



## Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee held on Thursday 5 June 2025 at 18:45 at Mortimer Methodist Church Hall, West End Road, Mortimer, RG7 3TB**

*These minutes are subject to approval*

#### **Present**

##### **Councillors**

CLRs A Richardson (Chairman), G Bridgman, S Hill, M Lock, D Kilshaw, M Dennett, and J Todd

##### **Officers of the Council**

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##### **Public/Press**

No members of the public or press attended.

#### **Part I**

##### **25/001 Apologies**

No apologies were received.

##### **25/002 To receive any declarations of interest**

None were received.

##### **25/003 Public Questions**

None received.

##### **25/004 Minutes of last meeting**

The Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 15 May 2025 and the Roads, Footpaths and Commons Committee held on 6 February were received with no amendments and approved unanimously for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

##### **25/005 Chairman's remarks**

CLr Richardson:

- Welcomed all members to the first meeting of the new Planning and Highways Committee.

- Reminded the committee that although some meetings are scheduled as Planning only meetings, Highways can be included in any agenda if necessary.

## **25/006 Items to be taken into private session**

None.

## **25/007 Policies**

None to discuss.

## **25/008 Current Projects**

### **a Tower House Farm**

Cllr Bridgman reported that the council is still awaiting the application for the reserved land. The committee discussed the retaining wall progress and questioned who would be taking on liability for this and the public open space upon completion.

## **25/009 Steering Group Reports**

- 1 The draft minutes of the NPSG meeting of 20 May 2025 were received.

## **25/010 Items for Consideration**

- 1 The letter received from Olivia Bailey was discussed,
  - a It was stated that the committee has previously supported a 20mph speed limit outside of St Mary's school during the drop off/pick up times.
  - b The procurement of additional SID's for us in the Parish was discussed
  - c It was decided that Cllr Richardson and the Clerk would draft a response to MP Olivia Bailey reiterating the points in the previous correspondence sent.

## **25/011 Schedule of Applications for consideration**

### **24/02579/FULMAJ: Perrins Farm Beech Hill Road Mortimer Reading RG7 2AL**

Re-consultation - Subdivision of existing farmhouse from one to two C3 dwellinghouses, change of use of agricultural building to three C3 dwellinghouses, change of use of one agricultural building to a garage/store, demolition of four agricultural buildings, widening existing access from Park Lane and associated internal access arrangements, parking and landscaping.

**SMPC Comments:** Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council considered the plans for this application at its Planning & Highways Committee meeting on 5 June 2025 under agenda item 25/011 and is disappointed that, having had the opportunity to prepare a Site Design Brief, the applicant has still not done so. Thus the application continues to fail to comply with explicit and specific planning policy and the council maintains its objection

## **25/012 Schedule of Applications to note**

### **25/01128/PASOL: Manns Farm Nightingale Lane Mortimer Reading RG7 3PS**

Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Installation, Alteration or Replacement of other Solar Photovoltaics (PV) equipment on the Roofs of Non-domestic Buildings: Installation of 58.5kW solar system on existing roof.

# Following recent complaints from the public regarding a TRX frame that has been installed in an outdoor space at Soul Barns that have been responded to by the Clerk,

the committee decided that they would pass on the complaints to the enforcement team at West Berkshire Council.

## **25/013 Applications for Future Consideration**

None at present.

## **25/014 Items for information only**

### **a Decisions received from West Berkshire Council**

#### **25/00923/CERTP: 15 King Street Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3RS**

Single storey side extension.

**APPROVED** – 23 May 2025.

#### **25/00853/NONMAT: 69 The Avenue Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3QU**

Application for non material amendment following a grant of planning permission 24/02162/HOUSE - A house holders 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. Amendments: Standard casement window to proposed gym replaced with a tall feature window that joins a roof light to create an architectural feature reflecting the approved scheme to the rear elevation.

**REFUSED** – 15 May 2025

#### **25/00575/FUL: Rosewood Longmoor Lane Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3RP**

Demolition of existing bungalow and garage and replace with a new detached custom build dwelling and triple garage.

**REFUSED** – 19 May 2025

**SMPC Comments:** Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council considered the plans for this application at its Planning Committee meeting on 24 April under agenda item 24/192 and has no objections

#### **25/00514/MDOPO: Land South of Tower Gardens The Street Mortimer Common Reading**

Application of Modify Planning Obligation of planning permission 17/03004/OUTMAJ. This application is submitted to modify the Planning Obligation associated with the aforementioned application, and specifically which it relates to Clause 6 within the First Schedule of the document under the Public Open Space section

**WITHDRAWN** – 23 May 2025

#### **25/00992/NONMAT: 9 Windmill Road Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3RN**

Non Material amendment to planning permission 23/02038/FUL - Erection of 4no. 3 bed dwelling houses. Amendment: amend the position of the rear boundary line to the rear gardens of the four properties, reducing the size of the gardens to each property.

**REFUSED** – 15 May 2025

#### **25/00698/TPW: 76 Victoria Road Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3XQ**

G2 - 6x Holly, 2x Hazel and Laurel bushes: Reduce the height to approx 4 metres.

**APPROVED** – 14 May 2025

**b Minor matters for information**

None to report.

**25/015 Communications**

No items for communicating identified.

**25/016 Future Agenda Items**

No specific items for a future agenda identified.

**Part II (if needed)**

**25/017 Exclusion of Public and Press**

Not required.

**Close**

The meeting closed at 19:28

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