



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held online on Thursday, 25th February 2021 @ 6.30 pm

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr. D. Morsley (Chairman), Cllr. S. Beard, Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. S. Hill, Cllr. D. Ives, Cllr. C. Lewis, Cllr. J. Wells, Mr. N. Kiley and Mr. T. Barber (arrived 6.31pm)

For the Clerk: B. O'Reilly

Public/Press:

There were no members of the public and no member of the press in attendance.

Part I

20/0149 Public Session (for agenda items only)

None.

20/0150 Apologies

Not required.

20/0151 To receive any declarations of interest

No declarations were received.

20/0152 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 11th February 2021 were received and APPROVED for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

20/0153 Items to be taken into private session

None.

20/0154 Current Projects

The Committee received the following updates:

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

The WBC Case Officer had been reminded of the agreement that the Parish Council be allowed to make comment on any release of conditions on the development. Further to the decision on 20/01683/COND2 approving details reserved by conditions (7) Drainage, and (10) Water of planning permission 19/00981/OUTMAJ, Cllrs. Morsley and Lewis would draft a letter asking for clarification on the problem identified with there not being sufficient water pressure in Mortimer which the Parish office would submit to the Case Officer.

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

No update to report to the Committee.

c. MOR006 (Land south of Tower Gardens) Reserved Spaces

As there appeared to be contradictory claims from the developer, Cllr. Morsley has requested to speak with Englefield Estate about what actual conditions are on this land.

d. Neighbourhood Development Plan Review

The group met last week and a list of possible topics to be looked at was circulated to its members who would be meeting again next week. The issue on the reserved spaces was also an item for consideration. Cllr. Morsley advised that the review working group would require some external members to join the team as work progressed and a steering group was established. It was also noted that WBC now had more resources and better-defined information available on the NDP process.

20/0155 Schedule of Planning Applications

The Committee considered the following planning applications:

21/00226/HOUSE: 35 Stephens Close, Mortimer Common, Reading RG7 3TY

Erect detached garage/workshop with home office over for private residential use.

SMPC Comments:

The Committee objected to the development. It was noted that the proposed garage/workshop was excessive and had a similar, if not larger, footprint than the existing house on the property. Should this be approved, the Parish Council insists that a condition be put in place that this development could not be used for residential or commercial purposes.

21/00316/HOUSE: Westhill, West End Road, Mortimer Common, Reading RG7 3TP

Single storey rear extension with lantern over.

SMPC Comments:

No objections

20/0156 Items for information only

- A list of planning applications recently granted by West Berkshire Council was received for presentation to the Full Council meeting in March:
 - GRANTED: 20/02954/FUL: Land at Brunel House, Station Road, Mortimer
 - APPROVED: 20/01683/COND2: Land South Of St John's Church Of England School, The Street, Mortimer
 - LAWFUL: 20/03036/CERTP: 27 The Avenue, Mortimer Common
 - APPROVED: 20/02984/HOUSE: 20 Windmill Road, Mortimer Common
 - GRANTED: 20/03075/HOUSE: 17 Croft Road, Mortimer Common
- An appeal has been raised on WBC's decision against 20/00637/FULMAJ for development at Perrins Farm (APP/W0340/W/20/3264565).

- Councillors reported receiving information from WBC regarding a proposed solar farm development on land near Grazeley.
- The Committee was advised of the designation of a new Neighbourhood Plan Area in Ecchinswell, Sydmonton and Bishops Green Parish within Basingstoke and Deane Borough.

20/0157 Communications

No items identified.

20/0158 Future Agenda Items

To consider any comments on appeal APP/W0340/W/20/3264565.

20/0159 Exclusion of Press and Public

Not required.

Close

The meeting closed at 7.16pm.

Subject to Approval