



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held in the Methodist Church Hall, 17 West End Road, Mortimer RG7 3TB on Tuesday 30th May 2023 at 7.30 pm

Present:

Councillors:

Cllr. D. Butler (Chairman), Cllr. G. Bridgman, Cllr. M. Lock, Cllr. D. Morsley,
Cllr. J. Wells

For the Clerk:

B. O'Reilly

Public/Press:

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

Part I

23/001 Public Session (for agenda items only)

The two members of the public raised their concerns over the strong odours impacting the neighbours to 6A Victoria Road and had submitted their objections to West Berkshire Council. It was noted that that the issue of the odours had improved after the initial few days of the café opening. The Chairman advised that the proposed relocation of the venting, to be discussed under item 23/00879/FUL should address the issue.

23/002 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr. S. Hill.

23/003 To receive any declarations of interest

None.

23/004 Minutes of Last Meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 27th April 2023 were received and APPROVED, with one abstention, for signature by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting.

23/005 Items to be taken into private session

None.

23/006 Current Projects

To receive any updates on current projects and consider any recommendations for resolution as reported:

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

23/00297/RESMAJ to be discussed under item 23/007 below.

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

None.

c. Mortimer Station Car Park Planning Application

Cllr. Morsley advised that the Station Car Park Working Party had agreed to wait for a further month in order for Mr. Neil Kiley to ascertain if there was any chance of moving forward to secure the planning application. It was noted that there was no further funding available.

23/007 Schedule of Planning Applications

To consider the following planning applications:

23/00879/FUL: 6A Victoria Road, Mortimer Common, Reading RG7 3SE

Relocation of the approved commercial kitchen extractor vent.

SMPC Comments: The Committee had no objections to the relocation of the extractor vent, however, it noted the comments from Environmental Health (dated 10th May 2023) and would support their consultation response to the Case Officer. The Committee would look to West Berkshire Council to ensure that both the environmental issue of odours is addressed and any subsequent nuisance caused in the locality is removed.

The members of the public left the meeting after the above item was discussed.

23/00297/RESMAJ: Land South Of Tower Gardens The Street Mortimer Common Reading West Berkshire

Application for Approval of Reserved Matters for the residential development of phase 3 comprising 52 dwellings including affordable housing, public open space and associated landscaping following Outline Approval 19/00981/OUTMAJ Matters to be considered: Appearance landscaping and scale.

SMPC Comments: The Committee was disappointed that the developer has not been able to reduce the height of plot 63-68 any lower than shown in its revised drawings but do note an effort has been made to address the recent comments made by West Berkshire Council and this Committee in March 2023 and, therefore, has no objections.

23/008 Items for information only

a. The following decisions were received from West Berkshire Council:

23/00295/HOUSE: Park Cottage, The Street, Mortimer, Reading

Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 4 (Tree Protection Scheme) of planning permission 22/01610/HOUSE - Erection of a single storey rear extension.

GRANTED – 6 April 2023

SMPC Comments: No objections.

Adjacent parish - Wokefield Parish Council

22/03101/OOD: Stanford End Farm, Barge Lane, Wokingham, Swallowfield, RG7 1SY

Out Of District Planning Consultation Wokingham Borough Council: Ref: 223583

Householder/LBC Application - replacement single storey extension following demolition of existing attached outbuildings and treatment plant. Listed Building Consent: replacement single storey extension following demolition of existing attached outbuildings and the comprehensive refurbishment of the dwelling house.

WITHDRAWN – 6 April 2023

SMPC Comments: No objections but, should the application be granted, the Committee would like to see a condition placed on the development that it will remain a private residence and not be subject to sub-division in the future to preserve the historic and rural nature of the site.

Adjacent parish - Wokingham Parish Council

23/00532/COND: Park Cottage, The Street, Mortimer, Reading

Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Condition 4 (Tree Protection Scheme) of planning permission 22/01610/HOUSE - Erection of a single storey rear extension.

APPROVED – 28 April 2023

23/00518/HOUSE: 16 Windmill Road, Mortimer Common, Reading, RG7 3RN

Construction of single storey rear extension with Lantern.

GRANTED – 12 May 2023

SMPC Comments: The Committee had reservations on the appearance of the proposed rear extension as it was noted there was inconsistency between drawings for the proposed elevations [FPA101238 01 E] which illustrated new composite cladding to the walls of the extension and the proposed floorplans drawing [FPA101238 02 E] that did not indicate cladding but brick. Can this be clarified? Overall, the Committee felt the proposed extension did not fit in with the existing dwelling. (Stratfield Mortimer NDP – Policy 9.2.5 Building Design and Style GD5)

23/00020/COND: Land South Of Tower Gardens, The Street, Mortimer Common, Reading

Application for approval of details reserved by condition 11 (Emergency Water) of approved 19/00981/OUTMAJ - Section 73: Variation of condition 6-approved plans of approved application 17/03004/OUTMAJ: This outline application comprises two parts: Part a) The erection of 110 dwellings including affordable housing, public open space and associated landscaping with all matters reserved other than access and layout; Part b) The erection of a 3FE Infant School and 900sq m GP surgery (Use Class D1) with shared parking area with all matters reserved other than access..

APPROVED – 12 May 2023

b. Minor matters for information: none.

23/009 Communications

None.

23/0010 Future Agenda Items

Any updates on outstanding enforcement issues.

23/0011 Exclusion of Press and Public

Not required.

Close

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.