



## Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

### Minutes of

### the Parish Council Meeting

held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2011 @ 7.30 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors: R Barker (Chairman), P Blagden, J Bull, P. Challis, M Dennett, J Earl, D Ives, N Kiley, M Lock, J Morden, D Morsley, G Puddephatt and A Thorpe,

**To receive Apologies:** Cllrs: A Philips and P Wingfield

- 11/228 **To receive any Declarations of Interest:** Cllr J Bull 11/248 (viii) and Cllr G Puddephatt 11/234
- 11/229 **To approve Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 10.11.2011:** The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> November 2011 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 11/230 **To receive Clerk's update (for information only):**  
 11/211: The revised planning application for Permitted Development Rights for a storage unit on the Fairground has been submitted to West Berkshire Council (WBC).  
 11/185: The 'Triton' piece of equipment in the new Adventure Area has been fixed and is back in service. The bearing on the Giant Swing has been replaced.  
 Interviews for the appointment of the Custodian Post are taking place on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2011. Receipt of Open Spaces S106 monies of £3,420.92 have been received from WBC.
- 11/231 **To receive Finance & General Purposes (F & GP) Meeting Minutes of 28.11.2011:** The Minutes were received, endorsed and adopted. It was agreed that the annual membership of BALC (Berkshire Association of Local Councils) is to continue be left in the budget for the forthcoming year.
- 11/232 **To approve Budget and Precept figure recommended by the F & GP for the year 2012/2013:** Cllr Barker moved from the chair a Precept figure of £88,000 (the same figure as 2010/2011 and 2011/2012). This was carried unanimously. The Clerk will complete the Local Government Finance Act Form and return to WBC requesting a precept of £88,000.
- 11/233 **To approve recommendation from F & GP to increase the Fairground Hire Charges by 2.5% from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2012:** This was moved by Cllr Thorpe, seconded by Cllr Puddephatt and carried by 9 in favour to 4 against.
- 11/234 **To consider West Berkshire council's proposal for an SMPC funding contribution (over three years) towards the Berkshire Broadband Improvement Programme (Superfast Berkshire) for the village:** Information on this proposal and other information was considered and it was agreed to hold a public meeting to gain the opinion of the parishioners.
- a) **To consider holding a public meeting to discuss:** Cllr Puddephatt proposed this and it was seconded by Cllr Earl and carried unanimously. This has been passed to the Communications Committee to organise.
- b) **To consider that should it be resolved to go ahead taking the first tranche for 2012/2013 of £6,541 from SMPC reserves:** This was moved by Cllr Puddephatt, seconded by Cllr Morden and carried unanimously.
- 11/235 **To Receive Planning Committee Meeting Minutes of 17.11.2011 & 05.12.2011:** The Minutes of these meetings were received, endorsed and adopted.  
 The Clerk advised that Budgens have submitted an application to WBC for a new premises licence for 6 Victoria Road (temporary store) under the Licensing Act 2003, for the supply and sale of alcohol. It was agreed that as the terms were the same as the existing licence for 13 Victoria Road the Parish Council had no objections.
- 11/236 **To Receive Planning Decisions and Information:**  
 Cllr Morden reported that the following decisions have been received from West Berkshire Council:
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| 11/01636/HOUSE | 12 Stephens Close, Front Porch. Granted.   |
| 11/01675/FUL   | Mortimer St Mary's C of E Junior School. New detached single storey after school club building. Granted. |

