



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held in the Mortimer Methodist Hall, 17 West End Road, Mortimer RG7 3TB on Thursday 14 November 2024

Present

Councillors

CLLrs A Richardson (Chairman), G Bridgman, S Hill, H Kilshaw, J Wells

Officers of the Council

S Taylor

Public/Press

1 member of the public and no press.

Part I

24/093 Chairman

To elect a Chairman for the Planning Committee

Cllr Bridgman proposed Cllr Richardson to be the Chairman of the Committee.

Seconded by Cllr Kilshaw

Resolved unanimously.

24/094 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr D Morsley and Cllr M Lock.

24/095 To receive any declarations of interest

Cllr Kilshaw declared the applicant for planning application 24/02026/HOUSE: 12 Loves Wood was their neighbour.

Cllr Bridgman and Richardson declared they knew the applicant for 24/02026/HOUSE: 12 Loves Wood

Cllrs Bridgman and Hill declared they personally knew the applicant for planning application 24/02278/PIP: Hunters Lodge, Brewery Common.

24/096 Public Questions

None received.

24/097 Minutes of last meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 10 October 2024 were received with no amendments and approved with 2 abstentions for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

24/098 Chairman's remarks

- Cllr Richardson thanked Cllr Bridgman for chairing the Planning Committee.
- Cllr Richardson also reported he will be attending a training course on local planning on 26 November.
- Cllr Richardson won't be able to chair the Planning Committee meeting on 12 December as he is on leave.

24/099 Items to be taken into private session

None.

24/100 Policies

Cllr Bridgman reported that no policies needed to be discussed.

24/101 Current Projects

a Tower House Farm

It was agreed to discuss this at the Full Council meeting following this meeting.

b Mortimer to Burghfield Footpath/Cycleway

It was agreed to discuss this at the Full Council meeting following this meeting.

24/102 Schedule of Applications for consideration

24/02026/HOUSE: 12 Loves Wood Mortimer Common Reading RG7 2JX

Proposed first floor front and single storey rear extensions and alterations.

SMPC Comments: Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council considered the plans for this application at its Planning Committee meeting on 14 November 2024, under item 24/102 and has no objections.

24/01831/HOUSE: 65 The Avenue Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3QU

Installation of Summerhouse (Malvern Garden Buildings - Kew Summerhouse) - 10' x 10' by 10'7" high (3.05m x 3.05m x 3.27m high) located 2.5m from rear boundary and 1.5m from right hand side boundary. Note bamboo in excess of 3.5m high to rear boundary and hedge 0.5m wide by 3m high to right hand side boundary

SMPC Comments: Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council considered the plans for this application at its Planning Committee meeting on 14 November 2024, under item 24/102 and has no objections.

24/01978/HOUSE: Lane House Cottage Mortimer Lane Mortimer RG7 3PP

Householder application for front porch, first floor dormer with proposed two storey extension of a garage / office with insertion of 2 roof lights and 1 window.

SMPC Comments: Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council considered the plans for this application at its Planning Committee meeting on 14 November 2024, under item 24/102 and ask for a condition that the garage/office cannot be sublet to anyone not living in the household.

24/02318/OOD: Out Of District Planning Consultation Basingstoke and Deane Borough council Land at Brickledons Farm Clappers Farm Road Silchester Hampshire

Out of District Planning Consultation BDBC: Ref 24/02371/FUL - Proposed development of a battery energy storage system and associated infrastructure.

SMPC Comments: Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council considered the plans for this application at its Planning Committee meeting on 14 November 2024, under item 24/102 and has no comments to make.

24/103 Schedule of Applications to note

24/02064/TPW: 1 Keith Lock Gardens Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3UZ

T1 - Western Red Cedar - Reduce height of tree by 2-3m and the overall spread of the tree by 1m all to suitable growth points to maintain tree shape and balance this is to reduce the overall lever arms of the tree with there being such a low union. Install non-invasive cobra bracing in the top 1/3 of the tree to stabilise the tree in severe weather events due to the targets being so high

24/02072/CERTP: 3 Orchard Road Mortimer Reading RG7 3QN

Single storey rear extension of maximum 4.0m depth from original back wall of the C3 property.

24/02278/PIP: Hunters Lodge Brewery Common Mortimer Reading RG7 3RH

Planning permission in principle: Proposed development of a single detached bungalow and garage, and creation of a new access onto Brewery Common Road.

SMPC Comments: The committee would like to understand why another driveway is being put in and why the trees are being removed on the hedge line. In addition, the committee recognise the tensions between the policies as the property is outside settlement zone and await WBC deliberation with interest.

24/104 Applications for Future Consideration

None at present.

24/105 Items for information only

a Decisions received from West Berkshire Council

24/01214/FUL: Pine Croft St Catherines Hill Mortimer Reading RG7 3UT

Demolition of existing dwelling and Erection of 2no. semi-detached dwellings.
Use Class C3 Dwellinghouse

REFUSED – 11 October 2024

SMPC Comments: Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council considered the amended plans at its Planning Committee meeting on 12 September 2024, under item 24/070 and objects on the following grounds: -

-The roof height at 8.1 metres is still too high and not in line with other properties. The Colt House, Sweetzers Piece application (05/00628/RESMAT or

05/01997/REM,) established a precedent for lower roof heights, which the current plans disregard. The application therefore changes the street scene.

-The 'Arbtech Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and Roost Assessment' – 'Appendix 3 Proposed plan' still shows the rooflights, which they say are removed in the amended plan. Having rooflights gives the opportunity for a 3rd bedroom in the loft.

The committee would also like to know who owns the trees lining the plot and whether the applicant can remove these

24/01855/ HOUSE: 15 Tayberry Grove Mortimer Reading RG7 3WT

Retrospective permission for a single storey timber framed garden room, situated within the boundary of the rear garden.

APPROVED – 1 November 2024

SMPC Comments: Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council considered the plans for this application at its Planning Committee meeting on 10 October 2024, under item 24/086 and has a neutral position but would like to know if the garden room complies with planning policy

24/01322/COND: 9 Windmill Road Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3RN

Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions 3 (Schedule of materials), 4 (SUDS), 5 (Biodiversity measures), 6 (External Lighting), 9 (Electric Charging Point), 10 (Construction method statement), 12 (Footway/cycleway provision) and 13 (Visibility splays) of planning permission 23/02038/FUL - Erection of 4no. 3 bed dwelling.

APPROVED – 5 November 2024

22/02277/TELE28: Telecommunications Mast Windmill Road Mortimer Common Reading

Notification under Regulation 5 of the Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and Restrictions) Regulations 2003 (as amended) to utilise permitted development rights (Part 16 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended)). The proposal consists of the installation of a 12 Metre Medium Wooden Pole outside 1-4 Carpenters Court, Windmill Road, Mortimer, Reading, RG7 3RN.

RESPONSE ISSUED – 28 October 2024

24/01884/COND: St Margarets Ravensworth Road Mortimer West End Reading RG7 3UD

Non Material amendment application to planning application 23/02392/RESMAJ: Section 73 - Application for Variation of a Condition 6 (Approved Plans) following Grant of Planning Permission 23/00297/RESMAJ - 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 Amendment: Replace the approved floorplans and elevations with amended plans and elevations for Plot 82.

APPROVED – 7 November 2024

b Minor matters for information

None.

24/106 Communications

No items for communicating identified.

24/107 Future Agenda Items

No specific items for a future agenda identified

Part II (if needed)

24/108 Exclusion of Public and Press

Not required.

Close

The meeting closed at 19:16