



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, 10th February 2022 @ 6.45pm

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr. D. Morsley (Chairman), Cllr. D. Ives, Cllr. C. Lewis, Cllr. A. Marsden, and Cllr. J. Wells (arrived 6.50pm)

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

21/00114 Public Session (for agenda items only)

None.

21/00115 Apologies

Apologies received from Cllr. M. Dennett and Cllr. S. Hill. The Chairman advised that Cllr. S. Beard had submitted his intention to resign from this Committee but not done so formally yet.

21/00116 To receive any declarations of interest

None.

21/00117 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 27th January 2022 were received and APPROVED for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

It was noted that under 21/00110b.i, the letters on the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Local Plan update were being delivered to residents on Turks Lane on Friday, 11th February.

The Chairman also advised that under 21/00110b.ii, there had been no further update from West Berkshire Council regarding the issue raised with them on missing orange site notices.

21/00118 Items to be taken into private session

None.

21/00119 Current Projects

- a. **Tower House Farm** (previously referred to as MOR006: Land south of Tower Gardens) **Planning Application**
- b. **Tower House Farm** (previously referred to as MOR006: Land south of Tower Gardens) **Biodiversity and Green Space**

Currently no updates to report on either project.

21/00120 Schedule of Planning Applications

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

22/00062/HOUSE: 61 Victoria Road, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 3SL

Two storey side and single storey rear extensions.

SMPC Comments: No objections.

22/00229/HOUSE: 30 St John's Road, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 3TR

Demolition of the existing conservatory, proposed ground floor rear/side extension to provide a larger kitchen and living areas, as well as a first floor side extension providing a larger master bedroom.

SMPC Comments: The Committee noted no orange notice had been displayed at the site and no copies of the plans/drawings of the proposed development were available to the public from West Berkshire Council's planning portal at the time of this meeting. As this could be seen as an overdevelopment on the site, the Committee was concerned that neighbours would not be aware of the proposal and not able to indicate their concerns to the Parish Council or directly to West Berkshire Council.

21/00121 Items for information only

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

The list of planning decisions and notices received from West Berkshire Council since the meeting on 27th January 2022 was received.

21/02863/HOUSE: 72 Windmill Road, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire RG7 3RL

Retrospective entrance gates.

GRANTS RETROSPECTIVE– 1 February 2022

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.

Updated Comments on 17.12.2021: 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.

21/03100/HOUSE: Oakleaves, The Street, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire RG7 3RN

Garden Room.

GRANTED – 2 February 2022 *(includes Condition 4 relating to tree protection)*

SMPC Comments: No objections but the Committee would like to query whether the large oak tree observed at the front of the property was within falling distance of the dwelling as this was not mentioned in section 6 of the application form.

21/02347/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. Reserved Matters is submitted pursuant to the Outline Planning Permission 17/03004/OUTMAJ as varied by the S73 Application 19/00981/OUTMAJ)

GRANTED – 4 February 2022

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

21/03274/TELE28: Street Record 1, Longmoor Lane, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire

The Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and restrictions) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 - BT intends to install fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus. (restore service to Bridge Farm location)

NOT REQUIRED – 26 January 2022

21/03275/TELE28: Street Record 2, Longmoor Lane, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire

The Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and restrictions) (Amendment) Regulations 2017 - BT intends to install fixed line broadband electronic communications apparatus. (restore service to Bridge Farm location)

NOT REQUIRED – 26 January 2022.

b. Minor matters for information.

- i. The Committee was advised of an application 22/00133/TPW for tree works at 3 St. John's Close to fell a laurel (T1) and hazel (T2) covered under Tree Protection Order 201/21/0678 located on the buffer land between St. John's Close and the Tower House Farm development.

21/00122 Communications

None.

21/00123 Future Agenda Items

None.

21/00124 Exclusion of Press and Public

Not required.

Close

The meeting closed at 7.05pm.