



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, 27th January 2022 @ 7.30 pm

Subject to Approval

Present:

Councillors:

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

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

21/00103 Public Session (for agenda items only)

None.

21/00104 Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr. S. Beard and Cllr. J. Wells.

21/00105 To receive any declarations of interest

None.

21/00106 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 13th January 2022 were received and APPROVED for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

21/00107 Items to be taken into private session

None.

21/00108 Current Projects

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

No updates to report on these projects. As the development site has been officially named by the developers, MOR006 will now be referred to as Tower House Farm in meeting papers.

21/00109 Schedule of Planning Applications

To The following planning applications were considered for comment to West Berkshire Council:

21/02927/HOUSE: 19 Victoria Road, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 3SH

Proposed first floor addition to include loft conversion to existing. Erect detached garage to rear garden.

SMPC Comments: No objections however the Committee noted that although section 7 of the application form stated no trees may be affected, there is a large oak at the front of the property, and section 8 on the CIL form, the declaration from the applicant, was either missing or had been intentionally redacted.

21/00110 Items for information only

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

The list of planning decisions received from West Berkshire Council since the meeting on 13th January 2022 was received.

21/02628/HOUSE: 6 Williamson Close, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire RG7 3UJ

Conversion of a single garage to habitable space, relocating internal garage parking to driveway.

GRANTED – 16 December 2021

The development shall not be brought into use until the vehicle parking space has been surfaced and provided in accordance with the approved plan and the Materials Schedule. The parking space shall thereafter be kept available for parking (of private motor cars and/or light goods vehicles) at all times. The landscaping scheme shall be completed within the first planting season following completion of development.

SMPC Comments: No objection. However, the committee would like to point out condition 10 on the original planning permission for this development (10/00873/FULMAJ):

Condition 10. Notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (or any order revoking or re-enacting that order, with or without modification) an area of not less than 2.5m by 5.5 m within each garage shall be kept available for the parking of vehicles at all times.

21/02749/CERTP: 5 King Street, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 3RS

Small single-storey side and rear extension. Side extension to replace dilapidated storage area.

LAWFUL – 22 December 2021

Does not conflict with any planning conditions on the approved planning permissions for the property. It also constitutes permitted development under Schedule 2, Part 1, Class B of the

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b. Minor matters for information.

- i. The Parish Council office will draft the letter for residents adjacent to MWE003: Land at Turks Lane, referenced in Appendix 5 of the SHELA Assessment published by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council to point them to where they can find information related to potential future development in the field at Turks Lane.
- ii. The Committee discussed the situation regarding a recent instance where an orange site notice had been displayed by West Berkshire Council after the original consultation date had passed and caused issues with neighbours adjacent to the proposed development. Cllr. Morsley and the Parish Council office have asked for clarification from West Berkshire Council on their process and timelines used to ensure orange site notices are displayed in time after a planning application has been validated for consultation. The Committee stressed it should have access to relevant comments from the community on planning applications they look at. The office is currently awaiting a further update from West Berkshire Council.
- iii. It was noted that a member of public had made an enquiry about planning applications to Cllr. Morsley who noted their lack of knowledge about this Planning Committee, the planning application procedure with West Berkshire Council or that there was a Neighbourhood Development Plan in place that could be referred to. This information could be covered in an item for communication to the public.

21/00111 Communications

Information on the purpose and procedure for the display of orange site notices for the next Parish Council newsletter.

21/00112 Future Agenda Items

None.

21/00113 Exclusion of Press and Public

Not required.

Close

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.