- 11/01811/HOUSE 38A West End Road. Rear conservatory and timber clad shed. Granted.  
 11/02034/NON Approval of minor amendment to 10/03163/HOUSE  
 MAT  
 11/01759/CERTP Kiln Cottage, Kiln Lane. Certificate of Lawfulness granted for new windows, velux roof windows, solar panels and new fuel tank.  
 11/00837/FULD Greengates, The Street. Construction of a new house and garage. Refused owing to size and scale would be an intrusive and incongruous form of back land development.  
 11/01883/FUL Calleva, Longmoor Lane. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new 4 bedroom house and garage. Refused. The two storey dwelling will have a considerable impact on the level of amenity enjoyed by neighbouring occupiers.
- 11/237 **To receive Cemetery Committee Minutes of 21.11.2011:** The Minutes were received, endorsed and adopted. Cllr Morsley confirmed that the Tier One Hydro Geological Report has now been sent to the Environment Agency for their consideration.
- 11/238 **To approve recommendation from the Cemetery Committee that the revised SMPC Cemetery Regulations (1.1.2012) be adopted:** This was moved by Cllr Morsley, seconded by Cllr Puddephatt and carried unanimously. The revised regulations will come into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2011.
- 11/239 **To receive and approve plans and details from the CiC re the proposed extension to the Mortimer Community Centre to provide a lobby and store:** The plans that are being submitted to WBC were considered and Cllr Barker proposed from the Chair that as previous safety concerns have been addressed (in line with Minute No 11/158) the Council have no objections and approve the plans, this was unanimously carried.
- 11/240 **To consider request from Mortimer Cricket Club to store the sight screens permanently at the agreed location:** Further to Minute No 11/217 Mortimer Cricket Club have responded confirming that they will install and fund the installation of the new hitching rail in the agreed location. In addition they asked the Council for permission to store the sight screens in that location all year round. Cllr Barker proposed this from the Chair and it was carried unanimously.
- 11/241 **To receive update from the SMPC Queen's Jubilee Beacon Working Party:** Cllr Earl reported that the Working Party met on 5<sup>th</sup> December and the arrangements are coming together.
- 11/242 **To receive update from the Parish Plan Surgery 22.11.2011:** No written report has yet been received from WBC. Clerk to chase.
- 11/243 **To consider providing the provision of allotments in the field adjacent to Church Lane:** Cllr Barker proposed this from the Chair and it was carried unanimously. This has been passed to the Fairground, Trees & Amenities Committee.
- 11/244 **To consider way forward for the Parish Council for the proposed new National Planning Legislation (11.181 refers):** It was agreed that this should continue to be an agenda item.
- 11/245 **To receive PCSO Report for November and consider any issues in relation thereto:** No report.
- 11/246 **To receive information on aircraft movements on 13.11.2011:** Cllr Puddephatt reported that following the noisy biplane doing aerobatics during the entire time of the Remembrance Service around the war memorial SMPC has taken up a complaint on behalf of the community and tracked down the culprit to the White Waltham aerodrome. The White Waltham aerodrome Manager felt that he knew who the offending pilot was and that he would speak to them. It was suggested by Cllr Puddephatt that an apology and possibly a small donation to the British Legion would be seen as an appropriate gesture. The aerodrome Manager's comment was that he would speak to the pilot. SMPC has had no further contact or apology from the Airfield or the pilot and it was agreed that a press statement would be sent to the local papers.
- 11/247 **To receive report from District Councillors:** No report.
- 11/248 **Finance - To agree accounts for payment for December:**  
 In accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations all the following items for payment were considered together. Cllr Barker proposed from the Chair that these be paid which 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
- vi. Stewarts of Mortimer Ltd (Mortimer Link) £919.15 inc VAT.
- vii. Co-Operative Bank Visa Direct Debit £485.41 (£9.57 McColls, Festive Lights £473.84, inc VAT and 2.00 (Service Charge)
- viii. Dads Shop Ltd £122,36 inc VAT
- ix. SLCC (Society of Local Council Clerks) annual membership £175.00
- x. Peter Mitchell Associates (New Cemetery Tier 1 One Survey Report) £1,080.00

11/249 **To receive Correspondence:**

- Letter from St John's Hall Management Committee requesting a financial donation. Clerk to respond advising them to apply for an SMPC Grant next year.
- Letter from Mr D Seward thanking SMPC for help in arranging the removal of a dead tree on the highway.
- Communication from a resident thanking SMPC for dealing with the very unpleasant incident in the play area.
- Correspondence from 2 residents regarding the proposed allotment site. These are to be passed to the Fairground, Trees and Amenities Committee.

11/250 **To receive Minor Matters (for information only):**

- It was agreed to send a letter of congratulations to Mortimer Chocolate Company for winning the award at the recent Chocolate Festival as the UK's favourite hot chocolate drink.
- Both the Clerk and District Councillor Lock were asked to chase WBC for a response regarding the overhanging hedge between Kiln Lane and The Avenue.

11/251 **To receive Future Agenda Items:**

- MVP in conjunction with St John's and St Mary's PTAs have requested permission to place a charity textile re-cycling bin in the West End Road car park to raise money for the MVP and schools. This has been passed to the Roads, Footpaths & Commons Committee.
- To have an Agenda Item for each Committee on full Council Agendas.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

The Meeting closed at 9:15 pm

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