

# **Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group Meeting held at Methodist Church Hall, Mortimer on Tuesday 19 August 2025 19:30**

### **Attendees**

Joanne Emberson-Wines – Meeting Chair (JW); Tennant Barber (TB); Graham Bridgman (GB); Nick Carter (NC); Bob Coe (BC); Neil Kiley (NK); Doug Overett (DO); Jayne Todd (JT); Sallyann Taylor (ST – Minute Taker)

One member of the public was present.

### **1. Apologies**

Clare Stafford (CS); Mark Hillyer (MH).

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

The member of the public reported they were a developer at TA Fisher. JW reported she works for the Environment Agency.

### **3. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of 15 July 2025 were agreed with one amendment.

### **4. NDP - Reserved Land**

An update was received from TA Fisher and the planning application should be submitted at the end of September.

#The member of the public expressed their views on potential future housing allocation and its impact on the Neighbourhood Plan. A debate followed. It should be noted that Mortimer currently doesn't have any housing allocation set in the West Berkshire Local Plan. The progress of the Local Plan will be looked at in July 2026. WBC has informed us that if we have a new NP in place next year we are protected for 5 years with regards to new housing. An action came out of the discussion where NK will find a planning consultant to get an independent view.

**Action: NK**

### **5. West Berkshire Council Feedback**

As the meeting ran over this item was not discussed.

### **6. Neighbourhood plan updates**

#### **Policies**

As the meeting over ran the policies will be reviewed and signed off at an extra meeting on 2 September 2025.

#### **Close**

Meeting ended 21:20

Next meeting 02.09.2025 at 19:30 at Methodist Church Hall, Mortimer