LENHAM
PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the Planning and Implementation Committee

Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 7:30pm

PRESENT Cllr. A Walmsley presiding.
Cllrs. J Britt, K Hammond, S Heeley & A Ratcliffe
Officer A Ratcliffe
R Greenwood and V Woollven

Public Participation
No members of the public were in attendance.
The chair opened the meeting at 19:30

1. **Apologies for absence**
   Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. P Culver and J Murray

2. **Nominations for Substitutions**
   Cllr. K. Hammond is substituting for Cllr. P Culver. All agreed.

3. **Declarations of Interest on the Agenda**
   R Greenwood and V Woollven declared a conflict of interest with St Mary's Church and land arising from the land to the rear of Tithe Barn. 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 19th November 2025**
   The minutes of the P&I meeting on 19th November 2025 were agreed as being accurate.
   Points to note: Officer Ratcliffe – confirmed she has written a letter to the farmers asking for a meeting regarding fencing quotes received and it has been hand delivered to their office.

5. **Current Planning Applications to consider**
   KCC/MA/0135/2025 – **ACTION** Officer Ratcliffe to contact case manager questioning the inconsistencies of the location along with the lack of documents available on the KCC planning portal.
   ACTION Cllr. A Walmsley to draft a response and circulate.

6. **Maidstone Borough Local Plan 2024 – update**
   No update

7. **To update on progress of SPD response and consider public engagement**
   Cllr. J Britt confirmed 2 drafts are being worked on - and initial response as well as technical annex.
   ACTION All to review and send comments to Cllr. J Britt by 11th December
   ACTION L Westcott to send SPD response to MBC by end of day 12th December.

Cllr. S Heeley arrived at 20:10

8. Update on other Development

a. WPF - Officer Ratcliffe confirmed letter to Visty regarding outstanding payment for sign has been emailed to them as well as hard copy hand delivered to their Head Office.
b. HIP update - Following an email from MOP regarding Leadingcross Green, no action can prevent HGV's using the Headcorn Road.
c. Gypsy & Travelling Consultation paper has been circulated.
ACTION Cllrs. to send comments to Cllr. Walmsley by mid January.
d. East Lenham Farm – decision due 18th December at MBC planning committee. Footpath was discussed and Cllr. Walmsley confirmed paperwork is ready to go after planning has been decided.

9. Matters Arising from Planning Decisions

None

10. Correspondence (for information only)

Cllr. J Britt confirmed receipt of an email from Geopark regarding antisocial behaviour on Pilgrim Way. He confirmed potential meeting in January with the local PC's.
Cllr. J Britt has had correspondence from Panettone regarding a Public Meeting on 9th January regarding plans for the former Marley Site.
ACTION Officer to request extension of time for 11a High Street following new documents submitted 10th December.

11. Date of next meeting

The next P&I meeting is on Wednesday 21st January 2026.

The meeting closed at 21:05

Signed as a true record on this day 7th January 2026……..

Chair of the Planning and Implementation Committee