



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th March 2011 @ 7.30 p.m.

Present: Councillors: R Barker (in the Chair), P. Blagden, P Challis, K Davies, D Ives, N Kiley (7:35), M Lock, J Morden, D Morsley, A Philips, A Thorpe, P Wingfield and the Clerk.

- 11/39 **To receive Apologies and Declaration of Interest:**
Apologies: Cllrs: S Clark, A Colaço
Declaration of Interest: None
- 11/40 **To Approve Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 10th February 2011:** The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 10th February 2011 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 11/41 **To receive Clerk's update (for information only):** No update.
 Cllr Lock left the room. Cllr Kiley arrived.
- 11/42 **To consider making a suitable recognition of the many services to the Parish performed by the late Keith Lock:** After a discussion Cllr Morden proposed that a suitable recognition of the many services to the Parish performed by the late Keith Lock would be to recommend to WBC Highways Department that the new development at The Red House could be named after Keith Lock. This was seconded by Cllr Thorpe and carried unanimously. The Clerk to contact WBC.
 Cllr Lock returned.
- 11/43 **To Receive Planning Committee Report:** Cllr Morden reported that the Planning Committee had met once on 16th February 2011.
- 10/02899/HOUSE 64 Stephens Firs. Conservatory to the rear of the property. No objections.
- 10/03127/HOUSE 6A King Street. Orangery extension to rear. No objections.
- 10/03163/HOUSE Pine Lodge, 42 King Street. Alterations to existing ground floor garage to form family room and study. A proposed first floor extension to form a bedroom with en-suite. No objections.
- 11/00033/OOD Mortimer Quarry, to the west of the village of Mortimer West End, adjacent to the C90
 Adjacent Parish/ Welshman's Road, Mortimer West End, Basingstoke. (Hanson Aggregates). Out of
 Hampshire CC District Consultation. Extension to sand and gravel workings at Mortimer Quarry into
 land known as Benyon's Inclosure, with restoration to commercial forestry and
 biodiversity, a temporary conveyor gantry crossing of Welshman's Road, retention of
 existing quarry plant site and associated development including construction of
 additional silt lagoons with restoration to commercial forestry and biodiversity.
 Object. Objection raised to an unsightly overhead gantry over a public road in
 essentially a rural area. As a precedent the Parish Council quote the tunnel arrangement
 in Rampton's Lane. Existing traffic arrangements to and from the site must be to the
 west on Welshman's Road.
- The Following decisions have been received from West Berkshire Council (WBC)
- 10/02836/HOUSE 1 Kiln Lane. Garage conversion on bay window. Approved.
- 10/02856/FUL No 3 Hammonds Heath Road. During the original application (06/00836) and
 subsequent appeal access was shown on the proposed ground floor plan to a basement.
 However no floor plan was approved. The Section 73A application seeks to regularise
 this omission. This is now approved.
- 10/03100/HOUSE 2 Strawberry Fields. Rear extension. Approved.
- 10/00138/ 55 The Avenue. Following the approval of 09/01854 for additions to this property a
 NON/MAT minor amendment for decking is refused as drawings do not allow the full height to be
 ascertained (a steeply sloping site).
- 10/02899/HOUSE 64 Stephens Firs. Conservatory. Approved.
 WBC has published the proposed focused changes to the Core Strategy following the Examination
 in Public and invites further comment on these changes only. Cllr Morden has examined these

