

Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the Neighbourhood Steering Group Meeting held at Mortimer Methodist Church on Tuesday 18th October 2022 @ 7.30pm

Draft minutes subject to approval

Present

Cllr. G. Bridgman, Cllr. N. Carter, Doug Overett, Sabina Netherclift

1: Apologies

Amanda Marsden, Jo Wines

2: Minutes of Previous Meeting

We didn't have the minutes so this are still outstanding

3: Matters Arising

See above

Action:

See above

4: Working Group Reports

4.1: Reserved Land MOR006

There are still a number of ongoing issues around the reserved land, which need resolving.

DO asked if either AM or NK could chase the doctors to get agreement on approved text.

The dentist needs to have more detail on potential costs but is part of the draft planned medical use of land.

The school have a practical issue re safeguarding in getting the children to and from currently proposed area of land for sports and play. They claim they do not have the staff numbers to be able to work with it.

Under the school's preferred scheme, the property to the south of the school would be demolished, to overcome the safeguarding issue. To make the scheme viable there would be 20 retirement properties. It was suggested by GB that the proposed parking level for these properties might be approved by WBC if the Plan contained a relevant exception - WBC would be likely to seek the view of Parish Council, who would be likely to support such an exception.

It was confirmed there would be adequate parking for both medical and educational uses of land. GB suggested that plan review should change wording from 'Doctors' to 'Medical' from 'School' to 'Educational' to enable the broader proposed use of land for the community's benefit. There would still be land available for potential new medical facility in the future.

NC/DO agreed the SG would aim to publish its plans ahead of public meetings so people have a chance to see them and turn up with any questions they may have.

SG to seek Bluestone's advice on this.

Action:

AM /NK to chase doctors about approving text on their position regarding reserved land

SN to ask Bluestone re advice on publishing plan

NC and DO to have meeting with school and TA Fisher on 4th November

4.2: School Area Summary

See above

4.3: Medical Area Summary

See above

4.4: New NP

Workshop dates and times have been confirmed. SN was not at last meeting with Bluestone therefore had incomplete information as to structure of each session beyond an understanding that there would be presentations on reserved land and the findings of research but not on whether the workshops would be pop-in or run through. SN reported Bluestone would be leading these events. DO and NC could attend /help and would expect to present on reserved land but would like greater clarity on structure and expected outputs for each workshop. Once this is clear then more information can be broadcast on usual SM channels and village noticeboards.

Action:

SN to contact Bluestone to set up zoom meeting

JW to issue formal invite to Doctors Dentists school etc

Item 5: Any Other Business

Record AOB

Close

The meeting closed at 20.30

Next meeting – 15th November 2022.