



# Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

## Minutes of

### the Parish Council Meeting

held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2012 @ 7.30 p.m.

**Present:** Councillors: R Barker (Chairman), P Blagden, J Bull, P. Challis, M Dennett, J Earl, D Ives, N Kiley (from 7:40pm), M Lock, J Morden, A Philips, G Puddephatt (from 7:55pm) and A Thorpe and P Wingfield.

Also in attendance The Clerk and District Councillor G Mayes.

**To receive Apologies:** Cllr: D Morsley.

**To receive any Declarations of Interest:** Cllr J Bull 12/17 (viii).

- 12/01 **To approve Minutes of Parish Council Meeting 08.12.2011:** The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 8th December 2011 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.
- 12/02 **To be advised of the appointment of a new Parish Custodian:** The Chairman advised that a new Custodian had been appointed, his name is Mark Bradberry and he will be starting on the 13.01.2012.
- 12/03 **To receive Clerk's update (for information only):**  
 11/158: The work to replace the diseased horse chestnut trees with new lime trees is to commence on the week commencing the 16.01.2012.  
 11/241: The installation of replacement safety surfacing in the play area is to be carried out on the week commencing the 16.01.2012.  
 11/213: The work to replace the 'dragons teeth' (wooden posts) around the pond at the war memorial junction is being carried out this week.  
 11/226: Overhanging hedge, The Street: Both the Clerk and Cllr Lock have been in touch with West Berkshire Council (WBC) who have agreed to follow this up.  
 11/185: Damaged equipment on Adventure Area: Kompan Ltd has agreed that the damaged chime bars can be replaced with an equivalent Kompan alternative.  
 11/211: Planning Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for a storage shed on the Fairground: An email from WBC Planning Department regarding the proposed usage of the shed was read out.  
 11/187: Christmas Tree hole on the Fairground: The Clerk confirmed that in order to accommodate next year's Christmas Tree arrangements have been put in hand to permanently seal the hole with a manhole and removable cover at an approximate cost of £200.
- 12/04 **To Receive Planning Committee Meeting Minutes of 09.01.2012:** The Minutes of this meeting was received, endorsed and adopted.
- 12/05 **To Receive Planning Decisions and Information:**  
 Cllr Morden reported that the following decisions have been received from West Berkshire Council:  
 11/02055/HOUSE 3 Orchard Road. Single storey rear extension and alteration to garage roof. Approved.  
 11/02088/HOUSE 22 Longmoor Lane. Change existing conservatory into a sun room. Approved.  
 11/02276/LBC2 Railway Station. Addition of twelve new dome CCTV cameras. Approved.  
 11/02464/NONMAT 54 West End Road. Amend single window in front elevation to two windows. Approved.  
 11/02468/AGRIC Little Park Farm. Proposed Barn. Full planning not required (General Permitted Development) Order 1995.  
 11/02222/CERTP The Aviary, The Street. Demolition of existing garage and erection of oak frame building on existing site. Withdrawn.
- Appeal Decision: 10/02921/FULD 42 West End Road. New 3 bedroom house. The appeal is dismissed. Cramped development and uncomfortable relationship with immediate neighbour.
- 12/06 **To receive information from the Communications Committee regarding the arrangements for the public meeting re funding Superfast Broadband and update on the next edition of the Parish Council Newsletter:** The Clerk advised that the Communications Committee met on the 09.01.2012. The content and timetable for the next edition of the Parish Council Newsletter was discussed and agreed. This edition of the Newsletter is to be distributed during the weekend of the

- 11/12.02.2012. The arrangements for the public meeting to be held on the Saturday 25.02.2011 at 10am in the Methodist Church Hall were discussed and agreed. WBC's Head of ICT is to attend. The public meeting is to be advertised in the Newsletter.
- 12/07 **To receive update from the SMPC Queen's Jubilee Beacon Working Party:** Cllr Earl reported that there was no update. The next meeting is to be held on 06.02.2012.
- 12/08 **To receive update from the Parish Plan Surgery 22.11.2011:** No written report has yet been received from WBC. Clerk to chase.
- 12/09 **To consider providing the provision of allotments in the field adjacent to Church Lane:** No further update.
- 12/10 **To consider way forward for SMPC re new National Planning Legislation:** It was agreed that this should continue to be an agenda item. The Clerk advised of two workshop and training sessions for Councillors on Supporting Communities and Neighbourhoods in Planning to be held in February and arrangements were made for those wishing to attend.
- 12/11 **To receive PCSO Report:** The Clerk read out a communication from Sgt Sue Aufiero, Thames Valley Police. A new permanent replacement has been appointed for Police Community Support Officer Robert Hubbard Clark who has moved on to a new area, his name is Patrick Baker-Jones. Inspector Andy Ward is moving to a new area and a replacement will be appointed in due course.
- 12/12 **To receive a letter from Thames Valley Police (TVP) advising of an internal review of how TVP is to deliver neighbourhood policing in West Berkshire:** This was received and noted.
- 12/13 **To receive Neighbourhood Action Group (NAG) Minutes 13.12.2011 and additional information and consider any future items for submission to NAG:** The Minutes and additional information was received and noted.
- 12/14 **To receive letter from Royal Berkshire Fire & Rescue regarding the Fire Authority's Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP):** This was received and noted.
- 12/15 **To receive update on the complaint re aircraft movements on 13.11.2011:** The Clerk confirmed that a press release to local papers was issued as requested. Cllr Barker proposed from the Chair that two separate formal letters from the Parish Council be sent to the pilot and to White Waltham Airfield. This was carried unanimously. Clerk to action.
- 12/16 **To receive report from District Councillors:** The District Councillors reported that WBC have been asked to clear back the soil and encroachment of the footpath between Mortimer Hill and the pedestrian crossing on The Street. A new 'The Street' sign has been ordered to replace the damaged sign. An update on the fortnightly rubbish collection and the new recycling centre at Padworth.
- 12/17 **Finance - To agree accounts for payment for January:**  
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 £6.86 (£4.86 McColls and 2.00 service charge)
  - viii. Dads Shop Ltd £82.70 inc VAT
  - ix. BT Parish Office (DD) £105.37 inc VAT
  - x. Staples UK Ltd (stationery) £56.00 inc VAT
  - xi. West Berkshire Council (annual rent for car park West End road) £10.00
  - xii. West Berkshire Council (annual invoice for emptying dog bins) £501.20 inc VAT
  - xiii. West Berkshire Council (quarterly photocopying invoice) £41.82 inc VAT
- 12/18 **To receive Correspondence:** None
- 12/19 **To receive Minor Matters (for information only):**
- Agenda Item 11/251 Agenda Item Committees: Cllr Barker advised that as the Council receive Committee Minutes, updates on actions from the Clerk and that any minor matters can be either raised outside of the meeting with the Clerk or under this section or 'To

receive Minor Matters (for information only)' or 'Future Agenda Items' it is not necessary to have separate Agenda items.

- The date for the next Annual Parish Meeting is Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2012 in St John's Hall starting at 7:30pm.
- The re-location of Budgens to the temporary shop has been delayed by one month because of telephone connection problems.

12/20 **To receive Future Agenda Items:**

- To consider making an application for the Community Parish Plan Grant.

Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012 at 7:30 p.m.

The Meeting closed at 8:40 pm