

# **Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council (SMPC)**

## **Minutes of the Neighbourhood Steering Group Meeting held at Methodist Church Hall, Mortimer on Tuesday 21st of May 2024 at 7:30pm**

### **Notes**

#### **1. Present**

Tennant Barber (TB); Graham Bridgeman (GB) Amanda Marsden (AM); Jo Wines (JW) Sabina Netherclift (SN – Minute Taker)

#### **2. Apologies**

Neil Kiley (NK) Doug Overett (DO) Nick Carter (NC) Bob Coe (BC) Ana Hernandez (AH)

#### **3. Declarations of Interest**

None

#### **4. Re-election of Chair Post SMPC Annual General Meeting**

Jo Wines elected unopposed

#### **5. Working Group Reports – URGENT ISSUE**

##### **5.1 Reserved Land**

Following on from the meeting between GB, DO TB and Steve Davies of TA Fisher, TB reported that two issues now stood in the way of the previously adopted proposal for the reserved land going forward as presented to the community:

- 1) TAF now say that the current number of dwellings make the proposition unviable, and they need to put 4 more homes onto the site
- 2) WBC's advice (in response to TAF's pre application) the current plan's housing is at too great a density
- 3) TB presented two alternative plans for the committee to comment on, one of which reduces land to go for use by the school. The other of which removes the land previously held for a potential new surgery.

JW as Chair interrogated the legality of the position, we as a steering group now find ourselves in with regards to what our remit was and what we now needed to do. After discussion of the points that have led us to where we are now, the SG voted that we needed to find out more information before deciding on next steps

- To request a copy of TA Fishers pre-application and subsequent pre-application advice to WBC
- To write a formal letter from SMPC Parish Clerk to the Mortimer surgery asking them to confirm their plans for a new surgery going forward and whether they will need the reserved land
- To write a a letter to the local ICB to find out the situation regarding the future plan for Healthcare in Mortimer
- To write to the school to find out what land they were expecting and how much they might be happy with
- To inform TA Fisher of SG's position

GB also suggested JW write a letter as chair for the next Parish Newsletter to inform the community as to present situation.

**Actions: JW and AH to work with Lynn Hannawin as Parish Clerk to get these letters drafted.**

**Close**

Meeting end 20:15

Next meeting – 18/05/2024 at 19:30pm – Methodist Church Hall, Mortimer