



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 28th October 2021 @ 7.30 pm in the Methodist Church Hall, West End Road, Mortimer

Present: SUBJECT TO APPROVAL

Councillors:

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

For the Clerk:

B. O'Reilly

Public/Press:

There were no members of the public or member of the press in attendance.

Part I

21/0047 Public Session (for agenda items only)

None.

21/0048 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Dennett.

21/0049 To receive any declarations of interest

None.

21/0050 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 14th October 2021 were received and APPROVED for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

21/0051 Items to be taken into private session

None.

21/0052 Current Projects

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

Item 21/0053 would consider planning application 21/02347/RESMAJ related to Phase 2a of the development at land south of Tower Gardens.

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

There were no updates to report.

Councillor Beard entered meeting room.

21/0053 Schedule of Planning Applications

To consider the following planning applications:

20/02347/RESMAJ: Land South of Tower Gardens, The Street, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire

Approval of Reserved matters for details of the appearance, landscaping, and scale of the approved residential development for Phase 2a comprising 16 houses including affordable housing and associated landscaping.

The Committee reviewed the drawings and plans and had no objections in principle. Overall, the details were as expected from the earlier outline application.

After general discussion on the proposals, and the situation on affordable housing and building regulations considering future climate change initiatives, the Committee agreed to raise concerns with West Berkshire Council on:

- The very small square meterage proposed for the affordable houses.
Proposed by Cllr. Morsley and seconded by Cllr. Hill:
AGREED unanimously.
- Although it understood these are not direct planning issues but dealt with by building regulations, the committee strongly urges that solutions to combat climate change such as solar panels, electric car charging points and better insulation are required on all homes yet to be built.
Proposed by Cllr. Hill and seconded by Cllr. Marsden:
AGREED with one vote against.

Cllr. Lewis raised the issue about facilitating the viewing of large-scale developments and obtaining paper copies on planning drawings from West Berkshire Council in future.

21/0054 Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

No updates to report.

21/0055 Items for information only

a. Planning decisions/notices from West Berkshire Council

The following decisions were received from West Berkshire Council:

21/01885/HOUSE: Bowood, The Street, Mortimer, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 3NR

2 storey side extension plus refurbishment/rebuild of rear single storey WC/utility to improve its standard.

GRANTED – 21 October 2021

21/01662/COND1: 1 Butlers Lands Farm Cottages, Mortimer Lane, Mortimer, Reading

Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 4 (Materials schedule) and 5 (Hard surfacing details) of planning permission 20/02785/HOUSE - Single storey rear and side extension.

GRANTED – 20 October 2021.

21/02141/HOUSE: Old Police Station, The Street, Mortimer, Reading, RG7 3PB

Removal of existing 1970s conservatory; construction of two-storey and first floor rear extensions; replace existing garage with home office and log store; replacement carport.

GRANTED – 20 October 2021

21/02180/HOUSE: Treloar, Loves Wood, Mortimer Common, Reading RG7 2JX

New side extension, adjustments to windows and doors, amendments to existing external materials.

GRANTED – 18 October 2021

21/00563/FULD: Land at 72 Windmill Road, Mortimer, Reading, West Berkshire

Proposed new dwelling.

REFUSED – 20 October 2021

21/02031/HOUSE: Darley House, Loves Wood, Mortimer Common, Reading RG7 2JX

First floor extension, partial garage conversion. Alterations to fenestration, exterior finishes, roof tiles and minor internal alterations.

GRANTED – 28 October 2021

(including condition to protect trees under TPO 201/21/0025)

b. Tree Preservation Orders

The Committee noted receipt of a provisional Tree Preservation Order 201/21/1046 covering a pine tree on land at Hasenbach, The Bevers, Mortimer RG7 3SP.

c. Other

Cllr. Morsley updated Committee on enquiry from local dental practice looking for larger premises within Mortimer which had been referred to District Councillor Bridgman and the Neighbourhood Plan team for consideration under the issue of reserved space on the new development behind Tower Gardens.

21/0056 Communications

Update on recent decisions on planning applications received from West Berkshire Council. Cllr. Morsley and Assistant to the Clerk would draft text of communication. **(DM/Clerk)**

21/0057 Future Agenda Items

None.

21/0058 Exclusion of Press and Public

Not required.

Close

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.