

Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 11th December 2018 @ 5:15 pm in the Parish Council office, 27 Victoria Road, Mortimer, RG7 3SH.

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr. M. Dennett (Chairman), Cllr. D. Ives, Cllr. C. Lewis and Cllr. P. Wingfield

Clerk:

B. O'Reilly

Public/Press:

There were no members of the public and no members of the press present.

Part I

18/129 To receive any apologies for absence:

Apologies received from Cllr. T. Reade, Cllr. K. Johnson and Cllr. L. Jones.

18/130 Public Session:

None.

18/131 To receive any declarations of interest

None

18/132 To receive and approve the minutes for the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday, 27th November 2018:

The Minutes were duly received and APPROVED to be signed as a true record of the meeting.

18/133 To consider the following planning applications continued:

18/03032/HOUSE: 92 Stephens Firs, Mortimer, RG7 3XA

Two storey side extension and single storey front extension.

SMPC Comments:

No objections but the Committee noted that car parking space was not indicated on the plans (the increase to 3 bedrooms requires the minimum of 2.5 parking spaces as per WBC standards for Zone 3 and SMPC NDP Policy GD2: Access & Parking). It was also noted that Highways consultation referred to there being no alterations to access and no increase in number of bedrooms which is incorrect from the floorplans submitted.

18/03039/HOUSE: 14 Victoria Road, Mortimer Common, RG7 3SE

Single storey rear extension.

SMPC Comments:

No objections.

18/03109/HOUSE: Wern Cottage, Mortimer Lane, Mortimer, RG7 3PP

Ground floor extension with internal remodelling.

SMPC Comments:

No objections.

18/03129/HOUSE: 1 King Street, Mortimer Common, RG7 3RS

Proposed 1.8m high fence to Highway boundary and 1.1m high vehicular and pedestrian gates.

SMPC Comments:

The Committee have objections as the proposed fencing does not meet SMPC NDP Policy GD6 on Landscape and Environment: "Brick or natural boundaries and/or landscaping will be preferred, rather than standard fencing panels." King Street features hedges or low walls on the Highway boundary and the proposed 1.8m rustic fence is out of keeping and not in sympathy with the local vernacular (SMPC NDP GD5 on Building Design: "House types should be in sympathy with the local vernacular"). The Committee noted that the elevation of the fence shown on the proposed elevation plan did not look correct in relation to the door and windows on the plan.

18/134 To consider Enforcement Enquiry 18/00646/05NOAC relating to development at 20 The Avenue (Planning Application 18/00510/HOUSE)

It was AGREED that the Committee will write to West Berkshire Council in support of the complaint made to the Enforcement Officer. The Committee would refer to Condition 5 of the original planning decision and Condition 6 relating to the privacy and amenity of neighbouring properties and to prevent the overlooking of adjacent properties in the interests of neighbouring amenity.

18/135 To review any updates on the development at Fairfield Park mobile home site:

The Committee will follow up with Cllr. G. Bridgman as no response has been received from West Berkshire Council at present. It was noted that several units on the site are now using the access across Highways property onto Birch Lane.

18/136 To review any updates and progress of the Planning Application for MOR006. 17/03004/OUTMAJ:

It was noted that the planning application has not yet been submitted to West Berkshire Council and there will be a change of personnel at WBC in January.

Cllr. P. Wingfield advised that Highways confirmed that footpaths on both sides of the access road were not required.

18/137 Minor Matters for Information Only:

- The Planning Policy Team at WBC have written to advise of the adoption of the Sustainable Drainage Systems Supplementary Planning Document and to the designation of a new neighbourhood plan area in Lambourn Parish.
- Cllr. G. Bridgman has advised that planning application 18/02939/HOUSE relating to 36 Stephens Firs has been called in.
- It was noted with reference to the appeal on 18/00249/FULD at 42 West End Road, an inspector from Planning Inspectorate has recently been out to view the site.

Close

The meeting closed at 5.46pm