

# Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council (SMPC)

## Minutes of the Neighbourhood Steering Group Meeting held at Methodist Church Hall, Mortimer on Tuesday 19th of September 2023 at 7:30pm

### Notes

#### 1. Present

Doug Overett – Meeting Chair (DO); Graham Bridgman (GB); Neil Kiley (NK); Tennant Barber (TB); Bob Coe (BC); Amanda Marsden – Meeting Minute Taker (AM)

#### 2. Apologies

Joanne Emberson-Wines (JE); Sabina Netherclift (SN); Nick Carter (NC); Ana Hernandez (AH)

#### 3. Declarations of Interest

None

#### 4. Working Group Reports

##### 4.1 Reserved Land

- SMPC resolved at Full Council to approve the review submitted – formal details of the residential properties are to be agreed by TAF and SMPC prior to submission of the planning application.
- SMPC are to call a meeting with TAF and non PC members of the Steering Group
- WBC need to be notified of SMPC resolution – **(Action GB)**
- TAF Acquisition of Redwoods is progressing positively
- Nikil Shah update: outline planning going forward; no obstructions for the dental surgery are foreseen regardless of whether Redwoods is acquired. Investment to fund the build of the dental surgery is in place – costs for land and build are needed to finalise – funding is subject to completion by 2024.
- A request for 30 parking spaces is included in the outline plans – query as to why so many. **(Action DO to establish).**

- The TAF solution to the retaining wall has been reviewed favourably by SMPC – planning permission is needed.

#### **4.2 New Neighbourhood Plan**

- BC and TB have developed a suggested approach to the Policy Development. (Reference the attached presentation)

- Target date for detailed policy text completion is February 2024

- A review of other NPs in progress within Berkshire indicates there are no useful reference points for our purposes.

- TB recommends that we read policies recently written by other Councils outside Berkshire and lift material/text where we can

- The seven Themes were reviewed

- Selective co-option of people from the Community for specific themes will be needed.

#### **5. AOB**

- Locality application **Action: JE and AH to establish and report back on status)**

#### **6 Agenda for next meeting**

- Natural Environment was selected as the theme to discuss in more detail.
- Structure the process of drawing from existing policies produced by other Councils.
- Housing Needs and Design Codes

#### **Close**

Meeting closed at 20:50

Next meeting – 17.10.2023 at 19:30pm – Methodist Church Hall, Mortimer