



## Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

### **Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 in the Parish Council Office, 27 Victoria Road, Mortimer RG7 3SH at 5.15pm**

#### **Present:**

##### **Councillors:**

Cllr. M. Dennett (Chairman), Cllr. D. Ives, Cllr. K. Johnson, Cllr. L. Jones, and Cllr. C. Lewis

##### **Clerk:**

B. O'Reilly

##### **Public/Press:**

There were three Members of the Public and no Members of the Press present.

#### **Part I**

##### **18/146 To receive any apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllr. N. Kiley.

##### **18/147 Public Session**

Members of the public in attendance advised that they wished to make comments on item 18/151 but that a key spokesman was delayed.

# In the interest of the members of public present, it was AGREED to move the Public Session to just before item 18/151 at the end of the meeting agenda.

##### **18/148 To receive any declarations of interest**

None

##### **18/149 To receive and approve the minutes for the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

The Chairman advised of an amendment to text under item 18/140 which was accepted by the Committee and the Minutes were duly received and APPROVED to be signed as a true record of the meeting.

**18/150 To consider the following planning applications:**

**19/00028/HOUSE: 20 Leighfield, Mortimer Common, Reading RG7 3TT**

**Extension to existing front and rear dormers.**

**SMPC Comments:**

No objections.

**19/00169/HOUSE: 76 Victoria Road, Mortimer Common, Reading RG7 3XQ**

**Demolition of garage and (construction of) two storey side extension**

**SMPC Comments:**

No objections.

**19/00123/ADV: Horse & Groom, The Street, Mortimer Common, Reading RG7 3RD**

- 1. Double sided pictorial sign, fixed to existing gibbet and post. Top scrollwork to be removed.**
- 2-3. Sign written text.**
- 4-5. Sign written logo.**
- 6. Sign written text.**
- 7. Copper lantern complete with bespoke bracket.**
- 8. A 'V' shaped POS post sign complete with a permanent back board message (1500mm x 1000mm).**
- 9. LED floodlights (x6).**

**SMPC Comments:**

The Committee had a strong objection to the highlighting of the Fairground car park in the block plan as this is not the property of the public house but that of the Fairground Trust, who lease it to the Parish Council; neither had been consulted about the application. There is no reason why this area should be included in the application.

The Committee also strongly objected to the proposed 'V' shaped POS sign (sign 8) on the roadside opposite the Horse and Groom. The placement very near the entrance to the car park would block the sightlines for drivers pulling out onto The Street and be a serious hazard. The public car park serves users of the Fairground, the Community Centre, parents of children attending St John's Infants school and the public in general and is in constant use. The Committee was also noted that the placement of this sign would need the permission of the landowner (assumed to be WBC Highways) and it was thought that no approach had been made, despite the application form (in section 10) stating that permission had been obtained. In addition, the Committee noted that the placement of the sign would give the misleading impression that the car park was the property of the Horse and Groom.

The Committee supported Highways concern to the proposed placement of A-frame advertising boards as they were a hazard on the pavement and caused obstruction to pedestrian traffic. The Committee had no objections to the proposed rebranding on the exterior of the public house or the replacement of the hanging sign on the existing gibbet post.

**18/151 To review any updates on the development at Fairfield Park mobile home site:**

The item was discussed as the last matter on the agenda below.

**18/152 To review any updates and progress of the Planning Application for MOR006. 17/03004/OUTMAJ:**

There were no updates reported at this time.

**18/153 Minor Matters for Information Only**

- A summary of recent decisions made on by West Berkshire Council was noted and would be going to Full Council for information. This list included an appeal made on the original refusal of application 18/01872/HOUSE which has been dismissed by West Berkshire Council, and planning application 18/03223/HOUSE had been approved, overruling the Committee's concerns on parking space.
- Committee members expressed concern at the length of time currently taken to have decisions made by West Berkshire Council on pending enforcement cases.

**18/154 Public Session**

The residents present expressed their concerns again about West Berkshire Council's response to date on the Fairfield Park mobile home site and the current situation on this development which was noted by the Committee.

**18/151 To review any updates on the development at Fairfield Park mobile home site**

The Chairman advised the Committee of the informal meeting that had taken place last week between residents and West Berkshire but that no further update or decision has been received from West Berkshire Council.

**Close**

The meeting closed at 5.55pm