



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held online on Thursday, 28th April 2022 @ 7.30pm

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr. D. Morsley (Chairman), Cllr. S. Hill, Cllr. C. Lewis, and Cllr. J. Wells

For the Clerk: B. O'Reilly

Public/Press:

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

Part I

21/0157 Public Session (for agenda items only)

None.

21/0158 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Dennett and Cllr. Marsden.

21/0159 To receive any declarations of interest

Cllr. Morsley declared knowledge of the dwelling at St Mary's Road under consideration at item 21/0163 below.

21/0160 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 14th April 2022 were received and approved as a true record of the meeting.

21/0161 Items to be taken into private session

None.

21/0162 Current Projects

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

No updates.

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

No updates.

21/0163 Schedule of Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered:

22/00809/HOUSE: 5 St Marys Road, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 3UE

Single storey rear extension and internal alterations providing an open plan kitchen, dining and living area.

SMPC Comments: No objections but noted that the tree to be removed, as mentioned in the application form, is not labelled, e.g. T1, on Location Plan drawing 50_A as stated. Assumed to be tree located at corner of existing patio on Proposed Ground Floor Plan drawing 051A.

21/0164 Items for information only

a. Planning decisions/notices from West Berkshire Council

List of decisions were noted and received:

22/00319/FULD: 2 Crockers, Mowbray Hill, Mortimer, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 3JJ

Retrospective change of use from agricultural to C3a for the use of a new garage to the existing house.

GRANTED RETROSPECTIVELY – 6 April 2022 (*Condition 3 includes “no gates, fences, walls or other means of enclosure which would otherwise be permitted by Schedule 2, Part 2, Class A of that Order shall be erected, constructed, or materially altered within the application site without planning permission”*)

SMPC Comments: The Committee did not object in principle to the change of use to C3a but had concerns as follows:

- There should be no further extension or change of use granted to agricultural land at and surrounding the site;
- Future access on the extension of land clarified;
- Condition that land can only be used for the development of a vehicle garage, subject to planning approval with conditions preventing the use of the garage being used for any other purpose;
- Would request that a tree survey would form part of any planning application.

22/00457/PASSHE: 40 Stephens Firs, Mortimer, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 3UY

Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Larger Home Extension. Proposed rear extension 6m beyond rear wall x 2.6m maximum height x 2.45m at eaves.

PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED – 13 April 2022

22/00883/5DAY: The Copse, Loves Wood, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 2JX

T1 - Oak - Between the properties have reduced crown and windsail due to extensive limb failures on the house side of the tree. I have removed fractured limbs without inflicting to bigger wounds to the main stem and risking any further damage.

NO OBJECTIONS – 8 April 2022

Cllr. Bridgman attended at 7.50pm

b. Minor matters for information

- The Committee normally discuss planning applications to meet the original consultation deadline advised by WBC and often before members of the public become aware from the display of orange site notices. The Committee can, therefore, be unaware of objections submitted by members of the public at later dates. Cllr. Morsley gave the Committee an example using 22/00809/HOUSE. It had a standard consultation deadline of 3rd May 2022 but the WBC planning portal now indicated it had been extended to 16th May due to the later display of the site notice. WBC confirmed they give 21 days' consultation from the date the site notice actually goes up at the site. It was also noted that WBC can use the 'Internal Target Date' as latest deadline to comment, if submitted by email. Wording on the WBC portal regarding the consultation dates needs amended to avoid confusion.
- Following the Annual Parish meeting on 26th April, Cllr. Morsley raised a point on the status of the Mortimer station car park project. GWR recently confirmed that due to the pandemic and changes within the franchise, there has been no progress with the car park since the planning application was approved. The approved planning application will expire at the end of next year if no construction starts before then, otherwise the other option would be to apply to extend the approved application. At the suggestion of GWR, Cllrs. Morsley, Bridgman, Lewis and Wells will monitor number of cars at the station and parked along The Street during May 2022 and submit findings for a response on current usage to GWR.
- The Committee would make a request at the next Full Council meeting in May to co-opt Mr. Neil Kiley to the Planning Committee to act on issues relating to the station car park application again.

21/0165 Communications

None.

21/0166 Future Agenda Items

None.

21/0167 Exclusion of Press and Public

Not required.

Close

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.