



## **Report of the Planning and Implementation Committee**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 7:30pm

**PRESENT** Cllr. A Walmsley presiding.

Cllrs. J. Britt, P. Culver, A Ratcliffe

Officer A. Ratcliffe

R Greenwood & V. Woolven

### **Public Participation**

One member of the public present - he gave a presentation from LWFC regarding goal and equipment storage at the WPF.

The chair opened the meeting at 19:47

### **1. Apologies for Absence Received.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. K. Hammond & C. Wood.

### **2. Nominations for substitutions.**

None received

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

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.

### **4. Minutes from P&I Committee Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

The minutes of the P&I meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026 were agreed as being accurate.

### **5. Current Planning Applications to consider**

See Appendix A.

**ACTION** Cllr. A Ratcliffe to draft a response to 26/501213 and send to Cllr. A Walmsley.

### **6. Update on Workplan (circulated with agenda)**

Workplan updated as comments made

### **7. Updates on other Development**

- a. Cllr. J Britt reported that MBC have responded with new deadline for 11a, they are still awaiting Natural England's response before making decision on Old Good Yard application.  
**ACTION** Officers to inform owner of Kent Loves with new date for MBC planning committee.
- b. Officer Ratcliffe confirmed the Allotment policy is now live on LPC website.
- c. LGR - No update following LPC comments being sent in via NALC.

## 8. Highways Improvement Plan

- a. Cllrs. D Garland and A Walmsley have a virtual meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April with Emily Rodgers from KCC Highways.

## 10. Matters Arising from Planning Decisions

There were none.

## 11. Correspondence (for information only)

- a. **The Cemetery Fall.** The incident was discussed. **ACTION** Cllr. J Britt to contact Gallaghers regarding our Public Liability Insurance. **ACTION** Cllr. J Britt to draft a reply to the MoP.
- b. **HCAA Update**  
Following the email from the Chair of the HCAA.  
**ACTION** Officers to contact HCAA to arrange a meeting with Cllrs. J Britt and A Walmsley.
- c. **Polytunnel**  
**ACTION** Officers to contact the polytunnel owners to remind them the deadline was 16<sup>th</sup> April, reminding them the cover needs to be replaced with clear and water retention devices need adding. They are to be told the policy now applies to their polytunnel as they have not complied with the 4 weeks grace period granted.

## 12. Date of next meeting – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026

The meeting closed at 21:15

Signed as a true record on this day 6<sup>th</sup> May 2026.....

Chair of the Planning and Implementation Committee

## Appendix A

Application Number	Address	Comments
26/501211/SUB	Land North Of Old Ashford Road Lenham Kent	No Comment
26/501213/SUB	Land North Of Old Ashford Road Lenham Kent	LPC objects to this sub application in that it does not comply with the variety of bricks, tiles and slates required and as specified in the Lenham Neighbourhood Plan. We would point out that when Phase one of this site was approved the Neighbourhood Plan did not exist but with its subsequent adoption by MBC it will certainly apply to the current Phase two of the development covered by this sub application.  The enclosed appendix details our specific criticisms in terms of the need for greater variety and quality to match the other Village developments.