



## Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

### Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held online on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 @ 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, and Mr. N. Kiley (co-opted)

##### For the Clerk:

B. O'Reilly

##### Public/Press:

There was one member of the public and no member of the press in attendance.

#### Part I

##### **20/0076 Public Session (for agenda items only)**

Cllr. J. Bull was present for support to item 20/081 d if required.

##### **20/0077 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mr. T Barber (co-opted).

##### **20/0078 To receive any declarations of interest**

With regard to the planning application 20/02284/HOUSE under item 20/0084, Committee members declared that the applicant was known to them as a fellow councillor but had no pecuniary interest in the application.

##### **20/0079 Minutes of Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 22nd October 2020 were received. The Minutes were unanimously APPROVED for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

##### **20/0080 Items to be taken into private session**

It was determined that no items on the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded.

##### **20/0081 Current Projects**

The following updates were received:

**a. Mortimer Station Car Park Planning Application**

To receive an update and RESOLVE a budget to cover the professional advice required for the proposed conditions for recommendation to Full Council on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Mr. Kiley and Cllr. Morsley gave an update and advised that ProVision would be submitting amendments on the conditions to West Berkshire by end of the week. Further to a meeting held with Mr. Kiley, Pro Vision, Great Western Railway and Stuart Michael Associates earlier in the week to look at the work involved on the planning conditions, it was advised it was no longer necessary to consider a budget to cover additional professional services at this time. Mr. Kiley would circulate a note of this meeting to the Committee and it was noted that the developer, GWR, would now take up the development as soon as their funding was in place.

Through the Chairman, Mr. Tennant passed on his congratulations to the team for all their hard work on this project.

The Chairman stated that letters of thanks would be sent to parties involved in the work on the submission of the planning application which now brought the Parish Council's involvement on the project to an end.

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

It was noted that earthworks had begun on site and Cllr. Morsley advised the Committee of the current communication between neighbours adjacent to the site and West Berkshire Council regarding the construction method conditions the residents had raised and which the Planning Committee had supported at its meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

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

No update to report since the Committee meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

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

Cllr. Morsley restated the last update presented on 22<sup>nd</sup> October and advised an invitation to a meeting with the school was still awaited.

**e. Neighbourhood Development Plan Review**

There had been some informal discussion between members of the working group after the Government consultation and Cllr. Morsley hoped to convene a meeting of the working group shortly.

**20/0082 Item for Consideration and Resolution**

**a. To consider rescheduling Planning Committee meetings currently held before the monthly Full Council meeting and AGREE any changes to the calendar to go to Full Council for approval.**

After discussion, whilst meetings were held remotely, in order to give members a short break between the online Council meetings, it was **AGREED** unanimously not to change the dates of the Planning Committee meetings but to start at 6.30pm and finish by 7.15pm. To assist, Planning Committee meetings held prior to Full Council would primarily deal with planning applications and then, should time permit, any urgent updates on projects.

**20/0083 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

West Berkshire Council had advised the Clerk on 26<sup>th</sup> October that there were no CIL chargeable developments in our area and no development commencements during April to September 2020 to trigger a CIL payment at the end of October this year.

## **20/0084 Schedule of Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were considered:

### **20/02547/HOUSE: 6 Leighfield, Mortimer Common, Reading RG7 3TT**

Proposed garage conversion and single storey front extension.

#### **SMPC Comments:**

No objections.

### **20/02554/HOUSE: Westwood, West End Road, Mortimer Common, RG7 3TP**

Section 73: Variation of conditions 5-Tree Protection Scheme and 6-Arbicultural Method Statement of approved application 17/03147/HOUSE: Proposed single storey outbuilding.

#### **SMPC Comments:**

No objections. The Parish Council prefers in general for trees to be retained where possible but will accept West Berkshire Council's decision in this case.

### **20/02284/HOUSE: 64 West End Road, Mortimer Common, RG7 3TH**

Proposed first floor rear extension.

#### **SMPC Comments:**

No objections.

## **20/0085 Items for information only**

The planning notices from West Berkshire Council were received.

The query on Class E used in the decision notice on 20/01684/FUL (Brunel House) was awaiting a response from West Berkshire Council.

On decision notice 20/01849/COND2 (Williamson Close) Cllr. Dennett noted that condition 10 on 10/00873/FULMAJ referred to an area of not less than 2.5m by 5.5 m within each garage to be kept available for vehicles at all times but observes this may have been breached.

The Baobab café was making a pre-planning application to WBC for the erection of a canopy over an outdoor seating area to the front of the building.

A decision was still awaited from Hampshire County Council on the extension to the operation period requested at Mortimer Quarry (20/02636/CMA) but, in the meantime, the Hampshire Enforcement Officer was looking into the possible breach of conditions by articulated lorries currently travelling from the quarry through Mortimer village.

## **20/0086 Communications**

Decision on Mortimer Station Car Park application.

## **20/0087 Future Agenda Items**

None

## **20/0088 Exclusion of Press and Public**

Not required.

## **Part II**

## **Close**

The meeting closed at 19.25