



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Roads, Footpaths & Commons Committee

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 26th April 2012 in The Parish Office, Victoria Road, Mortimer at 7:30 pm

Present: Cllrs: D Ives (Chairman), P Wingfield, J Bull, P Blagden, A Philips, M Dennett and the Clerk.

1. **To receive Apologies:** Cllr: J Earl
2. **To receive any Declarations of Interest:** None.
3. **To re-consider cleaning the war memorial and procedure for maintenance of plaques:** It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain prices for the plaque work and the Committee would then consider the cleaning and other repair work at the same time.
4. **To give further consideration for a location for the installation of the cycle rack:** Possible location options were considered:
 - West End Road Car Park (two locations)
 - Behind chevron sign at car park by St John's Church.
 - Inside of entrance of Fairground opposite junction with West End Road.
 - Under the fire escape stairs at McColls.

It was agreed to proceed to investigate with Mr Jewell re the McColls site and contact West Berkshire Council (landlord) with photos regarding the West End Road Car Park site. To be considered further at next meeting.

5. **To investigate replacement/repair of the damaged bollards in West End Road Car Park:** Clerk to obtain quotes to a) replace damaged ones and b) replace all the damaged bollards with an updated version.
6. **To consider request from School PTAs and MVP for permission to install a clothes re-cycling collection container at West End Road Car Park:** The Clerk to contact West Berkshire Council (landlord) to ascertain whether permission would be given for this before being taken to full Council for a decision.
7. **To consider the provision/siting of an additional Village Notice Board at West End Road Car Park:** The Clerk to contact West Berkshire Council (landlord) to ascertain whether permission would be given for this before being taken to full Council for a decision.
8. **Update on Annual tree inspection and maintenance programme for Windmill Common:** Expenditure has been set aside in the budget for this and the Clerk will contact the contractor for a quote and advise on timing.
9. **To receive update on the registration SMPC Commons:** The Clerk is to obtain prices from the Land Registry and solicitors for registering the small plot of land at Five Oaken and Heath End Pond (by War Memorial). Cllrs Bull and Dennett are to assess the land at Five Oaken and this will be discussed at the next meeting.
10. **To identify obstructions to vehicles/pedestrians e.g. outside the café and at the corner junction of West End Road/St John's Road:** It was agreed to obtain status from WBC of
 - a) lay-by/lowered pavement area outside bakers.
 - b) Junction of West End Road/St John's Road.It was then agreed to ask NAG if the Police could put warning notices on

- cars.
11. **To identify area where reduction in road width in The Street has been created by debris:** Debris has accumulated at the road edge on the south side of The Street (between the entrances of Kiln Lane and The Avenue) which has encroached and reduced the carriageway surface. The Clerk to ask WBC to address this and send supporting photographs.
 12. **To receive update on road surfacing in The Street:** The Clerk confirmed that she had forwarded a letter of complaint to Mark Edwards, Head of Highways, WBC regarding the terrible state of the road surface in The Street and received a response the next day saying that The Street currently forms part of the WBC's 2012/2013 Planner Patching Programme and that work on three areas will be completed by the end of August 2012. For safety reasons, this work will be carried out under a road closure, during the school summer holidays, and advance notice signs will be erected at least 2 weeks prior to work commencing. The member of the public was very appreciative for this information.
 13. **To receive update on progression of a parking solution for St Mary's Junior School:** To ask Cllr Mollie Lock for a progress report.
 14. **To receive update on West Berkshire Council's criteria for permission to place housing development signs:** WBC have informed that they only give consent for the yellow building development signs for major housing developments and that the development at 54 West End Road falls outside of the criteria and have not received permission to erect them. WBC are therefore going to ask the developer to take down all the signs within the village.
 15. **To receive minor matters and future agenda items:** None.
 16. **Date of Next Committee Meeting:** Wednesday 24th May 2012

Meeting closed at 9:20 pm.