



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 13 February 2025 at 18:45 at

Mortimer Methodist Church Hall, West End Road, Mortimer, RG7 3TB

Present

Councillors

Cllrs A Richardson (Chairman), G Bridgman, S Hill, H Kilshaw, M Lock (arrived 18:47),
D Morsley, J Wells

Officers of the Council

S Taylor

Public/Press

No members of the public or press attended.

Part I

24/139 Apologies

No apologies were received.

24/140 To receive any declarations of interest

None were received.

24/141 Public Questions

None received.

24/142 Minutes of last meeting

RESOLVED with one abstention that these minutes be approved for signature by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the meeting.

24/143 Chairman's remarks

- Cllr Richardson apologised for not being able to attend the Eastern Area Planning Committee (EAPC) meeting on 15 January relating to 24/01212/FUL – 37-39 King Street. Cllr Bridgman did attend and fed back that a site design brief had never been received from the developer. The EAPC mentioned at the meeting that it will be granted planning permission subject to a section 106 agreement in relation to Biodiversity.

- Cllr Richardson asked if we had any updates on CIL training and Cllr Bridgman reported we are still waiting.
- Cllr Richardson mentioned correspondance between himself and Cllr Bridgman regarding consistency between our planning policy, the Neighbourhood plan and NPPF. Cllr Bridgman stated that we strive to get consistency between all these documents. The current Local Plan is in line with our Neighbourhood Plan. However a new plan may get written in the future to allow for the additional housing needed.
- Cllr Richardson mentioned that he had reviewed the decisions made by WBC Planning and observed that they had taken the comments of the SMPC Planning Committee into account and were mentioned in their decisions.

24/144 Items to be taken into private session

None.

24/145 Policies

- a. The Committee Terms of Reference policy for the new Planning and Highways committee was reviewed and accepted with no changes and will be taken to the next Full Council meeting in March.

24/146 Current Projects

a Tower House Farm

Cllr Bridgman reported that we are still waiting for a planning application for the reserved land, which was expected early February.

b Mortimer to Burghfield Footpath/Cycleway

Cllr Morsley reported that a second Road Safety Audit was carried out. We are waiting for confirmation that all the documentation has been sent to WBC Highways by Ridge and Partners LLP.

24/147 Schedule of Applications for consideration

24/02772/HOUSE: 3 Orchard Road Mortimer Reading RG7 3QN

Single storey rear extension.

SMPC Comments: Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council considered the plans for this application at its Planning Committee meeting on 13 February under agenda item 24/147 and has no objections.

24/148 Applications to note

24/0732/CERTP: 15 King Street Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3RS

Single storey side extension, first floor infill extension at rear and dormer to roof.

24/149 Applications for Future Consideration

None at present.

24/150 Items for information only

a Decisions received from West Berkshire Council

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

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

APPROVED – 9 January 2025

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.

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

Erection of an outbuilding for office and gym use.

APPROVED – 30 January 2025

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.

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

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

APPROVED – 13 January 2025

24/02607/COND: Four Houses Corner Caravan Site Reading Road Ufton Nervet Reading

Approval of details reserved by Conditions (17) Lighting and (21) Biodiversity of approved application 23/01552/REG3: It is proposed to replace the existing permanent 18 pitch Gypsy caravan site with a new 17 permanent pitch Gypsy caravan site. Each pitch is to consist of a hard standing area large enough for two twin axle caravans, car parking for two vehicles and a 30 sq m amenity building consisting of a kitchen/dayroom, bathroom, separate WC and utility area. In addition to the amenity buildings a recycle storage facility, children play area are to be located within the site

APPROVED – 29 January 2025

24/02644/FUL: 49 Stephens Close Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3TY

Section 73 application to vary condition 2 (Approved plans) of approved 24/01308/FUL Erection of detached dwelling with associated parking and garden area.

APPROVED – 3 February 2025

SMPC Comments: Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council considered the plans for this application at its Planning Committee meeting on 9 January under agenda item 24/132 and has no objections but wants to confirm that the amended plans have obscured glazing on the side windows of the 1st and upper floor.

b Minor matters for information

None.

24/151 Communications

No items for communicating identified.

24/152 Future Agenda Items

No specific items for a future agenda identified

Part II (if needed)

24/153 Exclusion of Public and Press

Not required.

Close

The meeting closed at 19:15.