



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on Thursday 27 February 2025 at 19:30 at Mortimer Methodist Church Hall, West End Road, Mortimer, RG7 3TB

Present

Councillors

Cllrs A Richardson (Chairman), G Bridgman, M Lock, D Morsley

Officers of the Council

S Taylor

Public/Press

No members of the public or press attended.

#The Committee observed a minute's silence for Cllr J Wells who sadly passed away on 22 February.

Part I

24/154 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs S Hill and H Kilshaw.

24/155 To receive any declarations of interest

None were received.

24/156 Public Questions

None received.

24/157 Minutes of last meeting

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 13 February were received with no amendments and approved unanimously for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

24/158 Chairman's remarks

- Cllr Richardson spoke on behalf of the Planning Committee in saying that the passing of Cllr Wells was a very sad moment for the council and that Cllr Wells will be missed dearly.
- Cllr Richardson had a report from a member of the public regarding 24/02732/CERTP - 15 King Street where works had already started without the CERTP being granted. Cllr Bridgman reported that if it does not fall under permitted development the applicant will need to submit a retrospective application. The Planning Committee does not submit comments for CERTP planning applications.
- Cllr Richardson reported that the downpipe/drainage issue at 35 Stephens Close has been passed to the Enforcement team at West Berkshire Council.
- The Eastern Area Planning Committee Meeting takes place on 5 March, but nothing on the agenda for us to attend.
- Cllr Richardson reported that the Planning Application fees will go up on 1 April and that more information is available on the West Berkshire website.

24/159 Items to be taken into private session

None.

24/160 Policies

S Taylor had attended a webinar on Planning, where one recommendation for all Parish Councils was to have their own Planning Application Policy. After some discussion it was agreed that SMPC had sufficient detail in its committee's terms of reference, and this combined with the Neighbourhood Plan and other Standing Orders meant that a separate policy was not needed.

24/161 Current Projects

a Tower House Farm

GB reported that there is nothing new to report. We are still waiting on the planning application for the Reserved land.

b Mortimer to Burghfield Footpath/Cycleway

Cllr Morsley reported feedback from Ridge and Partners LLP. The drawing updates have been completed and will be submitted to WBC by the end of the week. This includes updates for the new bridge crossing location. The additional tree surveys have been completed. Aspect Ecology are to assess the impact of the current route and determine which trees need to be removed. The Bridge design will follow now the bridge crossing position has been resolved.

24/162 Schedule of Applications for consideration

25/00161/HOUSE: 22 Croft Road Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3TS

Proposed infill porch extension with hipped roof, single storey rear extension.

SMPC Comments: Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council considered the plans for this application at its Planning Committee meeting on 27 February under agenda item 24/162 and has no objections.

24/163 Applications to note

25/00276/TPW: 3 Stanmore Gardens Mortimer Common Reading RG7 2JW

T1 - London Plane: Crown lift to 4m, thin canopy by 15% removing crossing rubbing branches and major deadwood, reduce canopy by 1- 2m to suitable growth points whilst retaining nice tree shape and balance (as per photos provided).

25/00296/TPW: 3 St Marys Road Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3UE

T1 - Ash: Reduce canopy by 1-2 metres to suitable growth points. No cuts to exceed 50mm manage tree in its position similar to last prune. As per photo provided. T2- Sycamore: Reduce crown by 1-2 metres to suitable growth points whilst retaining nice tree shape and balance. No wounds to exceed 50mm server Ivy. As per photo provided

24/164 Applications for Future Consideration

None at present.

24/165 Items for information only

a Decisions received from West Berkshire Council

None were received.

b Minor matters for information

None.

24/166 Communications

No items for communicating identified.

24/167 Future Agenda Items

No specific items for a future agenda identified.

Part II (if needed)

24/168 Exclusion of Public and Press

Not required.

Close

The meeting closed at 19:47.