



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held online on Thursday, 14th January 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 and Mr. T. Barber

For the Clerk: B. O'Reilly

Public/Press:

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

Part I

20/00112 Public Session (for agenda items only)

None.

20/00113 Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr. N. Kiley.

20/00114 To receive any declarations of interest

Cllr. S. Beard declared his interest as a neighbour on planning application 20/03075/HOUSE.

20/00115 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 10th December 2020 were received and APPROVED for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

20/00116 Items to be taken into private session

There were no items determined to be taken with the public excluded.

20/00117 Schedule of Planning Applications

To consider the following planning applications:

20/02878/HOUSE: 34 King Street, Mortimer Common, Reading RG7 3RS

Single storey rear extension and part-conversion of existing garage.

SMPC Comments:

No objections.

20/02954/FUL: Land at Brunel House, Station Road, Mortimer, Reading

Erection of new building comprising 3 light industrial and research units (formerly known as Class B1(b/c) and now within Class E) with ancillary offices and 1 x flexible light industrial (formerly known as Class B1(c) now within Class E) / MOT garage unit with ancillary office space, and associated outside storage (B8), parking and landscaping.

SMPC Comments:

The Committee noted this was a resubmission related to 20/01684/FUL and fully supported the development, confirming that it is supported by policies C2 and C7 in the Stratfield Mortimer NDP, but raised two concerns:

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

20/02957/HOUSE: 14 Victoria Road, Mortimer Common, Reading, RG7 3SE

Porch, front and side extension including chimney breast.

SMPC Comments:

No objections.

20/02984/HOUSE: 20 Windmill Road, Mortimer Common, Reading RG7 3RN

Single storey side and rear extension.

SMPC Comments:

No objections.

20/03014/FUL: 24 King Street, Mortimer Common, Reading, RG7 3RS

Section 73: Variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) of previously approved application 20/01612/FUL - Erection of 1x 3 bedroom Dwelling with detached carport following the demolition of existing outbuildings.

SMPC Comments:

The Committee objected to this variation of Condition 2 (Approved Plans) to 20/01612/FUL as there was no indication of where the parking spaces for 24 and 24a would now be sited and reiterates its earlier comments on over development of the plot and would not want to see further development on the curtilage to the right of this proposed dwelling.

20/03066/HOUSE: Six Acre Cottage, Drury Lane, Mortimer Common, Reading RG7 2JN

Proposed rear ground floor extension. Proposed garage with covered link and first floor storage.

SMPC Comments:

No objections but the Parish Council would not expect to see this development lead to commercial activity generated by the addition of more garage space on the plot.

20/03075/HOUSE: 17 Croft Road, Mortimer Common, Reading RG7 3TS

Replacement porch, single storey rear extension and first floor dormer extensions to front and rear.

SMPC Comments:

No objections.

20/00118 Emerging Draft West Berkshire Local Plan Review to 2037

The recommended response of the working group to the emerging draft West Berkshire Local Plan Review to 2037 was received and reviewed by the Committee and unanimously APPROVED after discussion. Cllr. Morsley confirmed the response would be formatted for submission to West Berkshire Council.

20/00119 Proposed Submission Minerals and Waste Local Plan

It was unanimously RESOLVED that a working group comprised of Cllr. Dennett, Cllr. Lewis and Cllr. Morsley be delegated to produce a response for the Public Consultation on the Proposed Submission Minerals and Waste Local Plan for approval at the next meeting of the Planning Committee or Full Council

20/00120 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 written approval of the planning application was received on 21st December 2020. This information would be updated to the SMPC website.

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

The Parish Council office would follow up with T.A. Fisher and West Berkshire Council about a complaint regarding issues affecting nearby residents adjacent to the current works taking place.

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

No update at present.

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

No update at present but Mr. Kiley had advised the Committee Chairman he has been in correspondence with some parties in relation to the reserved space for a possible surgery.

e. Neighbourhood Development Plan Review

With the release of the emerging draft West Berkshire Local Plan Review to 2037, the formal set up of the Working Group to do the new review of the Stratfield Mortimer Neighbourhood Development Plan could move forward.

20/00121 Items for information only

Cllr. Morsley reviewed the recent Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Planning Policy documents and noted they did not directly impact Stratfield Mortimer. The Committee noted the recent planning decisions from West Berkshire Council which would be presented to Full Council on 14th January 2021.

20/00122 Communications

Items identified for communicating:

- Station car park planning application approval.

- Committee's response to the Local Plan.

20/00123 Future Agenda Items

None.

20/00124 Exclusion of Press and Public

To pass a resolution to exclude members of the press and public from the meeting at Part II, items identified at 20/005 on the Agenda, due to the confidential nature of the information being discussed.

Not required.

Part II

Close

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.