



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee held in the Mortimer Methodist Hall, 17 West End Road, Mortimer RG7 3TB on Thursday 25 April 2024

Draft subject to approval

Present

Councillors

Cllrs G Bridgman (Chairman – arrived 18:55), S Hill, M Lock, D Morsley, J Wells

Officers of the Council

S Taylor

Public/Press

No members of the public or press attended.

Part I

#Cllr Morsley started the meeting at 18:45 in the absence of Cllr Bridgman

23/0182 Public Questions

No public present and none received.

23/0183 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr D Butler, Cllr H Kilshaw and Cllr A Richardson.

23/0184 To receive any declarations of interest

Cllr Morsley declared that she had spoken to a supporter of the planning application 24/00455 for 17 Damson Drive and provided general advice on permitted development on Strawberry fields.

23/0185 Minutes of last meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 11 April 2024 were received with no amendments and **approved** unanimously for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

23/0186 Chairman's remarks

No remarks

23/0187 Items to be taken into private session

None.

23/0188 Policies

No policies needed to be discussed.

23/0189 Current Projects

a Tower House Farm

Cllr Morsley reported that there were no new updates.

b Mortimer to Burghfield Footpath/Cycleway

Cllr Morsley reported that a meeting was held with Highways and Ridge and Partners LLP to discuss more details of the design for the crossing and look at time scales.

#Cllr Bridgman arrived and took over the chairing of the meeting

23/0190 Schedule of Applications

24/00262/HOUSE: 16 The Crescent Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3RU

Single storey rear extension, garage conversion and front extension to garage to provide covered car port with associated fenestration and new chimney flue.

SMPC Comments: The planning committee does not understand the comments from Highways. According to the plans there appears to be a garage door at the front of property not set back within the car port space. Also, the car port together with the remaining drive does not appear to be long enough to accommodate two cars in a row. Other than this there are no further objections.

24/00395/HOUSE: 5 Briar Lea Road Mortimer Common RG7 3SA

Side Extension revised from previous approval with Gable roof and Dining area extended by 500mm.

SMPC Comments: The room labelled study on the plan now has a full bathroom off it and therefore looks more like a bedroom than a study. If this room could now be a bedroom, is there adequate parking? Could Highways comment on this.

24/00455/HOUSE: 17 Damson Drive Mortimer Reading RG7 3WZ

Retrospective: Application for the erection of 2 no. outbuildings in the rear garden of the house to be used for storage and chicken coop.

SMPC Comments: The planning committee do not see any objections to the sheds in planning terms. Any questions as to what they are being used for we do not consider a matter for planning but rather a matter for Environmental health.

24/00604/TPW: Ravensworth House Ravensworth Road Mortimer West End Reading RG7 3UD

T1 - Beech: tree next to garage in major decline, possibly fully dead. Dismantle and fell to ground, as poses a risk to the road side and garage

T2 - Oak: tree located on the road side. Remove major deadwood due to the risk of the footpath and road, carry out slight crown lift on road side for carriage way clearance of 4m, clean dead ivy from tree and carry out aerial inspection

T3 - Conifer (Leylandi): reduce in height by 3m - 4m and shape sides just to manage tree in its location and keep as a low level screen/understory for the road. Tree may not be covered by TPO.

SMPC Comments: The planning committee note that there isn't a tree condition survey. Other than that, have no further comments and await the comments from the tree officer with interest.

23/0191 Applications for Future Consideration

24/00405/HOUSE: 14A Stephens Close Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3TX

Two storey rear extension.

24/00482/HOUSE: 6 Orchard Road Mortimer RG7 3QN

Demolition of conservatory and two storey rear extension.

23/0192 National Planning Policy Framework

Cllr Bridgman reported that the Neighbourhood Planning Group is looking closely at the 'Affordable and community-led housing' part of the new NPPF published on 19 December 2023.

23/0193 Items for information only

a Decisions received from West Berkshire Council

None received.

b Minor matters for information.

- Cllr Bridgman reported that the Orange sign tracker document needs 'Date of Planning Committee' and 'Date sign seen' columns swapped around.
- Cllr Hill brought up outstanding planning enforcements for Fairfields and Mowbray Hill. He will prepare some words for sending to WBC to chase up.

23/0194 Communications

No items for communicating identified.

23/0195 Future Agenda Items

None.

Part II (if needed)

23/0196 Exclusion of Public and Press

Not required.

Close

The meeting closed at 19:28.