



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on Thursday, 8th September 2022 @ 6.45 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 (arrived at 7pm), Cllr. M. Lock, Cllr. A. Marsden, Cllr. J. Wells

Clerk:

L. Hannawin

Public/Press:

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

Part I

A two-minute silence was held for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

22/0092 Public Session (for agenda items only)

None.

22/0093 Apologies

None.

22/0094 To receive any declarations of interest

None.

22/0095 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 25th August 2022 were received and APPROVED for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

22/0096 Items to be taken into private session

None.

22/0097 Current Projects

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

There was no update.

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

Further information on proposals for the landscaping are due shortly

c. **Mortimer Station Car Park**

There has been no response yet from Great Western Railway since the meeting with Mr. Edward Goose in July. Cllr Morsley would follow up by email to enquire about any news or developments on the car park proposal and if further data on the number of cars using the station car park is required.

22/0098 Schedule of Planning Applications

The following planning applications were discussed:

22/01610/HOUSE: Park Cottage, The Street, Mortimer, Reading' West Berkshire RG7 3PE

Erection of a single storey rear extension.

SMPC Comments: No objections but the Committee would ask that the case officer verifies the number of parking spaces as this was not shown in the proposal and number of bedrooms not indicated in the plans.

It was noted that an orange site notice had been seen on display on 7th September.

22/0099 Items for information only

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

The following decision was received:

22/01422/RESMAJ: Land South Of Tower Gardens The Street Mortimer Common Reading West Berkshire

Reserved matters for details of the appearance, landscaping, and scale of the approved residential development for Phase 2b comprising 14 houses including associated landscaping. Reserved Matters is submitted pursuant to the Outline Planning Permission 7/03004/OUTMAJ as varied by the S73 Application 19/00981/OUTMAJ.

GRANTED – 26 August 2022 (*including Conditions on enclosing car ports and the use of the home office spaces*)

SMPC Comments: The Committee had no objections in principal but, with regard to the proposed composite timber garages on plots 51 and 58, would want a condition imposed that the home office spaces, as shown on drawing 21-1009-130-A, shall not be used at any time other than for purposes incidental to the residential use of the dwellings known as Plot 51 and 58.

Councillor Lewis arrived at 7pm.

b. **Minor matters for information**

- i. The database on orange site notices is being updated by the parish council office.

- ii. Although both SMPC and Highways raised the inability to park two cars on the existing drive, therefore requiring cars to park on the road, planning permission has been granted for the proposed development at Windmill Road/King Street/Saga Cottage (22/01283/HOUSE). A letter would be sent to the case officer asking for clarification as to why the application was granted.
- iii. Cllr. Morsley reported on a site visit by members of the Eastern Area Planning Committee to the proposed development of a wellness centre at Manns Farm (22/01080/FUL). Statutory consultees are mainly in favour of the application, but the case officer is mindful to recommend the application is rejected due to Highways comments. Even though adaptations have been made to allow for additional parking and the centre would be within walking distance from a bus stop, Highways are against the proposal due to traffic sustainability. It was also noted that West Berkshire Council has a policy on farm diversification which the application should fall under. In addition, the application meets a policy of the Neighbourhood Development Plan. Cllr. Morsley has registered to speak at the meeting of the EAPC on behalf of the parish council in line with previous comments made.
- iv. It was noted that there was no update from West Berkshire Council on the issue of the new fencing erected at The Crockers (22/00319/FULD).
- v. Cllr. Lewis pointed out that the recent application for Chapel Row 26 King Street (22/01142/CERTP), which the Committee considered as a planning application as opposed to a CERTP, was not actually refused. Instead, the decision indicated a planning application is required.
- vi. Cllr. Morsley advised that the signage at the new barber shop was not in breach of any planning laws. Planning permission would be required should the sign be illuminated. Cllr. Morsley provided information on planning requirements for signage and advised that useful reference material could be found on the parish council's SharePoint documents for Planning.

22/00100 Communications

Nothing to communicate.

22/00101 Future Agenda Items

None.

22/00102 Exclusion of Press and Public

Not required.

Close

The meeting closed at 7.22pm.