

# Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

## Full Council Meeting 14/04/2022

### Neighbourhood Plan – Progress

#### Interim update of Neighbourhood Plan - Reserved Land

- The school desires are clearly understood. A draft proposal for this and the other possible uses is under review with a further meeting scheduled for 11 April between steering group members, the governors and landowner
- The possibility of funds being available from Greenham Trust to support building a new medical facility will be progressed. In parallel a statement of intent from the doctors to use the land is being sought.
- A meeting is to be scheduled with West Berks Council representatives to explore the possible approach(es) to implement the Plan update. When a complete proposal is defined for the area, the public will be informed, and a consultation carried out.

#### Subsequent update of Neighbourhood Plan

- The end date to issue the subsequent/fuller Neighbourhood (Development) Plan update is not yet known because it depends on/awaits future central government pronouncements. The group's target date to issue it is immediately after the publication of the next West Berks Council local plan, because that timing would render the update its most effective. The appointed consultant ([Bluestone Planning](#)) has been engaged to support this Plan update and the agenda for a first meeting defined. At that meeting (being arranged by Cllr Marsden), the consultant will be asked to provide guidance for a project plan.

#### Communications

- Web site development continues, focusing on site structure and adding meeting content. The format of the minutes for pre-March meetings will be changed to meet "accessibility" requirement. The site's "landing" (welcome) page content is being prepared/agreed, to provide an overview of what a Neighbourhood Plan is and the reason for the updates of the Mortimer Plan.