was unable to attend the meeting there was no information on project progress.</p> <p>Cllr Wingfield will contact Cllr Jones to review the status of the project.</p> <p>The project will need to take in to account the plans for APPF trustees (minute 16/14)</p> <p><b>Project 17. 'Provision of Footpath and Cycleway Connecting Mortimer and Burghfield'</b> – Cllr. P. Wingfield</p> <p>West Berkshire Council is to be approached to get advice on determination of and ideas on potential usage.</p> <p>Possible routes for the path/cycleway will be investigated including discussions with landowners.</p> <p>Safety issues associated with each possible route will be considered.</p> <p><b>Project 27. &amp; 30. 'Identify Heritage Sites and Develop a Mortimer Heritage Trail'</b> – Cllr. D. Ives (Liaising with Roads, Footpaths and Commons Committee)</p> <p>Peter Stone of the Mortimer History Society has been contacted with the aim of determining around 20 items that might be included on a heritage trail and which can be seen from public footpaths and highways.</p> <p>Initial ideas are to develop an information sheet with a map on one side and information about each of the heritage points on the reverse. This information would probably be available electronically but also capable of being printed</p>	<p>NK, TB</p> <p>PW</p>
<p>16/20</p>	<p><b>To receive an update on the NDP:</b></p> <p>The Chairman brought this forward in the agenda to enable the member of the public to hear the update enabling him to leave the meeting if he so wished.</p> <p>The chairman reported that since the last meeting the major event was the public hearing which was essentially in three parts</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The inspector dealing with issues arising out of the regulation 16 responses (West Berkshire Council consultation). This took up the first day</li> <li>2. The inspector reviewing the detailed words of the NDP to clarify meaning where he considered it would improve the NDP and to ensure that they</li> </ol>	

	<p>were the appropriate wording if there should be legal proceedings in the future,</p> <p>3. Visit to all the sites in the SHLAA document and the property of Mr Marsh to view the site from his back garden. He was accompanied by interested parties including members of the NDP. The inspector did not allow statements from those accompanying him.</p>	
16/19	<p><b>To receive and agree on a report on the financing implications and opportunities for the active and other potential projects for presentation to Full Council on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September:</b></p> <p>The meeting reviewed the draft report 'Financing of NDP Projects' With regard to 'Third party funding' and 'Part funding by a third party', because of the way grants are made and the dependencies that might be associated with a grant (e.g. requirement for matched funding) often it may not be possible to be exact as to the method of funding, the amount that will come from each of possibly several sources and the amount that the Parish Council would have to fund. This uncertainty could be present at the point of presenting a project proposal for consultation and/or approval. A possible solution would for the consultation/approval to present several options for consideration. For example the consultation might assess the level of support for different levels of third party/parish funding</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. fully funded by a third party and no additional increase in the precept</li> <li>2. 50% funded by third parties/50% by the parish and an increase in the precept of £x</li> <li>3. 100% funded by the parish and increase in the precept of £y.</li> </ol> <p>Following considerable discussion on consultation with the community and project approval it was agreed that a redrafted report should be prepared recommending:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. For all projects except those that can be funded from the normal parish budget (no increase/very small increase in the precept if the project is approved) the community should be consulted. The response should not be binding but to inform the Parish Council when deciding whether to approve a project.</li> <li>2. From the total NDP project list the Parish Council each year should determine the priority projects to be progressed over the next 3 years.</li> <li>3. This list would be put to the community at an appropriate time in the Newsletter and any other suitable communication means with a description of proposed projects and an indicative range of costs. Comments would be requested as to the desirability, and suitability of those projects. This would be at a time sufficiently ahead of the parish setting its budget for the next year to allow the council to consider any comments received.</li> <li>4. Once a project had developed sufficiently such that its costs are known, and these are considered significant enough, the community would be consulted to assess the acceptability of/degree of support for the proposal (the consultation might put forward a number of different possible costs).</li> <li>5. The parish council would then make the final decision to go ahead or not bearing the survey results in mind.</li> </ol> <p>Which projects should be progressed will in part be dependent on the amount the parish council is willing to borrow and the consequential repayment through the precept.</p> <p>Given the changes it was agreed that</p>	<p><b>PW</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The report should be withdrawn from the 8th September 2016 Parish Council meeting,</li> <li>• A revised report to be considered at the next meeting and</li> <li>• Be presented for consideration at the 13th October 2016 parish council meeting</li> </ul>	
16/21	<p><b>Minor matters for information only:</b></p> <p>The minutes are circulated to all councillors and approved at full council. The non-councillor members of the committee do not therefore receive the minutes. The clerk will be asked to copy the approved minutes to the non-councillors on the committee.</p>	<b>PW</b>
16/22	<p><b>Proposed agenda items:</b></p> <p>To receive and agree on a revised report on the financing implications and opportunities for the active and other potential projects for presentation to Full Council on Thursday 13th October 2016</p>	
The meeting closed at 8:15pm      The date of the next meeting to be 4 <sup>th</sup> October @ 7:00pm.		

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