



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of Extraordinary Meeting

held on Thursday 22nd May 2008 @ 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: K Davies (Chairman), J. Morden, P Challis, D Ives, P Blagden, A Thorpe, T Shorrocks, N Kiley, A Smith, A Colaço, D Morsley, A Philips, M Lock, I Titman Reade and Mrs J Kirk (Clerk).

5 Members of the Public were also present

1. **Apologies:** Councillor: S Clark

Declaration of Interest: None

2. **Election of Chairman for 2008/2009:**

The Chairman (Cllr Davies) advised that this was unfinished business held over from the previous Council meeting on the 8th May 2008 and asked if there were any further nominations for Chairman in addition to the nomination of Cllr Shorrocks proposed by Cllr Ives and seconded by Cllr Thorpe on the 8th May. There were no further nominations and Cllr Blagden and Cllr Lock requested that in accordance with Standing Order No. 7.1 the vote be taken by a signed ballot. These papers were duly distributed and the result was 10 in favour and 4 abstentions. Cllr Shorrocks was duly elected as Chairman for the coming year and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, which was witnessed by the Clerk.

Cllr Shorrocks then took the Chair.

3. **Election of Committee Members for 2008/2009:**

Further to Minute Number 08/63 the nominations for Committee members were re-confirmed/amended, following the election of the Chairman (who is ex-officio on all Committees).

a) Planning:	Cllrs: J. Morden, P Challis, A Thorpe, A Philip, D Ives, N Kiley, A Colaço
b) Roads, Footpaths & Commons:	Cllrs: A Philips, P Challis, D Ives, A Smith, A Colaço, D Morsley, K Davies
c) Fairground, Trees & Amenities:	Cllrs: P Blagden, I Titman-Reade, A Smith, M Lock.
d) Cemetery:	Cllrs: A Thorpe, P Challis, A Philips
e) Finance & General Purposes:	This Committee has fixed membership
f) Communications:	Cllrs: P Blagden, A Colaço, D Ives and K Davies

4. **Newt Fence:**

Cllr Smith gave an up-date on the position of the temporary newt fence, the final decision will lie with the ecologist who carried out the review but it is more than likely to be sited within the heras fence surrounding the compound of the new building.

Cllr Smith proposed that the Parish Council give permission to and support the construction of a newt fence within the building compound during the construction phase. This was seconded by Cllr Philips and carried unanimously.

Cllr Smith confirmed that once the newt fence is erected the demolition of the existing building may commence.

The Meeting closed at 7:55 pm