



## Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee held on Thursday 12 March 2026 at Mortimer Methodist Church Hall, West End Road, Mortimer, RG7 3TB

#### Present

##### Members

Cllrs G Bridgman (in the chair in the absence of Cllr Todd), S Child, M Dennett, S Hill and M Lock.

##### Other Councillors

None

##### Officers of the Council

S Taylor

##### Public/Press

1 member of the public attended and no members of the press.

#### Commencement

The meeting commenced at 18:45

#The Deputy Clerk opened the meeting in the absence of the chairman and requested nominations from the councillors for a chairman to preside over the meeting. Cllr Hill proposed that Cllr Bridgman chair the meeting. This proposal was seconded by Cllr Lock and resolved unanimously.

#### Part I

##### 25/195 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Allan, D Kilshaw and J Todd.

##### 25/196 To receive any declarations of interest

Cllr Hill declared a personal interest in relation to agenda item 25/202.2 and Cllr Child declared a personal interest in relation to the planning application 26/00163/HOUSE under agenda item 25/203.

##### 25/197 Public Questions

A member of the public raised concerns that construction at Windmill Court and 37–39 King Street could potentially take place simultaneously and asked whether the

Committee would take this cumulative impact into account when considering the new planning application for the demolition at King Street.

Cllr Bridgman advised that each site would have been required to submit a Construction Method Statement (CMS) and to comply with conditions relating to matters such as vehicle movements and approved routes. He suggested that the member of the public review the CMS for both sites, check whether the relevant conditions had been discharged, and speak with WBC. If both sites were compliant, he suggested he should seek clarification on how the construction activities would interact.

The new planning application for 37–39 King Street will be considered at the next Planning and Highways Committee meeting on 2 April. Cllr Bridgman suggested the member of the public attend that meeting.

## **25/198 Minutes of last meeting**

The Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held on 19 February were received with no amendments and resolved for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

## **25/199 Chairman's remarks**

Cllr Bridgman had no remarks

## **25/200 Items to be taken into private session**

Not needed.

## **25/201 Steering Group Reports**

### **1 To receive the draft minutes from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting.**

The committee noted that the minutes from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group (NPSG) meetings of the 17 February had been received. Cllr Bridgman reported that the draft Neighbourhood Plan is almost ready to go to Regulation 14.

### **2 To receive an update from the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan Steering Group.**

Cllr Bridgman reported that the total number of objections to the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan had reached 4,912, including 1,231 relating to the proposed development at Land at West End Farm, Mortimer. The Parish Council is now awaiting the outcome of the consultation and whether the site will still be in the Basingstoke and Deane Local Plan.

## **25/202 Items for consideration**

### **1 To discuss the response from West Berkshire Council to the enquiry regarding the 1991 planning condition relating to the entrance to St John's Road (between the Summerlug Footpath and its junction with West End Road)**

Cllr Bridgman reported that a response had been received from the Enforcement Team at WBC and it was too late to enforce the planning condition from 1991. Cllr Bridgman proposed we write to the applicant directly and ask why the works were not completed at the time. This was agreed.

### **2 To discuss a complaint received regarding the use of a TRX frame at Soul Barns.**

Cllr Bridgman suggested we write to WBC to clarify if someone can have a permanent structure for more than 28 days if it's only used for 28 days a year.

### 3 To discuss the new West Berkshire Local Plan - Call for Sites.

Cllr Bridgman reported that Cllr Todd and himself had attended a webinar on the new West Berkshire Local Plan – Call for sites. WBC had suggested we have a discussion at our next Planning meeting about whether we should approach landowners about putting forward their land for potential future development. After consideration, it was agreed that the Parish Council would not approach any landowners at this time.

## 25/203 Schedule of Planning Applications for consideration

### 26/00163/HOUSE: The Kestrel Ravensworth Road Mortimer West End Reading RG7 3UD

Rear extension and internal alterations.

