



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 11th August 2022 @ 7.30 pm at Mortimer Methodist Church Hall, West End Road, Mortimer

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr. D. Morsley (Chairman), Cllr. D. Butler, Cllr. M. Dennett, Cllr. H. Geary, Cllr. S. Hill, Cllr. C. Lewis, Cllr. A. Marsden, Cllr. J. Wells

For the Clerk:

B. O'Reilly

Public/Press:

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

Part I

22/0069 Public Session (for agenda items only)

It was noted that Cllr. G. Bridgman was attending the meeting to support technical discussion on planning application 22/01743/MDOPO.

22/0070 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Lock.

22/0071 To receive any declarations of interest

None.

22/0072 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 28th July 2022 were received and APPROVED for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

22/0073 Items to be taken into private session

None.

22/0074 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**
- c. **Mortimer Station Car Park**

There were no updates to report on items 22/0063 a, b and c above.

22/0075 Schedule of Planning Applications

The following planning applications were discussed:

22/01743/MDOPO: Woodside Close, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire

Modification of Planning Obligation on Approved Application 145732 – Application to vary the Section 106 Agreement dated 27 April 1995 made between (1) Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council (2) English Villages Housing Association Limited and (3) Newbury District Council relating to land situated at Windmill Road, Stratford Mortimer Berkshire.

SMPC Comments:

The Committee conceded that the content of the application was a technical matter for the planning authority due to changes in current best practices regarding mortgages, but the outcome of any decision should be that, as this is a rural exception site, the properties must remain as affordable housing for residents with strong Mortimer connections and the parish council trusts that West Berkshire Council will ensure this provision.

22/01791/HOUSE: Beechwood, Ravensworth Road, Mortimer West End, Reading, West Berkshire RG7 3UD

Single storey rear extension.

SMPC Comments: No objections.

22/0076 Items for information only

a. Decisions and notices from West Berkshire Council

No new decisions to report.

b. Minor matters for information

- i. It was noted that orange notice signs were not in place at the two sites being considered at this meeting. The Committee will, therefore, start a log of incidents where this happens to raise with West Berkshire Council's Planning team again.
- ii. A petition on Windmill Court has opened to the public requesting West Berkshire Council not to lift current restrictions. The aim of the petition is to prevent Sovereign Housing Association's proposals to redevelop the site without alternative accommodation being available within the village to Windmill Court residents. Following a meeting between Sovereign Housing, Cllrs. Bridgman and Cllr. Morsley, it was reported that there may be an update on the situation in September.

22/0077 Communications

Nothing at this time.

22/0078 Future Agenda Items

Orange notices.

22/0079 Exclusion of Press and Public

Not required.

Close

The meeting closed at 8.05pm.