



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, 23rd February 2023 @ 7.30pm

Present:

Councillors:

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

Public/Press:

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

Part I

22/0193 Public Session (for agenda items only)

None.

22/0194 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr M. Lock.

22/0195 To receive any declarations of interest

None.

22/0196 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 9th February 2023 were received and APPROVED for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

22/0197 Items to be taken into private session

None.

22/0198 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

This was discussed as part of 23/00072/RESMAJ: Land South of Tower Gardens, The Street, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire (below).

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

Cllr Morsley reported that there was a site visit on 6th March 2023 that would include representatives from West Berkshire and TA Fisher to discuss the site (see discussion minuted below). Should other councillors wish to attend, this was possible on Cllr. Morsley being advised.

c. Mortimer Station Car Park Planning Application

No updated provided.

22/0199 Schedule of Planning Applications

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

23/00072/RESMAJ: Land South of Tower Gardens, The Street, Mortimer Common, Reading, West Berkshire

Approval of reserved matters following Outline Permission 19/00981/OUTMAJ [Section 73: Variation of condition 6-approved plans of approved application 17/03004 /OUTMAJ: Matters seeking consent: Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale.

The Committee discussed the application and agreed to seek an extension of the deadline for return of the Committee's substantive comments on the application after the site visit next week.

23/00263/HOUSE: 31 The Avenue, Mortimer Common, Reading, RG7 3QU

Demolition of existing garage and construction of single storey side extension linked to side/rear external covered BBQ area.

SMPC Comments: No objections.

23/00295/HOUSE: Pine Lodge, Mowbray Hill, Mortimer, Reading, RG7 3JG (Wokefield Parish)

Rear single storey extension.

SMPC Comments: Even though outside the parish, no objections.

23/00321/HOUSE: 5 Briar Lea Road, Mortimer Common, Reading, RG7 3SA

Two side storey extension.

SMPC Comments: No objections.

22/0200 West Berkshire Local Plan Review 2022-2039 (LPR)

To receive and AGREE a response to West Berkshire's statutory consultation on the Local Plan Review Proposed Submission document on behalf of Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council.

Cllr. Morsley received comments and observations from other councillors on the Local Plan Review Proposed Submission. The majority were about imprecise language used or the absence of adequate means to ensure the proposals laid out would be implemented in practice. Cllr. Geary was yet to provide comments and undertook to do so promptly.

Key points to note were that West Berkshire is almost entirely a Conservation Area or Area of National Beauty, which meant that any future development may have to be concentrated into a relatively small area, which includes the parish.

The Clerk will submit a response online to West Berkshire's statutory consultation, on behalf of Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council, before the 3rd March 2023 deadline.

22/0201 Items for information only

a. Decisions and Notices from West Berkshire Council

The following decisions were received:

22/02914/HOUSE: 45 Stephens Close, Mortimer Common, Reading, RG7 3TY

Ground floor rear extension with 1st floor dormer extension over, new front porch to existing private dwelling and new Conservatory in rear garden.

GRANTED – 6 February 2023

SMPC Comments: No objections in principal but the Committee would raise a query regarding sufficient parking spaces as this information is not provide.

22/02941/HOUSE: 2 St Catherines Hill, Mortimer, Reading, West Berkshire, RG7 3UT

Proposed ground floor rear single storey extension. Proposed remodelling of existing first floor extension to omit dormer window and replacement with hipped roof.

GRANTED – 7 February 2023

SMPC Comments: No objections in principal but the Committee would raise a query regarding sufficient parking spaces as this information is not provided.

22/03093/HOUSE: 15 The Avenue, Mortimer Common, Reading, RG7 3QY

Proposed single storey rear extension, infill extension, part garage conversion and changes to fenestration.

GRANTED – 13 February 2023

SMPC Comments: No objections but the Planning Committee noted there were several trees within potential falling distance of the proposed development and had not been declared on the application.

b. Minor matters for information

Cllr. Morsley suggested that relatively soon the Orange Sign Tracker should be packaged up and forwarded along with a summary of SMPC's concerns and observations.

22/0202 Communications

Nothing.

22/0203 Future Agenda Items

None.

22/0204 Exclusion of Press and Public

Not required.

Close

The time the meeting closed was not recorded.