



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 25th August 2022 @ 7.30 pm at Mortimer Methodist Church Hall, West End Road, Mortimer

Present:

Councillors:

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

For the Clerk:

B. O'Reilly

Public/Press:

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

Part I

22/0080 Public Session (for agenda items only)

None.

22/0081 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. Dennett.

22/0082 To receive any declarations of interest

None.

22/0083 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 11th August 2022 were received and APPROVED for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

22/0084 Items to be taken into private session

None.

22/0085 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 22/0085 a, b and c above.

22/0086 Schedule of Planning Applications

The following planning applications were discussed:

22/01414/HOUSE: 60 Stephens Firs, Mortimer, Reading, West Berkshire RG7 3UY

Erection of front porch, re-roof elevation of garage, conversion of garage to habitable accommodation, minor internal alterations and erection of garden room.

SMPC Comments: No objections.

22/01884/HOUSE: 26 Briar Lea Road, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire RG7 3SA

Two storey extension to rear and single garage extension to side of existing property.

SMPC Comments: No objections however the Committee noted that there was no orange site notice displayed at the site at the time of this Committee meeting.

22/0087 Orange Site Notices

Cllr. Morsley summarized the current situation where orange site notices had gone up late. This had resulted in members of the public not being aware of proposed developments in their areas at the time this Committee met to discuss the application. In one recent case, this resulted in the Committee only becoming aware of public objections to a proposal after submitting its own comments to West Berkshire Council to meet the original consultation deadline. This situation prompted Cllr. Morsley to open a discussion with West Berkshire Council earlier this year, and the parish council office will now collect data on when the orange site notices go up, and changes to the consultation deadline. This data will be reported to the Portfolio manager at West Berkshire Council for further discussion. To assist with keeping this data record, Committee members will inform the parish council office when they see orange site notices go up.

22/0088 Items for information only

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

The following decisions were received:

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. The proposed new glass balustrade system would be extended by 370mm, over the existing balcony footprint, by using a cantilevered timber structure. At the west facing elevation, obscure glass would be used as a privacy screen.

REFUSED – 8 July 2022

SMPC Comments: No objections.

22/01164/HOUSE: 15 The Avenue, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 3QY

Single storey infill extension, first storey extension to create first floor and part garage conversion.

GRANTED – 11 August 2022

SMPC Comments: No objections.

22/01510/HOUSE: 2 Crockers, Mowbray Hill, Mortimer, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 3JJ

Formation of new garage - store building with Loft room along with associated ground works.

APPLICATION WITHDRAWN – 17 August 2022

SMPC Comments: As the proposed garage with loft room is large and close to the boundary with the highway, the Committee would request that a condition is placed to restrict the use of the development to that specified in the application, i.e. as an office space to the residents of the house, and is not extended further, or converted into a separate dwelling. It was noted that the parish council also have an outstanding query if retrospective planning is required for the new fence erected along the north boundary of the property.

22/01511/HOUSE: Old Acorn Cottage, Lockram Lane, Wokefield, Mortimer, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 3AR

Single storey extension to North and East elevation following removal of conservatory.

GRANTED – 17 August 2022

SMPC Comments: No objections.

b. Minor matters for information

- i. Cllr. Morsley reported that there were now over 900 responses from the public to the Windmill Court petition. This figure included both online and paper responses. Should this figure reach 1,500 petitions, the petition would go to a Full Council meeting of the West Berkshire Council for debate.
- ii. The Chairman suggested putting some time aside at the second Planning Committee meeting each month to do research on a topic of interest to the Committee.

22/0089 Communications

Nothing at this time.

22/0090 Future Agenda Items

None.

22/0091 Exclusion of Press and Public

Not required.

Close

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.