



Report of the Planning and Implementation Committee
Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 7:30pm

PRESENT Cllr. A Walmsley Chairman presiding.
 Cllrs. P Culver, D Earl, D Garland, N Osborne & A Ratcliffe
 V Woollven (part), L Westcott (clerk)

Public Participation

A Russell attending as a representative from LWFC.

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies received and accepted from Cllrs. K Hammond, S Heeley and J Britt as well as R Greenwood.

2. Declarations of Interest on the Agenda

V Woollven declared a conflict of interest with St Mary’s Church and land arising from the land to the rear of Tithe Barn. Cllr. J Britt declared a conflict of interest in relation to Warren Lands in Sandway. Members of the group who stand on LPC declared an interest in relation to William Pitt Field. All declared conflicts of interest are non-pecuniary; this also relates to all previously declared conflicts of interest.

3. Minutes from P&I 21st February 2024

The minutes of the P&I meeting on 21st February 2024 were agreed as being accurate.

4. Current Planning Applications to consider :

Application Number	Address	Application Content
24/500832/AGRIC	New Shelve Farm Ashford Road Lenham Kent ME17 2DS	We do not object to this application as we fully understand the need of New Shelve for additional grain and equipment storage space. However, we would ask that a planning condition is imposed to negate any attempt to convert existing barns to housing.
24/500792/SUB	Land West Of 10 Maidstone Road Lenham Maidstone Kent ME17 2QH	No Comment
24/500785/LAWPRO	Munsteads Highbourne Park Lenham Kent ME17 2PE	No Comment

5. Maidstone Local Plan Review

Cllr. A Walmsley reported that Cllrs. J Britt, K Hammond and S Heeley were attending the MBC meeting as a vote was due on the adoption of the Local Plan. A meeting with the Barrister is planned for Friday to discuss the next steps to challenge the Local Plan.

- a. Cllr. D Earl proposed and Cllr. A Ratcliffe seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to recommend to full council agreement of the quote of £2500+VAT from the barrister to proceed with the Advice on Merits.
- b. Cllr. D Garland proposed and Cllr. P Culver seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to recommend to full council agreement of the quote of £1500 from P McCreery for a preliminary assessment of the inspector's report.
- c. Cllr. N Osborne proposed and Cllr. D Earl seconded and it was **RESOLVED** to recommend to full council agreement of the quote of £3500 to produce a report for the barrister following initial consultation.

6. Lenham Neighbourhood Plan Review

Cllr. A Walmsley reported that this is on hold whilst waiting for the resolution of the Maidstone Local Plan Review.

7. Update on the Workplan

- a. **Loder Close** – Cllr. P Culver reported that 22 applications have been made to Lenham Primary School for places for residents moving into these homes. None of these could be accepted as the School is fully subscribed.

V Woollven arrived 20:15

- b. **Countryside/Vistry site** – Old Ham Lane will be shut at end of March for 4 months. The final drawings for the WPF car park area have still not been provided.

ACTION Cllr. A Walmsley to chase drawings.

- c. **Abbey Homes** – Old Ashford road now open, but the footpath had previously been closed for cabling as well.

ACTION Cllr. A Walmsley to feedback to KCC about timings of road works.

8. Update on Other Development

- a. 3 Chilston Road – Response received to letter sent to owner regarding damage to Royton Avenue. **ACTION** Cllr. A Walmsley to draft response.
- b. Old Ashford Road – this has re opened.
- c. Claimed Bridleways – Cllr. A Walmsley has received various responses from landowners and cllrs. **ACTION** Cllr. A Walmsley to draft response.
- d. Allotments trees – Cllr. A Walmsley reported that HLAA are getting quotes to attend to trees.

9. Highways Improvement Plan (HIP)

Cllr. A Walmsley reported that the KCC traffic survey will be completed between Bearsted and Lenham. L Westcott reported that residents have complained about vehicles speeding along Faversham Road, cushions or sleeping policemen could be considered in this location.

Cllr. N Osborne reported that the steps opposite the social club are broken. All the steps and access routes need assessing along this part of the High Street.

ACTION L Westcott to report broken steps to KCC.

- a. A20 traffic statement – L Westcott to put statement on website and summary points on social media.

10. Matters Arising from Planning Decisions

None to report.

11. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is on Wednesday 17th April 2024.

The meeting closed at 21:30

Signed as a true record on this day 3rd April 2024.....

Chairman of the Planning and Implementation Committee