



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held in the Methodist Church Hall, 17 West End Road, Mortimer RG7 3TB on Thursday, 27th October 2022 @ 7.30pm

Present:

Councillors:

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

For the Clerk:

B. O'Reilly

Public/Press:

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

Part I

22/0126 Public Session (for agenda items only)

None.

22/0127 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr D. Butler and no apologies were received from Cllr. M. Lock

22/0128 To receive any declarations of interest

None.

22/0129 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 13th October 2022 were received and APPROVED for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

22/0130 Items to be taken into private session

None.

22/0131 Current Projects

The following updates on current projects were received:

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

Cllr. Morsley advised that a resident had referred some technical queries to West Berkshire Council on the issue of storm water, drainage and a spoil tip at locations on the new phase of the development. The parish council office shared these queries with Mr. Tennant (co-opted Planning Committee member) and Mr. Wingfield (ex-councillor) for their information and comment as this Committee does not have technical knowledge on the issues raised. The Clerk will follow up with West Berkshire Council in two week' time if there has been no response.

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

No updates to report.

c. Mortimer Station Car Park Planning Application

No updates to report.

22/0132 Schedule of Planning Applications

To consider the following planning application and status regarding site notices:

22/02517/HOUSE: 32 St Johns Road, Mortimer, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 3TR

Front infill extension and partial garage conversion to provide a new bedroom/ensuite at the entrance level of the property.

SMPC Comments: No objections.

Cllr. Morsley confirmed that the site notice was in place as of today.

22/0133 Items for information only

a. Decisions and Notices from West Berkshire Council

The following decisions were received:

22/01080/FUL: Manns Farm, Nightingale Lane, Mortimer, Reading, West Berkshire RG7 3PS

Conversion of existing farm building and replacement of existing to provide a 'Wellness Centre'.

GRANTED –14 October 2022

SMPC Comments: The parish council supports the proposed development under its NDP (Stratfield Mortimer Neighbourhood Plan policy 11.2.4 Use of Farm Buildings) on the assumption that the barn is not listed. The Committee had some concerns whether there were sufficient parking spaces to accommodate the potential full capacity referred to in the Highway Technical Note on page 3. The parish council also noted that the design access and planning statement referred to a consultation with “the parish council (Stratfield Mortimer)” at paragraph 3.1 but the council were not aware of this.

22/02016/CERTP: Wood View, Sweetzers Piece, Mortimer, Reading, West Berkshire

Part garage conversion into habitable room.

LAWFUL –13 October 2022

22/02144/PASSHE: Bruncketts, The Street, Mortimer, Reading, RG7 3PE

Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Larger Home Extension - single storey rear extension with Ultraframe 380 replica glazed roof panels. Dimensions 3.50m from rear wall, 3.50m maximum height, 2.25m eaves height.
PRIOR APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED –13 October 2022

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

Erection of a single storey rear extension.

GRANTED –21 October 2022

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.

b. Minor matters for information

- Cllr Morsley raised the issue of meetings where there are only one or two simple applications (like this one) and the effort of setting up projector and all members attending. After discussion it was agreed that, for the meetings which do not precede a Full Council meeting, the chairman and the clerk could by agreement include a note with the agenda, to indicate that it was not proposed to use the projector as only one or two simple applications would be discussed.
- Further to a query from Cllr. Hill, it was reported there has been no acknowledgement or response from the Planning team at West Berkshire Council to the parish council's enquiry regarding the new fencing erected at 2 Crockers which appears to contravene condition 3 on 22/00319/FULD decision letter of 6th April 2022.

22/0134 Communications

Nothing.

22/0135 Future Agenda Items

Nothing.

22/0136 Exclusion of Press and Public

Not required.

Close

The meeting closed at 8.00pm.