



## 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 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 @ 7.30 pm**

### **Present:**

#### **Councillors:**

Cllr. D. Morsley (Chairman), Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. D. Ives, Cllr. C. Lewis, Cllr. J. Wells

#### **For the Clerk:**

B. O'Reilly

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

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

### **Part I**

#### **21/0069 Public Session (for agenda items only)**

None.

#### **21/0070 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr. S. Beard, Cllr. S. Hill and Cllr. A. Marsden

#### **21/0071 To receive any declarations of interest**

None.

#### **21/0072 Minutes of Last Meeting**

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021 were received and APPROVED for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

#### **21/0073 Items to be taken into private session**

None.

#### **21/0074 Schedule of Planning Applications**

To consider the following planning application:

## **21/02863/HOUSE: 72 Windmill Road, Mortimer Common, Reading, RG7 3RL**

Retrospective entrance gates.

### **SMPC Comments:**

The Committee noted that these gates had been in situ for a while already and had no objections in principal but agreed they were **not in keeping with the street scene**. Had this not been a retrospective application, the Committee would have objected on these grounds.

*Following a submission from a member of the public, by way of clarification and prior to approving the minutes at its meeting on the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2021, the Committee agreed to the rewording of the minute re planning application 21/02863/HOUSE as follows:*

*Were this a correctly timed (i.e. before the gates were installed) application, the Committee might have been mindful to object on the basis of not in keeping with the street scene, as it would not wish to see such gates all the way along the road. As the gates have been in situ for over a year with no one calling them to the Committee's attention, the Committee has no objection to permission being granted in this case. This does not set a precedent.*

## **21/0075 Current Projects**

To receive any updates on current projects and consider any recommendations for resolution as reported:

- a. MOR006 (Land south of Tower Gardens) Planning Application**
- b. MOR006 (Land south of Tower Gardens) Biodiversity and Green Space**

Cllr. Morsley advised that a large piece of groundwork was observed taking place at the south east corner of the site and had asked Mr. T. Barber to review against the landscaping plans approved in the outline planning permission given by West Berkshire Council.

## **21/0076 Items for information only**

- a. Planning decisions/notices from West Berkshire Council.**

The following decisions were noted:

### **21/02098/PASSHE: Highfield, Drury Lane, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 2JJ**

An application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Larger home extension for proposed 6-meter rear extension. Dimensions 6m from rear wall, 2.90m maximum height, 2.60m eaves height.

#### **PLANNING PERMISSION NOT REQUIRED – 16 November 2021**

*proposed works are lawful for purposes under Schedule 2 Part 1 Class A.1 (g) and Class C of the of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015*

### **21/02415/CLASSR: Manns Farm, Nightingale Lane, Mortimer Common, Reading**

Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed Change of Use under Class R under 150 sq mts from Agriculture to Flexible Use falling within Classes A1, A2, A3, B1, B8, C1 or D2.

**PLANNING PERMISSION NOT REQUIRED – 17 November 2021**

*the change of use of agricultural building to a flexible commercial use is permitted under Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 schedule 2 Part 3 Class R agricultural buildings to a use (Class E of the Use Classes Order)*

**21/02690/NONMAT: Land South Of Tower Gardens, The Street, Mortimer Common, Reading**

Non material amendment to approved 19/01715/RESMAJ - Reserved matters for details of the appearance, landscaping, and scale of the approved residential development for Phase 1 comprising 28 houses and apartments including affordable housing, public open space and associated landscaping. Reserved Matters is submitted pursuant to the Outline Planning Permission 17/03004/OUTMAJ as varied by the S73 Application 19/00981/OUTMAJ. Amendments to elevations.

**APPROVES the minor amendment – 18 November 2021**

*The case officer has examined the submitted documents and is content that the proposed alterations to some of the external facing materials, porch detail, fenestration, cat slide roofs and car ports are all acceptable since none of the changes represent any change in plot location or future potential harm to amenity of occupants. Parking will not be impacted and the overall high design quality of the scheme will remain as evidenced in the original reserved matters approval. In addition none of the plot heights will be increased.*

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

Proposed front extension and rearrangement of parking provision.

**GRANTED – 19 November 2021**

*No development shall take place until details of the surfacing arrangements for the vehicular accesses to the highway have been submitted and approved; and gradient of the replacement parking space shall not exceed 1 in 12.*

**SMPC Comments:** No objections

**b. Minor matters for information.**

None.

**21/0077 Communications**

None.

**21/0078 Future Agenda Items**

None.

**21/0079 Exclusion of Press and Public**

Not required.

**Close**

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm.