



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 28th July 2022 @ 7.30 pm at Mortimer Methodist Church Hall, West End Road, Mortimer

Present:

Councillors:

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

For the Clerk:

B. O'Reilly

Public/Press:

There were two members of the public and no member of the press in attendance.

Part I

22/0058 Public Session (for agenda items only)

Two members of the public stated their interest in application 22/01655/CERTP.

22/0059 Apologies

No apologies were received Cllr. Butler and Cllr. Lock.

22/0060 To receive any declarations of interest

None.

22/0061 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 14th July 2022 were received and APPROVED for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

22/0062 Items to be taken into private session

None.

22/0063 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**

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

- c. **Mortimer Station Car Park**

Cllr. Morsley reported on first meeting held with new representative from Great Western Railways, Mr. Edward Goose. The Parish Clerk and Mr. N. Kiley were also present. With GWR no longer a franchise and now under the Department of Transport, Mr. Goose advised that there was a new process for funding projects with no guarantees, but he would be making a bid for Government funding in order for the car park development to proceed. The parish council wrote a letter of confirmation of support and need for the car park as part of GWR's documentation for the bid. It was noted another data collection on numbers of cars parking at the station may be required and GWR may commission a professional survey to undertake this. There was no indication that SMPC would be asked to fund anything further to the project.

22/0064 Schedule of Planning Applications

The following planning applications were discussed:

22/01655/CERTP: 40 Stephens Firs, Mortimer, Reading, West Berkshire RG7 3UY

Proposed single storey side extension and loft conversion.

SMPC Comments: There were no objections in principle, however the Committee noted that parking spaces for up to 3 cars was not indicated on the plans (SMPC Neighbourhood Plan 9.2.2. GD2 Internal & External Access and Parking) as the proposed loft conversion would increase number of potential bedrooms to 4 or 5, and the labelling of rooms, such as the kitchen, on the proposed plans should be made clear.

22/01726/HOUSE: 5 Bilberry Gardens, Mortimer, Reading, West Berkshire RG7 3WU

Single storey rear extension to form larger kitchen, dining, living area.

SMPC Comments: The Committee noted that there were no permitted development rights on this property (Condition 22 of planning approval 02/01364/FULMAJ) and that this proposed rear extension is large and possibly an overdevelopment that would result in a loss of amenity space at the property.

22/01738/HOUSE: Chapelside, Drury Lane, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire RG7 2JN

Proposed Rear Ground Floor Extension.

SMPC Comments: No objections.

22/0065 Items for information only

- a. **Decisions and notices from West Berkshire Council**

The following were noted:

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

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

GRANTED – 18 July 2022

SMPC Comments: 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.

22/01578/NONMAT: Land South Of Tower Gardens, The Street, Mortimer Common, Reading

Amendment to Condition 1 on planning permission 19/00981/OUTMAJ to extend the period for the submission of the Reserved Matters application by a further six months to 14th February 2023.

APPROVED – 27 July 2022

Condition 1 on planning permission 19/00981/OUTMAJ shall now read:

"Application for approval of the reserved matters for each of the first two phases of the development as set out under Conditions 3 and 4 shall be made to the Local Planning Authority not later than 14th February 2022. Applications for approval of the reserved matters for all other phases shall be made not later than 14th February 2023."

b. Minor matters for information

None.

22/0066 Communications

Nothing at this time.

22/0067 Future Agenda Items

To look at the issue of orange notices again at another meeting.

22/0068 Exclusion of Press and Public

Not required.

Close

The meeting closed at 8.14pm.