



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council
Planning Committee meeting

Meeting held on Thursday, 9th January 2020
in the Methodist Church Hall,
17 West End Road, Mortimer RG7 3TB, at 7.00pm

Present:

Councillors: D. Morsley (Chairman), S. Beard, S. Hill, C. Lewis, D. Ives, J. Wells, and M. Dennett
Assistant to Clerk: B. O'Reilly
Public/Press: Cllr. J. Bull attended as a member of the public and there were no members of the press present.

19/97 **Public Session:**
None.

19/98 **To receive Apologies:**
Apologies were received from Cllrs. K. Johnson and L. Jones.

19/99 **To receive Declarations of Interest:**
None.

19/100 **To receive and approve the minutes for the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday, 17th December 2019:**
The Minutes were received and APPROVED unanimously to be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

19/101 **To receive updates on current projects and consider any recommendations for resolution as reported:**

a. Mortimer Station Car Park Planning Application

- There were no updates to report for the time being.
- A response was awaited from WBC to the Parish Council's enquiry on the potential ease of granting a change of use on land west of the station.

b. MOR006 (Land south of Tower Gardens) Planning Application

- No updates have been received.

c. MOR006 (Land south of Tower Gardens) Biodiversity and Green Space

- No updates have been received.

19/102 **To consider the following planning applications:**

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
19/03196/FULD	Lane House, Mortimer Lane, Mortimer, Reading, Berkshire, RG7 3PP	Proposed detached 4 bedroom dwelling to the land south of Lane House, Mortimer.

SMPC Comments:

SMPC strongly object to this application on the following grounds:

- the proposed development is outside the Mortimer settlement boundary and policy RS2 covering Residential Site Allocation under the Stratfield Mortimer NDP states that "proposals for housing outside the Mortimer Settlement Boundary will only be granted in exceptional circumstances" and policy GD1 states that housing outside the settlement boundary has to satisfy the requirements of WBC's Housing Site Allocation DBD policy C1 and the development does not meet the exemption criteria under C1.

- the design statement refers to a recent new build adjacent to the property at Lane House which was a conversion of a disused agricultural building granted by WBC.
- should this development be approved, it would set a precedent for future development in rural spaces in the Parish.

19/103 **Minor Matters for Information Only:**

1. Planning application 19/02795/LBC2 at 2 Mortimer Hill has been approved by WBC and will be reported at the next Full Council meeting.
2. WBC advised that revised plans for 19/02968/FULD have been received to clarify the dimensions of the proposed garages behind the Horse & Groom.
3. Cllr. S. Hill raised the issue that areas in the village are currently experiencing low water pressure.

The meeting closed at 7.20pm.