



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council Report

Date 15/05/2025

Clerk's Report- Appendix 25/013

- 1 Post Office:** Following correspondence from the Post Office regarding the Co-op's decision to withdraw Post Office services from its Mortimer store, there has been considerable discussion within the parish about the impact of this loss. Many residents have expressed their dissatisfaction and concern. MP Olivia Bailey has contacted the Parish Council, along with District Councillors, to request a meeting to explore potential resolutions. The Parish Council has responded positively to the request but has noted uncertainty over how it may be able to assist.
- 2 Cemetery Extension:** Work on the cemetery extension commenced on 6 May. The office will keep relevant councillors updated on progress. Cllr D. Kilshaw has kindly agreed to act as the point of contact with White Horse Contractors, alongside the Parish Office.
- 3 Fairground Water Supply:** Work on the Fairground water supply began on 8 May and has now been completed, following the success of a Members' Bid which supported the project.
- 4 District/Parish Council Meeting:** The slides from the Annual District/Parish Conference have been circulated. The office has contacted West Berkshire Council to query why Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council was not listed as an interested party in the devolved powers for addressing overhanging vegetation. WBC has since apologised and confirmed that the Parish Council will be considered moving forward.
- 5 Willink Leisure Centre:** The Council has paid the contract fee for withdrawing from the Willink Leisure Centre agreement. Following a request for a meeting from N. Foot, Burghfield Parish Council has responded on behalf of the three parish councils agreeing to meet to discuss the decision to withdraw from the contract. A date for the meeting is yet to be scheduled.
- 6 Safeguarding Meeting with Mortimer Tennis Club:** A meeting has been scheduled for 5 June with Cllr Bridgman, the Clerk, and representatives from Mortimer Tennis Club to discuss appropriate safeguarding measures for both SMPC and the Tennis Club, following the club's decision to step back from LTA affiliation.
- 7 Thames Water Meeting:** A meeting is scheduled with P. Hampton from Thames Water on 20 May to discuss ongoing issues at Foudry Brook. The EIR data requested by the Council has been received, and Cllr Dennett is currently analysing the information.

Miss Danielle Davis- 02/05/2025