

# **Stratfield Mortimer Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Steering Group Minutes of meeting held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2014 in the Parish Office

Present: Mike Dennett (Chairman)  
Danusia Morsley  
Neil Kiley  
Patrick Wingfield  
Tennant Barber.

## **1. Resignation – Tracy Audsley**

It was with regret the Steering Group received the resignation of Tracy Audsley who felt she could not make the level commitment to the Steering Group that she would wish given her other commitments to the parish as a councillor. Tracy Audsley offered to help with specific activities as her other commitments would allow.

## **2. Terms of Reference**

The chairman reported that the Parish Council had approved the Terms of Reference with two changes:

- Roles & Relationships – included was “It is expected that the Steering Group members abide by the principles and practice of the Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council Code of Conduct including declarations of interest”.
- That notice of meetings shall be “... posted publically.”

## **3. SHLAA Consultation**

The Chairman drew attention to the West Berkshire were preparing material on SHLAA to be put out for consultation lasting 6 weeks commencing on 25 July 2014. Using feedback from the Funday events Stratfield Mortimer should be well placed to respond effectively to the consultation opportunity.

## **4. Development of Material for the Funday Event**

It was agreed that an expanded vision of Stratfield Mortimer and particularly the nature of its ‘Rural Character’ would provide the essential focus for the development and content of the NDP. Attention was drawn to the availability of statistics garnered from the recent census. These give a good and

interesting insight to the nature of Stratfield Mortimer, and by comparison with previous census statistics provide a view of how Stratfield Mortimer has changed and might be extrapolated to indicate how it might develop over the next 10 years. It was agreed that a statement of 'What Mortimer is today' backed by the statistics would be a good input to the Funday event. (**Action Mike Dennett to prepare the statement.**)

Using this vision as a basis for the Funday events a list of possible policy consequences could be developed to put before the community to gain feedback on their views and ideas. It was agreed that that the community should have the opportunity to not only express their support for the content of the vision and possible policy consequences but also to express their views on what was not appropriate for a rural village or would not be acceptable. To this end the use of 'green' stickers for approvals and 'red' stickers for disagreement would be a good way to obtain the level of support or otherwise.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Steering Group should focus on developing possible policy consequences to be put to the community on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July 2014.

It was noted that there was a limited amount of time before suitable publicity material and actions would need to be undertaken to maximise the opportunity to get community feedback. It was suggested that the SHLAA consultation could be a strong incentive for the community to express their opinions.

## 5. Volunteers

It was agreed that:

- The volunteers should be contacted to let them know what was happening (**Action Mike Dennett**)
- A meeting of the volunteers should be held as soon as possible so that they could be fully briefed and involved with the Funday events.

## 6. Administrative Support

This item has progressed more slowly than anticipated. However as the plans of the Steering Group are adapting to the experience gained this was not quite the pressing issues initially believed.

## 7. Next Meeting

Next meeting to be on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2014 commencing 9.30am.