

Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Full Council Meeting 10/02/2022

Neighbourhood plan – reserved land and communications

Educational use

At the landowner's suggestion, the governors, head teacher and steering group representatives (Doug Overett and Nick Carter) visited the 1.0-hectare site on December 22 to gain a better appreciation of its layout and position.

- The school's desires are well understood. They seek approximately 0.4h for hard and soft play with associated facilities and wish, if possible, to reserve an additional space for possible future use and as a wild area. They are aware and accept that they may not get more than circa 0.4h, which exceeds the area that WBC think they "need" for outdoor activities by 0.3h.
- The pre-school that currently uses St John's Hall have provided their future wishes for an enlarged/differently configured facility. It appears unlikely that these aspirations could be met using the reserved land, owing to their particular needs.
- The landowner has laid out a draft site plan for the school uses which is under review.
- Draft policy text for the school use is written, in preparation for a community consultation when the other users are confirmed.

Healthcare/community use

Options for healthcare and community use are under review. Whilst those discussions are not as far developed as the plan for education, the group is working with the stakeholders and landowner to draw up some scenarios to give a clearer indication of what can fit within the proposed area.

Communications

A contract was placed in late December with I-Next, provider of the parish council website, for a complimentary Neighbourhood Plan "micro" site. This site will be both accessible directly and accessible from the parish council site. It will present the Neighbourhood Plan information in relevant categories and will comply with the relevant legislation relating to information access.

The supplier presented a draft concept to two members of the steering group, which was agreed with minor amendments. The supplier is due to present back to those members a draft design for review, prior to proceeding with detailed development, to ensure no misunderstandings. This review is due about now.

CLlr Nick Carter 04/2/22