**SMPC Comments:** Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council considered the plans for this application at its Planning & Highways Committee meeting on 12 March 2026 under agenda item 25/203 and had no objections.

### 26/00153/FUL: Latham Cottage The Street Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3RD

Demolition of a fire-damaged dwelling and its replacement with a like-for-like single residential dwelling at Latham Cottage, The Avenue, Mortimer, RG7 3RD.

**SMPC Comments:** Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council considered the plans for this application at its Planning & Highways Committee meeting on 12 March 2026 under agenda item 25/203 and had no objections.

## 25/204 Schedule of Planning Applications to note

### 26/00326/COND: Windmill Court Windmill Road Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3RL

Application for Approval of Details Reserved by Conditions 7 (CMS), 10 (Arboricultural Method Statement), 13 (Construction and Environmental Management Plan), and 14 ((Landscape and Ecological Management Plan) of planning permission 23/01859/FULMAJ.

### 26/00328/COND: Land between Victoria Road and Goring Lane Reading Road Mortimer Reading

Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 1(Time) 2 (Approved Plans) 3 (Arboricultural Method Statement) 4 (Ecology) 5 (SuDs) and 6 (CMS) of approved 23/01524/ful.

### 26/00291/CERTP: 9 – 11 King Street Mortimer Common Reading

Loft conversions of 9-11 King Street.

#Cllr Hill raised a point that the height of the roof for the loft conversion goes against the Stratfield Mortimer Neighbourhood Development Plan. Cllr Bridgman and deputy clerk to prepare comments for the West Berkshire Council Planning Portal.

## 25/205 Planning Applications for Future Consideration

To note any further new application, which will become agenda items in due course:

### 26/00298/HOUSE: Prospect Cottage 26 Windmill Road Mortimer Common RG7 3RN

Porch extension.

### 26/002908/HOUSE: 77 College Piece Mortimer Reading RG7 3XH

Building of a timber shed to store a bike on the Left hand side of my front door, the shed will be a small 1100mm x 2090mm x 2100mm with a flat roof, cladded to match the house, in blue Hardie Plank cladding boards. The Roof to be flat and made of roofing felt or EDPM Rubber.

**26/00340/HOUSE: 32 Longmore Lane Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3RP**

Erection of a single storey side and rear extension.

**26/00394/FUL: 37-39 King Street Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3RS**

Demolition, 'Change of Use', alterations and erection of 4 no. dwellings (Class C3) and associated works. Section 73: Variation of condition 2-Approved Plans, of previously approved application 24/01212/FUL

**25/206 Items for information only**

**a Decisions received from West Berkshire Council**

**25/02533/HOUSE: 56 The Avenue Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3QX**

Alterations to raise patio.

**APPROVED** – 17 February 2026

**SMPC Comments:** Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council considered the plans for this application at its Planning & Highways Committee meeting on 11 December 2025 under agenda item 25/155 and raised no objections. The Committee presumes that drainage matters will be addressed, as local knowledge indicates that this area is prone to flooding

**25/00361/DEMO: 2 West End Road Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3SY**

Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Demolition of 2 storey brick-built building.

**WITHDRAWN** – 23 February

**25/02936/HOUSE: 57 The Avenue Mortimer Common RG7 3QU**

Part two storey and single storey rear extension, garage conversion with first floor extension over, front dormers, new porch and extension to main roof.

**APPROVED** – 6 March 2026

**SMPC Comments:** Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council considered the plans for this application at its Planning & Highways Committee meeting on 19 February 2026 under agenda item 25/187 and had no objections.

**25/207 Minor Matters**

None.

**25/208 Communications**

None.

**25/209 Future Agenda Items**

None.

**Part II (if needed)**

**25/210 Exclusion of Public and Press**

**To pass a resolution under s.1(2), Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude members of the press and public from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the item to be discussed.**

Not needed.

## **Close**

The meeting closed at 19:23.