- changes and is of the opinion that no alteration to the Parish Council's original observations is appropriate. Until such time as site specific plans are published showing if and where further development within the Parish is proposed no meaningful comments can be made. (This was confirmed by the Council.)
- 11/44 **To receive update from Roads, Footpaths and Commons Committee:** Cllr Ives reported that the Committee had not met this month and the works on the bollard and installation of grass crete had been completed.
- 11/45 **To receive update from Fairground, Trees and Amenities Committee:** Cllr Blagden reported that the Committee had not met this month but the trees had been planted near Windmill Road and the adjacent to the wall near Badgers Croft.
- i. **To receive update on the Playbuilder Project:** Cllr Blagden reported that the Playbuilder Opening had been very successful with over 200 children present. It is well used and the Committee are to consider a notice regarding minimum age limits.
 - ii. **To receive update on the Sportswall Project:** Cllr Blagden reported that the Sportswalls had been successfully moved and additional side fencing panels erected. The new surface has been laid which will be coated within the next few weeks.
 - iii. **To receive Monthly Play Area Inspection Report:** The Clerk reported that the play area is in good order.
- 11/46 **To receive update from Cemetery Committee:** No report.
- 11/47 **To receive update on the Lease renewal for the Parish Council Office:** The Clerk confirmed that the new lease to the 31st March 2013 had been signed.
- 11/48 **To consider that the Communications Committee be more accurately re-designated as a working party because the only relevant business is to assist the Clerk in the preparation of the Newsletter:** Cllr Davies formally proposed that the Communications Committee be re-designated as a Working Party this was seconded by Cllr Lock and after debate was put to the vote and was lost by 8 votes to 4. Note: The Clerk advised that Cllr Davies's proposed resolution was in order.
- 11/49 **To confirm the purchase of a set of display boards for Parish Council use at a cost of £322.80 inc VAT:** The Chairman moved the proposal which was carried unanimously.
- 11/50 **To receive Report from District Councillors:** Cllr Lock reported that the Government's Watermark exercise simulated flooding across the country and involved 10,000 people with Government departments, resilience forums, energy and water companies, Environment Agency, hospitals, schools and reception centres etc. Locally the simulated incident was serious flooding in the Thames and Kennet Valleys to ensure that the resilience forum had all the necessary agencies in place. The nearest reception is at the Willink Leisure Centre. All actions are to be evaluated and Defra and the Governments have allocated funding for equipment etc should serious flooding incidents occur in the future. WBC are to waive the fee for all road closure applications for street parties for the Royal Wedding. Reorganisation continues at WBC with reductions in staff. Departments are moving into new areas and the 'Time Lord' (staff working partly from home) has been implemented. Cllr Lock thanked all those who, following Keith's death, expressed kind words to herself and her family and also those who attended Keith's Service of Thanksgiving on Friday 4th March.
- 11/51 **Finance - To agree accounts for payment for March:**
In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations all the following items for payment were considered together. Cllr Barker proposed that these be paid and was carried unanimously.
- i. Clerk's Salary
 - ii. H M Revenue & Customs (Tax and NI)
 - iii. Clerk's Expenses
 - iv. Custodian's Salary
 - v. RBWM BACS Payment (Pension)
 - vi. Stewarts of Mortimer Ltd (Mortimer Link) £919.15 inc VAT.
 - vii. Co-Operative Bank Visa Direct Debit £46.66, (McColls £8.11, Post Office £5.05, Travel Toll £9.50, Refreshments £20.00 and £2.00 Service Charge)
 - viii. Kompan Ltd (installation of Playbuilder Adventure Area) £108,000.00 inc VAT

- ix. HALC (Hampshire Association of Local Councils) Cilca Training £180.00 inc VAT
- x. BALC (Berkshire Association of Local Councils) Planning and Localism Training £75.00
- xi. SLCC (Reference Book) £11.95
- xii. T B Estate Services Ltd (installation of new concrete base and picnic bench on Fairground, and repair to fence) £630.00 inc VAT
- xiii. Proscap Ltd (hire of heras fence Playbuilder for 3 weeks) £405.00 inc VAT
- xiv. S & C Slatter Ltd (to relocate sports walls (£5,252 inc VAT) and to supply and install a new tarmac ball court (£29,146 inc VAT) Total £34,398.00 inc VAT
- xv. S & C Slatter Ltd (installation of new concrete section around entrance barrier to Fairground) £882.00 inc VAT
- xvi. S & C Slatter Ltd (to carry out full jetwash & chemical treatment to surface of tennis courts) £780.00 inc VAT
- xvii. APD Advance Printing & Design (Newsletter) £370.00
- xviii. Mortimer Methodist Church (12 months hall hire) £252.00
- xix. Go displays Ltd (display boards) £322.80 inc VAT
- xx. Staples Ltd (stationery) £72.25 inc VAT
- xxi. Viking Direct Ltd (stationery) £235.54 inc VAT
- xxii. Dads Shop Ltd £38.15 inc VAT
- xxiii. Thames Valley Police (part funded PCSO salary Q4) £1,928.75
- xxiv. Thames Water (water trough Fairground) £9.02 Direct Debit
- xxv. Mortimer St John's Village Hall £30.00
- xxvi. Andrew Hazelden (The Pottery Yarnton) Community Award Plate £220 (s137)
- xxvii ICO (annual fee for Data Protection Registration) £35.00
- xxvii West Berkshire Council (installation of section of grass crete - war memorial junction) £362.40 inc VAT

11/52 **To Receive Correspondence:**

- Mr Netherclift regarding agenda item 11/42. The Clerk will respond.

11/53 **To Receive Minor Matters (for information only):**

- Sgt Barry Walker from Pangbourne Police Station is to retire on 1st April
- To ask the Clerk to indicate the items of expenditure on the Agenda where they have not been previously agreed.

11/54 **To Receive Future Agenda Items:**

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 14th April 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

Date of Annual Parish Meeting: Wednesday 20th April 2011 at 7:30 pm (St John's Hall)

The Meeting closed at 8:48 pm