



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Planning Committee Meeting

Meeting held on 14th March 2016 in The Parish Council Office, 27 Victoria Road, Mortimer at 6:30pm

Present:

Councillors: Cllr. Julian Earl (Chaired the meeting in absence of Cllr. N. Kiley), Cllr. N. Kiley (arrived late at 6:46pm), Cllr. P. Challis, Cllr. D. Ives, Cllr. A. Philips,

Clerk: Mr. H. Selwyn-Jones (Parish Clerk)

Public/Press: 1 member of the public

Item		
15/14	To receive Apologies Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. T. Butcher	
15/15	Public Session Mr M. Dennett, living next door to the property submitting the Planning Application 16/00486/ADV, commented on his concerns regarding the current level of light intrusion from the existing fascia strip and advertising, which is changing the area with its bright light levels that are reflecting back off the housing opposite. He pointed out that it was not just the illuminated fascia sign that was of concern, but also the brightly illuminated internal advertising boards, which would seem to breach the Shop Signs regulations as they appeared to be closer than 1metre to the external shop front and are significantly affecting amenity of the residents around the premises due to the brightness and positioning of the LED lighting used.	
15/16	To receive Declarations of Interest None	
15/17	To consider the following applications	
	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Location</u>
	<u>Proposal</u>	
	16/00343/HOUSE	36, Bilberry Gardens Mortimer RG7 3WU
	Comments: No Objections	
	16/00486/ADV	36 Victoria Road Mortimer Common RG7 3QS
	Retrospective permission for an illuminated fascia sign on the front of the building.	
	Comments: The Council objects to the present level of lighting from the fascia panel in that the luminescence level is greatly affecting the amenities of the residents. The surrounding area does not have any street lights, as preferred by the residents and as part of our current NDP proposals, and, not only the fascia, but also the internal advertising boards are throwing out a significant level of candela, brightly illuminating the houses across the road and reflecting back to neighbouring properties. The issue of the internal advertising boards is that they are all individually lit with high intensity LED lighting and would also appear to be too close to the front window. We note the Highways and Transport Technicians report on the site and would ask that	

restrictions on luminescence take full note of the visual amenity of the area and we would also ask that the times the signs are lit, as were applied to Budgens under application 14/00160/ADV, are applied to this application as well in order to preserve the visual amenity of the area and in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (March 2012) – unless superseded, and Policy CS14 of the West Berkshire Core Strategy (2006 – 2026).

As part of our deliberations we took note of 2 public objections from neighbours and 1 objection from a similar business in the village, which has kept within the customary guidelines of not affecting the amenities of the residents.

Actions:

Cllr. N. Kiley to refer Shop Lighting to the NDP tom report back to Full Council on any findings and recommendations.

15/02200/HOUSE	6 Garth Road Mortimer Common RG7 3TZ	Convert existing porch W/C with flat roof to a pitched roof with an internal west room and hallway. Moving front door from the side of house to the front.
Comments: No Objections		
16/00241/HOUSE	15 Briar Lea Road Mortimer Common RG7 3SA	Front porch and single storey rear extension.
Comments: Received too late for decisions to be forwarded to WBC, but was noted and no comments were made.		
The meeting closed at 7:10pm		

Signed:
Cllr. Neil Kiley – Chairman of Planning Committee

Date: