



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council
Planning Committee meeting

Meeting held on Thursday, 12th March 2020
in the Methodist Church Hall, West End Road, Mortimer,
at 6.30pm

Present:

Councillors: Cllr. D. Morsley (Chairman), Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. D. Ives, Cllr. C. Lewis, Cllr. S. Hill, Cllr. J. Wells
Co-opted Members: Mr. N. Kiley
Assistant to Clerk: B. O'Reilly
Public/Press: There were three members of the public and no members of the press present.

19/127 **Public Session**
None.

19/128 **Apologies:**
Apologies were received from Cllrs. K. Johnson and L. Jones, and Mr. T. Barber.

19/129 **To receive Declarations of Interest:**
Cllr. D. Ives declared an interest in planning application 20/00438/HOUSE under item 19/135 and would excuse himself from the discussion.

19/130 **To receive and approve the minutes for the Planning Committee meeting held on 13th February 2020:**
The Minutes were received and APPROVED unanimously to be signed by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

19/131 **Items to be taken into private session**
No items of the Agenda were determined to be taken into private session.

19/132 **Current Projects:**
To receive updates on current projects and consider any recommendations for resolution as reported:

- a. **Mortimer Station Car Park Planning Application**
 - The planning application is now in with West Berkshire Council awaiting validation. It is anticipated there will be a decision by early June.
 - Cllr. Morsley reported that a meeting was held on Friday, 6th March, with representatives from M&G Development and Great Western Railway to look at the possibility of a car park on the land west of the station. GWR will await a detailed proposal from the developer to consider if this is a viable plan.
 - A meeting was also held on Friday, 6th March, with landowners of the yard south of the station to consider another new proposal for alternative car parking space. GWR would send their property team to evaluate the site for its potential. GWR reiterated that any lease would need to be available for at least 35 years. The landowner advised if the Parish Council's planning application was approved, they would not pursue this option.
- b. **MOR006 (Land south of Tower Gardens) Planning Application**
 - Cllr. Morsley recently spoke with T.A. Fisher who confirmed the land belonged to them.
 - An April date was anticipated for start of build but T.A. Fisher still awaiting outcome on conditions raised by West Berkshire Council.
- c. **MOR006 (Land south of Tower Gardens) Biodiversity and Green Space**
 - There were no updates to report to the Committee.

d. **MOR006 (Land south of Tower Gardens) Reserved Spaces**

- It was confirmed that the surgery was not interested in the reserved space allotted for a clinic.
- Cllr. Morsley has recently spoken with representatives from the school ; the school has fund for fencing and requested SMPC approach T.A. Fisher to find their reaction and to obtain drawings showing the area to be used so that quotes could be obtained. T.A. Fisher have been spoken to and are considering their response to this; one issue may be that WBC are requiring TAF to use the lane to the field (which the school would have to use for access) as part of their construction traffic system for MOR006 which they hope is soon to begin Cllr. Morsley and Mr. Barber would be contacting the diocese office to get their view on funding.

e. **Neighbourhood Development Plan Review**

- There were no updates yet to report to the Committee.

19/133 **West Berkshire Council Local Plan Review to 2036**

To receive a report on the Parish Council Consultation Workshop and **AGREE** responses to go to Full Council for approval.

Cllr. Morsley proposed that the responses drafted and circulated to the Committee should be **AGREED** to go to the Full Council for approval; seconded by Cllr. Dennett.

RESOLVED by majority.

19/134 **To review Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) due on new developments:**

There were no issues or updates to present to the Committee.

19/135 **To consider the following planning applications:**

20/00421/FUL

24 King Street, Mortimer Common, Reading, RG7 3RS

Erection of 1x 3 bedroom dwelling with detached carport following demolition of outbuildings

SMPC Comments:

The Committee had no objections to the proposed plans for the 3 bedroom dwelling and if Highways was happy with the access plans submitted, the Committee had no objections to the site access.

20/00438/HOUSE

3 Stanmore Gardens, Mortimer Common, Reading, RG7 2JW

Replacement of rear summer room conservatory with single storey rear extension part to create study, two storey side extension, extension at first floor over living room and interior alterations

SMPC Comments:

The Committee were concerned that the proposed extension would enlarge and dominate the visual aspect of the cul-de-sac. It was also noted that the boundary line may be incorrect and, apart from making the site look bigger, the line to the front of the property encompasses part of the access road to other properties in the cul-de-sac. The Committee did not see any reference to parking spaces available on the site which should clearly have space for 3 cars.

20/00446/HOUSE

37 The Avenue, Mortimer Common, Reading, RG7 3QU

Double storey side and front extension. Single story front extension to existing semi-detached property

SMPC Comments:

No objections.

19/136 **Items for Information Only:**

It was noted that planning application 19/03196/FULD at Mortimer Lane had been refused by West Berkshire Council and the appeal on the decision on application 19/00723/FUL at 54 Victoria Road had been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.

19/137 **Communications:**
Update on Station Car Park planning application.

19/138 **Future Agenda Item:**
None identified at meeting.

19/139 **Exclusion of Press and Public**
Not required.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.