



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 11th July 2019 in the Methodist Church Hall, West End Road, Mortimer, at 6.45pm

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr. D. Morsley (Chairman), Cllr. S. Beard, Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. S. Hill, Cllr. K. Johnson, Cllr. L. Jones, Cllr. C. Lewis, Cllr. J. Wells, Mr. N. Kiley (co-opted) and Mr. T. Barber (co-opted)

Clerk:

B. O'Reilly

Public/Press:

Cllr. J. Bull, District Cllr. G. Bridgman and District Cllr. G. Mayes were present as members of the public. There were no other members of the public and no members of the press present.

Part I

19/20 To receive any apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr. D. Ives.

19/21 Public Session

None

19/22 To receive any declarations of interest

None

19/23 To receive and approve the minutes for the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday, 13th June 2019:

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

19/24 To consider the following planning applications:

19/01586/HOUSE: 14 Asparagus Close, Mortimer Common, Reading, RG7 3WY

Proposed rear conservatory

SMPC Comments:

No objections but the Parish Council noted that, from the drawings supplied with the application, the proposed conservatory is very large and is more of a rear extension to the house.

19/25 To receive any updates on the progress of the planning application for the Mortimer Station Car Park:

Mr. Kiley advised that although there was still some contingency left in the budget, it may be necessary to seek some additional funding to take the outstanding transport issues forward. Mr. Kiley will prepare a report for presentation to Full Council.

19/26 To review any updates and progress of the Planning Application and receive any updates on the Biodiversity and Green Space project for MOR006 (17/03004/OUTMAJ):

The Committee reviewed the recent informal meeting held with the developer regarding the reserved matters application now awaiting validation with West Berkshire Council. It was noted that the share of affordable housing in the first phase of 28 houses was less than the required 40% but the developers had confirmed that the overall development will meet the full requirement. It was also noted shared spaces (NDP not have separate pavements) appears to have been omitted but these issues will be considered in more detail once WBC request comments.

Mr. Barber gave a summary of the status on the biodiversity and green spaces within the development and referred to the ecology report commissioned by the Parish Council and submitted to T.A. Fisher for consideration. As their engineers are understood to be looking at the next phases of the development, it was proposed to seek advice on the relative costs, implications and importance of different aspects of the report so as to be better prepared to negotiate with developer to ensure the report's recommendations were considered, and this would be taken up by Cllr. Morsley and Mr. Barber.

The Committee agreed to send a letter to TA Fisher asking for a meeting to hear their response to the ecology report.

A copy of the Acorn report would be circulated to the Committee members by the Assistant to the Clerk.

19/27 Minor Matters for Information Only

- The single storey rear and side extension at 56 St. Johns Road (19/01092/HOUSE) has been approved by West Berkshire Council.
- West Berkshire Council has advised that the application for the change of use of the property at the old NatWest building (19/01184/PACOU) has now been withdrawn, but the Committee noted that the wording on the orange notification had referred to a permitted development.

- Changes to a condition on a previously approved application at 7 Mortimer Lane (17/02530/HOUSE), had now been approved by West Berkshire Council under application 19/00939/HOUSE.
- Although West Berkshire Council had rejected the retrospective advertising consent outside the development at Tower House, The Street (19/00986/ADV), the Committee were advised that the sign was still on site.
- District Cllr. G. Mayes has called in the planning application 19/01038/FULD regarding the proposed development on land adjacent to 1A King Street.

Close

The meeting closed at 7.31pm