



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held in the Methodist Church Hall, 17 West End Road, Mortimer RG7 3TB on Thursday, 14th October 2021 @ 6.45 pm

Subject to Approval

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr. D. Morsley (Chairman), Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. S. Hill, Cllr. D. Ives, Cllr. C. Lewis (arrived late), Cllr. A. Marsden, and Cllr. J. Wells

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

21/0036 Public Session (for agenda items only)

None.

21/0037 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. S. Beard.

21/0038 To receive any declarations of interest

None.

21/0039 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 9th September 2021 were received and APPROVED for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

21/0040 Items to be taken into private session

None.

21/0041 Schedule of Planning Applications

To consider the following planning applications:

21/02324/HOUSE: Cherry Tree House, Drury Lane, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire RG7 2JN

Timber orangery.

SMPC Comments:

The Committee has no objections to the proposed development subject to the Tree Officer having no concerns about the proposed removal of the tree indicated in the application form and on the block plan drawing.

Cllr. Lewis arrived at the meeting.

21/02409/HOUSE: 22 The Crescent, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 3RU

Proposed front extension and rearrangement of parking provision.

SMPC Comments:

No objections.

21/0042 Current Projects

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

No updates to report.

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

No updates to report.

21/0043 Items for information only

a. Planning decisions/notices from West Berkshire Council

The following planning decisions were received from West Berkshire Council and it was noted that the decisions were in accord with the Parish Council's comments:

21/01712/HOUSE: 1 Gordon Palmer Close, Mortimer, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 3PZ

Part retrospective application to convert garage to residential accommodation for purposes incidental to existing dwelling. Erection of shed and retention of existing shed.

GRANTED – 14 September 2021

SMPC Comments: No objections.

21/01042/HOUSE: 70 Victoria Road, Mortimer, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 3xx

Proposed erection of detached double garage. (*Amended garage plans, with lower elevations submitted together with tree protection plan in August 2021*)

GRANTED – 15 September 2021 (*including condition on use and safeguarding of tree on site*).

SMPC Comments: No objection in principle:

- Access may be tight.
- Height is of concern in comparison to house and surrounding buildings.

- SMPC would request that a condition is attached such that the building cannot be used for a trade such as the motor trade but only as a home office.

21/02007/HOUSE: 7 Spring Lane, Mortimer, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 3RT

Erection of a single storey rear extension.

GRANTED – 22 September 2021

SMPC Comments: No objections.

21/01924/HOUSE: Lane House Cottage, Mortimer Lane, Mortimer, Reading RG7 3PP

Householder application for the proposed two storey extension of a garage/office with insertion of 3 roof lights and 1 window. As well as raising the ridge.

GRANTED – 6 October 2021 (*including conditions on the use of the ground and first floor, and restriction on windows on south-east and south-west elevations*).

SMPC Comments: No objections in principle. However, as per a previous application on the site (21/00598/HOUSE), the Parish Council would want to see a condition included that the ground floor of the garage shall be used solely for ancillary and/or incidental residential purposes to the enjoyment of the existing dwelling, and no trade, business or commercial enterprise shall be carried on, in or from the garage other than for purposes that are ancillary to the enjoyment of the main dwelling, nor shall it be used for additional bedroom accommodation or for any form of human habitation.

21/02014/HOUSE: 51 Windmill Road, Mortimer, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 3RJ

Front porch (replacing storm porch) and two storey rear extension.

GRANTED – 6 October 2021

SMPC Comments: No objections but the Committee would have liked to see the parking plan.

It was also noted that the following planning application had been withdrawn by the applicant:

21/01065/FULD: 9-15 Victoria Road, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7

Erection of 2 x 1 bed and 2 x 2 bed apartments with associated parking and infrastructure following reconfiguration of existing retail car park (accessed from King Street) and creation of new loading bay with associated alterations to shop frontage (accessed from Victoria Road). Section 73 application to vary Conditions 4 (servicing/loading bay construction), 6 (delivery management plan), 7 (construction method statement), 8 (sustainable drainage), and 18 (written scheme of archaeological investigation), and removal of Condition 2 (approved plans), 22 (trolley storage areas for retail use), 23 (secure TRO or highways mitigation) of previously approved application 19/01038/FULD.

b. Minor matters for information

The Parish Council received an enquiry from Oaktree Dental Practise who are currently looking for larger premises. Due to difficulty finding space in Mortimer, it was noted they were considering a move away from the village. Cllr. Morsley, with Cllr. Bridgman, will

follow up with the practice to see if any advice can be given as it was appreciated a move out of Mortimer would cause issues for some residents.

21/0044 Communications

None.

21/0045 Future Agenda Items

None.

21/0046 Exclusion of Press and Public

Not required.

Close

The meeting closed at 7.25pm.