



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held online on Thursday, 9th June 2022 @ 6.45 pm

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr. D. Morsley (Chairman), Cllr. N. Carter, Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. S. Hill, Cllr. C. Lewis, Cllr. A. Marsden and Cllr. J. Wells

For the Clerk:

B. O'Reilly

Public/Press:

There was one member of the public and no press in attendance.

Part I

22/0023 Public Session (for agenda items only)

A member of the public raised the issue of the appeal lodged against West Berkshire Council's refusal of planning application 21/00563/FULD. The Committee advised the resident that the Inspector will be reviewing West Berkshire Council's process and documentation that resulted in the decision they issued on 20th October 2021. The resident was advised to submit a written representation to the Planning Inspectorate focussing on support for the WBC decision document but also, pointing out any inaccuracies they feel are incorporated in the appeal document. Cllr. Morsley confirmed that any response from this Planning Committee will be discussed at the next meeting on 23rd June 2022 as notification of the appeal had been too late to include in the agenda for this meeting.

22/0024 Apologies

Cllr. M. Lock did not attend, and no apologies were received.

22/0025 To receive any declarations of interest

None.

22/0026 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 26th May 2022 were received and APPROVED for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

22/0027 Items to be taken into private session

None.

22/0028 Current Projects

To receive any updates on current projects and consider any recommendations for resolution as reported:

- 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**

There were no updates to report on items 21/0017 a. and 21/0017 b. above.

- c. Mortimer Station Car Park**

Cllr. Morsley thanked those who volunteered to assist with the count of cars using the station car park and streets in the vicinity of the station. It was noted that on several occasions during the survey every possible parking space had been seen occupied. The data will now be collated for submission to Great Western Railway to reopen dialogue on way forward.

22/0029 Schedule of Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered for comment:

22/01283/HOUSE: Saga Cottage, 76 Windmill Road, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 3RL 3QE

2 storey extension on side & 1 storey extension on the rear.

SMPC Comment: The Committee had no objections in principal but did not believe that the car parking spaces indicated on the amended location plan would actually be viable.

22/01142/CERTP: 26 King Street, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 3RS

To demolish the existing substandard and unsafe brick balcony parapet wall to the rear of the property, and replace it with a new glass balustrade system.

SMPC Comment: No objections.

22/01330/REG3: Land North of Bloomfield Hatch Farm, Bloomfield Hatch

Construction and operation of a solar farm and battery storage system together with cable route and all associated works, equipment and necessary infrastructure.

SMPC Comment: The Committee considered this planning application located in an adjacent parish council and had no objections in principle, however, would like to know what plans are in place to replant new trees in the area to cover the significant loss of trees and hedges on the proposed site. The Committee was also concerned that, as this land would now become classified as brown field, they would like to see a condition so that the land returns to green field classification after the decommission of the solar farm.

22/0030 West Berkshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan

Cllrs. Dennett and Carter will review West Berkshire's Proposed Main Modifications to the Minerals and Waste Local Plan and recommend any responses at Planning Committee meeting on 23rd June 2022

22/0031 Items for information only

a. Planning decisions/notices from West Berkshire Council.

22/01159/NONMAT: 97 The Avenue, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire

Non Material amendment application to planning application 21/00390/HOUSE: Double storey side extension and single storey front extension to existing link-detached house - AMENDMENT: Changes to first floor windows [1. New centre window and movement of existing to the right on the front elevation to allow for changes to internal floor area. 2. Move centre bathroom window to a more central position on rear elevation to allow for changes to internal floor area 3. New obscure glazed, non-opening below 1.7 metre window on side elevation.]

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SMPC Comments: No comments.

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.

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SMPC Comments: No objections but noted that the tree to be removed, as mentioned in the application form, is not labelled, i.e. 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.

b. Minor matters for information.

Cllr. Hill enquired whether a freedom of information request could be made to Sovereign Housing to ascertain when properties at Windmill Court were last advertised.

The Assistant to the Clerk will follow up with West Berkshire Council on the enquiry regarding the new fencing at 2 Crockers, Mowbray Hill seeking to clarify if this is in breach of the planning application approval. (22/00319/FULD: Condition 3 of decision notice dated 6th April 2022).

An appeal (APP/W0340/W/22/3293964) has been lodged against WBC's refusal on 21/00563/FULD at 72 Windmill Road. Cllr. Morsley will look at the information with the Planning Inspectorate with the aim of bringing anything relevant for discussion to the next meeting on 23rd June for a written representation to the Inspector.

22/0032 Communications

None.

22/0033 Future Agenda Items

None.

22/0034 Exclusion of Press and Public

Not required.

Close

The meeting closed at 7.24pm.