



Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council Report

10/09/2026

Full Council

Clerk's Report- Appendix 26/067

1 Fairground car park height barrier

The height barrier at West End Road car park was damaged after being struck by a van. The barrier has since been professionally repaired and is operational. The incident has been reported to the Council's insurers.

2 Community grants

The Council's community grant scheme is open for applications. Local organisations are being encouraged to review the eligibility criteria and submit applications by the published deadline.

3 Mortimer Village Market

Preparations are continuing for the first Mortimer Village Market on Sunday 18 October 2026. Trader applications have been reviewed, pitches are being allocated and invoices issued. Priority has initially been given to local traders, handmade products and maintaining a varied range of stalls with minimal duplication. Publicity for the market is now beginning.

4 Christmas events calendar

Local organisations and community groups are being invited to provide details of Christmas events taking place in Mortimer. These will be brought together into a community Christmas events calendar for publication by the Council.

5 Community Infrastructure Levy

Planning permission has been granted for the development of the reserved land by T. A. Fisher. The Council is seeking clarification from West Berkshire Council regarding the estimated parish CIL payment, whether it will be paid in instalments and the anticipated payment timetable.

Clarification has also been requested on whether the Council may temporarily use its General Reserve to fund a capital project in anticipation of future CIL receipts, with the reserve being replenished once those receipts are received.

6 Neighbourhood Plan professional fees

The level of professional fees being incurred for Stage 2 Neighbourhood Plan work is being monitored. If this work is expected to continue, consideration may need to be given to preparing an updated specification and raising a purchase order so that expenditure can be appropriately controlled and monitored.

7 Shield Group – dog waste bin collections

Dog waste bins are routinely not being emptied in accordance with the agreed collection schedule. The Council is withholding payment of the affected invoices and has initiated discussions with Shield Group regarding the service failures and the potential termination of the contract.

Miss Danielle Davis- 04/09/2026