



## Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

### Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held online on Thursday, 22nd October 2020 @ 6.30 pm

**These minutes are subject to approval**

**Present:**

**Councillors:**

Cllr. D. Morsley (Chairman), Cllr. S. Beard, Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. S. Hill, Cllr. D. Ives, Cllr. C. Lewis (arrived at 18.42), Cllr. J. Wells, Mr. N. Kiley (co-opted) and Mr. T. Barber (co-opted).

**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**

**20/0050 Public Session (for agenda items only)**

None.

**20/0051 Apologies**

None received.

**20/0052 To receive any declarations of interest**

None.

**20/0057 Minutes of Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on the 8th October 2020 were received. The Minutes were duly APPROVED for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

**20/0054 Items to be taken into private session**

No items on the Agenda were determined should be taken with the public excluded.

## 20/0055 Current Projects

The following updates were received:

### a. Mortimer Station Car Park Planning Application

The Committee was advised that the planning application is now being reconsidered at EAPC's meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> October. Pro Vision had provided the Case Officer with further information as requested and the relevant revised submissions of support will be submitted shortly on behalf of SMPC, Great Western Railway and Pro Vision. The Assistant to the Clerk will circulate a link to Committee members wanting to watch the live stream of the EAPC meeting.

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

No updates to report.

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

No updates to report.

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

Cllr. Morsley gave an update on the current situation, following a recent conversation with the Headmistress of St John's and St. Mary's Schools about the space and current access along the track to the field by the development. A meeting will be arranged by the school to discuss the issue of the reserved space with the School Governors, T. A. Fisher, West Berkshire Council, the Diocese, and the Parish Council. Cllr. Hill advised he could provide information on proposed costs of combining the two schools for the meeting. Further to Cllr. Lewis's suggestion that the Clerks Charity could also be included in the meeting due to their interest in St. Mary's School, Cllr. Morsely will make enquires with the Headmistress.

### e. Neighbourhood Development Plan Review

No updates to report.

## 20/0056 Item for Consideration and Resolution

### a. To receive an update on the West Berkshire Council's Draft Housing Strategy 2020-2036 consultation and RESOLVE to submit the response as recommended by the Working Group.

An overview on the West Berkshire Council's Draft Housing Strategy 2020-2036 consultation document was reviewed, and the proposed responses considered. It was proposed by Cllr. Morsely that the response as recommended by the Working Group be submitted to West Berkshire Council by Cllr. Morsely and seconded by Cllr. Dennett.  
**AGREED** unanimously.

### b. To receive an update on the Planning Consultation White Paper and RESOLVE to submit the response as recommended by the Working Group.

The proposed responses on the Planning Consultation White Paper, drafted by the Working Group, were reviewed. It was proposed by Cllr. Morsely that the response as recommended by the Working Group be submitted to West Berkshire Council, and seconded by Cllr. Dennett.  
**AGREED** unanimously.

The Chairman thanked the members who had taken part in the review and drafted the responses on behalf of the Parish Council.

**20/0057 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**

Cllr. Dennett advised that further to an enquiry he made with West Berkshire Council in April about how they calculate for CIL, WBC have identified a possible underpayment to Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council and an update is awaited.

**20/0058 Schedule of Planning Applications**

The following planning applications were considered:

**20/02339/HOUSE: Six Acre Cottage, Drury Lane, Mortimer Common, 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 lead to any commercial activity generated by the addition of more garage spaces on the plot.

**20/0059 Items for information only**

The planning notices from West Berkshire Council were received.

It was noted that planning application 20/01684/FUL for development at Brunel House had been refused and it was not clear what was meant by E Class in the decision notices. The Clerk would follow up with West Berkshire Council and report back to the Committee.

**20/0057 Communications**

None.

**20/0057 Future Agenda Items**

Planning Committee meetings held prior to a Full Council meeting

**20/0057 Exclusion of Press and Public**

Not required.

**Part II**

**Close**

The meeting closed at 19.34