



## Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee held on Thursday 14 May 2026 at Mortimer Methodist Church Hall, West End Road, Mortimer, RG7 3TB

#### Present

##### Members

Cllrs G Bridgman (arrived 18:47), M Dennett and J Todd (Chairman)

##### Other Councillors

None

##### Officers of the Council

S Taylor

##### Public/Press

No members of the public or press attended.

#### Commencement

The meeting commenced at 18:48

#### Part I

##### 25/244 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs J Allan, S Child, S Hill, D Kilshaw and M Lock.

# The Committee sent its condolences to Cllr Allan on the death of her father.

##### 25/245 To receive any declarations of interest

None were declared.

##### 25/246 Public Questions

No members of the public attended.

##### 25/247 Minutes of last meeting

The Minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting held on 23 April were received with one amendment and resolved for signature by the Chairman as a true record of the meeting.

## **25/248 Chairman's remarks**

Cllr Todd thanked the Deputy Clerk for her hard work during a very busy period.

## **25/249 Items to be taken into private session**

A discussion regarding the retaining wall at Tower Gardens will go to Part 2.

## **25/250 Steering Group Reports**

- 1 To receive the draft minutes from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group from 21 April.**

The committee noted that the minutes from the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group of 21 April had been received.

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

There was nothing to report.

## **25/251 Schedule of Planning Applications for consideration**

### **1 26/00512/HOUSE: 44 Stephens Close Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3TY**

Single storey sun room rear of property to replace a large conservatory, mostly on the same footprint.

**SMPC Comments:** Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council considered the plans for this application at its Planning & Highways Committee meeting on 14 May 2026 under agenda item 25/251.1 and had no objections.

### **2 26/00394/FUL: 37-39 King Street Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3TY**

Review Amended plans: 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.

#item 2 was raised in error, and planning application 26/00394/FUL has since been granted.

## **25/252 Schedule of Planning Applications to note**

### **1 26/00761/TPW: Land adjacent to 27 Groves Lea Mortimer Reading RG7 3SS**

T1 - Oak: located on the boundary to the property next to College Piece footpath. Remove epicormic growth off the stem to 4-5m carry out lateral prune only on the house side by 1m to manage encroachment to the property remove any deadwood that poses a risk to the property. T2 - Oak: located on the same boundary slightly further back in the garden. Reduce lower scaffold limb by 1-2m to suitable growth points to again manage encroachment to the house remove any deadwood that poses a risk to the property.

## **25/253 Planning Applications for Future Consideration**

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

### **1 26/00748/HOUSE: 8 Cleveland Nook Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3WE**

Loft conversion featuring front and rear gable-dormer windows.

### **2 26/00773/HOUSE: 9 Cleveland Nook Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3WE**

Loft conversion featuring front and rear gable-dormer windows

#Cllr Bridgman suggested these planning applications are discussed at the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting on 19 May.

## 25/254 Items for information only

### 1 Decisions received from West Berkshire Council

#### 1 26/00340/HOUSE: 32 Longmoor Lane Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3RP

Erection of single storey side and rear extension.

**APPROVED** – 1 April 2026

**SMPC Comments:** Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council considered the plans for this application at its Planning & Highways Committee meeting on 2 April 2026 under agenda item 25/220.4 and had no objections other than the parking space requirements as highlighted by Highways.

#### 2 26/00291/CERTP: 9-11 King Street Mortimer Common Reading

Loft conversions of 9-11 King Street.

**REFUSED** – 24 April 2026

#Cllr Bridgman reported that this planning application was refused as the 2 properties have not been separated yet. Once that is done it is anticipated that permission will be granted.

#### 3 26/00008/PASSHE: 43 The Avenue Mortimer Common Reading RG7 3QU

Application to determine if prior approval is required for a proposed: Larger Home Extension - Proposed single storey rear extension 4.20m beyond rear wall x 3.50m maximum height x 2.30m at eaves.

**DEEMED DISCHARGE** – 28 April 2026

#### 4 26/00119/HOUSE: 16 Groves Lea Mortimer Reading RG7 3SR

Garage conversion and single storey rear extension.

**APPROVED** – 1 May 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.

## 25/255 Minor Matters

Cllr Bridgman reported that the office had written to the Planning Enforcement Team at WBC, as the Enforcement Team had stated that the windows at Lime Cottage were permitted under permitted development rights. However, the windows are not like-for-like replacements, as the neighbouring property's windows include glazing bars.

## 25/256 Communications

None.

## 25/257 Future Agenda Items

None.

## Part II (if needed)

### 25/258 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.

Cllr Todd proposed that the discussion regarding the correspondence with WBC and the maintenance of the retaining wall and the open space at Tower Gardens be moved to part II. Cllr Bridgman seconded.

A discussion was held.

## **Close**

The meeting closed at 19:13.