



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held online on Thursday, 6th August @ 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 (co-opted) [joined 6.49pm]

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

20/0025 Public Session (for agenda items only)

None.

20/0026 Apologies

No apologies were received.

20/0027 To receive any declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest received.

20/0028 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 23rd July 2020 were received and APPROVED for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

20/0029 Items to be taken into private session

It was determined no items need be taken with the public excluded.

20/0030 Current Projects

To receive any updates on current projects and consider any recommendations for resolution as reported:

a. Mortimer Station Car Park Planning Application

The application was presented to the Eastern Area Planning Committee meeting for consideration on 5th August. EAPC members asked the case officers to ascertain more information on issues regarding the number of car parking spaces required, landscaping outside the site and gradient of the footbridge that had not been clarified by them earlier and, therefore, a decision was deferred until this information was available.

Cllr. Morsley, Cllr. Dennett, Mr. Kiley and the Clerk met with Cllr. Bridgman and Pro Vision earlier today to look at what may now be required to respond appropriately, and an acknowledgement was sent to West Berkshire Council that we awaited their enquiries. Katherine Miles of Pro Vision would confirm if any additional costs were involved.

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

An update would be brought to the Committee at item 20/0032 below under 20/01681/MDOPO.

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

There were no updates to report at this meeting.

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

There were no updates and Cllr. Morsley would follow up with the Diocese as soon as practicable.

e. Neighbourhood Development Plan Review

There have been no meetings of the working group at present and details of the recent announcement on changes to Government planning policies were awaited.

20/0031 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

There were no updates.

20/0032 Schedule of Planning Applications

To consider the following planning applications:

20/01254/HOUSE: 42 King Street, Mortimer Common, Reading, RG7 3RS

Second floor extension to rear of property to facilitate loft conversion to form bedroom and en-suite.

As this item was for information only, no further comments would be made. It was advised by West Berkshire Council's planning officer that SMPC's earlier comments on 28th July, including those on the roof plan, would be considered when reviewing the new roof plan drawing that had been submitted. SMPC noted, however, that this new drawing still did not appear to deal with the roof issues in respect of the neighbouring property and the car parking arrangements still involved taking out the front hedge and wall. Cllr. Lewis requested that the neighbour who attended the previous Committee meeting be advised.

20/01613/HOUSE: 5 Windmill Road, Mortimer Common, Reading, RG7 3RN

Proposed Single Storey Rear Extension Plus Internal Alterations.

SMPC Comments:

No objections.

20/01681/MDOPO: Land South of Tower Gardens, The Street

Mortimer Common, Reading

Modification of Planning Obligations of planning permission 17/03004/OUTMAJ.
Modification: First Schedule - Clause 3.

SMPC Comments:

Further to discussion, as the documents are identical to those previously provided by TAFisher it was agreed that Cllr. Morsley and the Assistant to the Clerk would redraft the original comments made on the soft landscaping plans in its letter to T A Fisher on 26th June for submission to the WBC case officer.

As some conditions submitted to meet obligations could include very detailed information, it was proposed by the Committee Chairman that in future, a member of the Committee take an item on to review in detail to assist discussion with the other members of the Committee for appropriate comment; this will be an agenda item for next meeting.

20/01684/FUL: Brunel House, Station Road, Mortimer, Reading RG7 2AB

Erection of new building comprising (3 x B1(a/b/c) units and 1 x flexible B1c/ MOT garage unit) with associated outside storage (B8), parking and landscaping

SMPC Comments:

The Committee supported the development and confirmed that it is supported by policies C2 and C7 in the SM NDP but raised two concerns:

- Are Highways confident that access to the development can cope with increased traffic; and
- The application refers to two storey units and the building being same height as Brunel House but the drawings do not clearly indicate this.

Cllr. Dennett had to leave the meeting at this point.

20/0033 Items for information only

No items to report for information.

20/0034 Communications

Update on the Mortimer Station car park application after the Eastern Area Planning Committee meeting on 5th August 2020.

20/0035 Future Agenda Items

Cllr. Morsley suggested the idea of committee members volunteering to look in depth at a particular application prior to a meeting .

20/0036 Exclusion of Press and Public (Part II)

Not required.

Close

The meeting closed at 7.37pm.