



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 12 December 2024

Present

Councillors

Cllrs D Morsley (Chairman), S Hill, H Kilshaw, M Lock, J Wells

Officers of the Council

S Taylor

Public/Press

No members of the public or press attended.

#Due to the absence of Chairman A Richardson Cllr D Morsley was unanimously voted in as Chairman.

Part I

24/109 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr A Richardson and Cllr G Bridgman.

24/110 To receive any declarations of interest

None were received.

24/111 Public Questions

None received.

24/112 Minutes of last meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 14 November 2024 were received with no amendments and approved unanimously for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

24/113 Chairman's remarks

- Cllr Morsley reported that outside the Istanbul barbers on Aborn Parade on West End Road free standing adds are being placed on the pavement. She asked when passing to check whether these are causing a problem for pedestrians. In the new committee structure, which will be discussed in January, Highways will be bundled with Planning.
- Cllr Morsley expressed she is looking forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas meal on Thursday 19 December.

24/114 Items to be taken into private session

None.

24/115 Policies

No policies needed to be discussed.

24/116 Current Projects

a Tower House Farm

There were no updates.

b Mortimer to Burghfield Footpath/Cycleway

Cllr Morsley reported that a pack will be sent to Highways early in the new year once the Road safety audit has been done.

24/117 Schedule of Applications for consideration

24/02162/HOUSE: 69 The Avenue Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3QU

A house holder's planning application for the removal of a garage and replacement with a single storey side extension. Additional first floor story level, including feature glazed gable end and dormer windows. Hip gable roof reconfigured to a gable end.

SMPC Comments: Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council considered the plans for this application at its Planning Committee meeting on 12 December under agenda item 24/117 and has no objections but noted that the parking is marked out for 2 spaces on the plans whereas the NDP policy GD2 requirement for a 3 bedroom house is 2.5.

24/02269/HOUSE: The Old Post Office The Street Mortimer Reading RG7 3NR

Erection of an outbuilding for office and gym use.

SMPC Comments: Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council considered the plans for this application at its Planning Committee meeting on 12 December under agenda item 24/117 and has no objections but asks that if permission is granted a condition is added to prevent future use as living accommodation.

24/118 Schedule of Applications to note

24/02420/CERTP: The Limetree Cottage Mortimer Lane Mortimer Reading RG7 3PP

Proposed single storey side and rear part extension and removal of Chimney

24/119 Applications for Future Consideration

None at present.

24/120 Items for information only

a Decisions received from West Berkshire Council

24/01907/TPW: Glenapp Grange Mortimer Common Reading

T1- Oak: Reduce the canopy by 2-3m to reduce weight and wind sail leaving a height of approximately 12m

APPROVED – 12 November 2024

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

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

APPROVED – 18 November 2024

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

24/02064/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.

APPROVED – 18 November 2024

24/02045/COND: Land South of Tower Gardens The Street Mortimer Common Reading

Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 (Fencing) and 4 (Maintenance Details) of approved 23/00072/RESMAJ - Allowed on Appeal Approval of reserved matters following Outline Permission 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.] Matters seeking consent: Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale.

APPROVED – 20 November 2024

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.

RESPONSE ISSUED – 22 November.

24/02284/NONMAT: St Margarets Ravensworth Road Mortimer West End Reading RG7 3UD

Application for a Non-Material Amendment Following a Grant of Planning Permission 24/01122/FUL - Demolition of existing dwelling and garage and construction of replacement dwelling. Amendments: Increase size of rear velux windows on second floor from 660 x 1400mm to 780 x 1400mm.

APPROVED – 18 November 2024

24/01604/CERTE: Prospect Cottage 26 Windmill Road Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3RN

Existing garage converted to home office.

APPROVED – 26 November 2024

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.

APPROVED - 2 December 2024

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

b Minor matters for information

- Cllr Morsley was approached by a member of the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Steering Group to comment on the analysis produced by their consultant of all the planning decisions since 2017 with respect to references to the NP including whether the Parish Council had referenced the NP and whether WBC picked up on that. Cllr Morsley noted that policy GD1 had not worked. This is where we said for anything inside the settlement boundary, we strongly encouraged the developers to produce a design site brief and approach the Council before they applied. Cllr Morsley has contacted the consultancy firm to ask if/how the Council can make this work in the future.
- Cllr Hill mentioned the strain on the housing supply and that the Parish and WBC are going to be under a lot of pressure as there are many houses that have planning permission but have not been built yet. A general discussion ensued about the lack of houses and the government promise to build 1.5 million houses.
- Cllr Hill reported that the Planning in Principle application for Hunters Lodge, Bewery Common was refused due to being outside the settlement area.

24/121 Communications

No items for communicating identified.

24/122 Future Agenda Items

No specific items for a future agenda identified

Part II (if needed)

24/123 Exclusion of Public and Press

Not required.

Close

The meeting closed at 20:15