



Report of the Planning and Implementation Committee Wednesday 15th May 2024 at 7:30pm

PRESENT Cllr. A Walmsley Chair presiding.
Cllrs. J Britt, D Earl, K Hammond, S Heeley, J Murray, N Osborne & A Ratcliffe
R Greenwood, L Westcott (clerk)

Public Participation

No members of the public present.

1. Apologies for absence:

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr. P Culver as well as V Woollven and L Smith.

2. Nominations for Substitutions

None received.

3. Declarations of Interest on the Agenda

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.

4. Minutes from P&I 17th April 2024

The minutes of the P&I meeting on 17th April 2024 were agreed as being accurate.

5. Current Planning Applications to consider:

Application Number	Address	Comments
24/501711/LBC	8 The Square Lenham Kent ME17 2PQ	No Comment
24/501802/FULL	Flint Barn Farm Flint Lane Lenham Kent ME17 2EN	No objection but we would ask for a condition that the external fabric of the building was chosen to be sympathetic to both that of the existing building and other properties within the AONB.

6. Maidstone Local Plan Review

Cllr. J Britt reported on the likely new administration at MBC. Cllr. S Heeley reported that MBC are awaiting the outcome of the court hearings to review how the Local Plan will move forward.

Cllr. J Britt reported that the new borough cllrs. for the ward are planning to bring all parish councils together to ensure an agreed approach to the AONB.

7. Lenham Neighbourhood Plan Review

Cllr. J Britt reported that this is on hold while awaiting court and subsequent MBC decisions.

8. Update on the Workplan

- a. **Sports & Recreation** – Cllr. J Murray asked whether the community has been consulted on the proposed plans, Cllr. A Ratcliffe summarised the consultations to date and reported that further engagement will take place when the time is right.
- b. **Countryside/Vistry site** – Old Ham Lane closed until September. Lenham Storage has requested that LWFC and contractors do not park on Ham Lane. Cllr. J Britt reported on the question from Countryside regarding sewage connection pipes for potential development of the WPF, it is not clear from the plan sent on the size of pipework.
ACTION Cllr. A Ratcliffe to draft comments to send on.
Cllr. A Ratcliffe reported on the contractors heras fencing being so close to the skate ramp.
- c. **Maidstone Road Car Park extension** – Cllr. J Britt reported on the meeting attended with Cllr. N Osborne. The notes will be circulated.

9. Update on Other Development

- a. Pothole in the Square car park – L Westcott reported that MBC has it on their schedule to fix, concerns were raised about the event in June and it being a trip hazard.
ACTION L Westcott to send Cllr. A Ratcliffe MBC contact information for him to email.
- b. Footpath Diversion - Cllr. A Walmsley met with the PROW officer, they had some concerns about whether a footpath around the North boundary of the field will also be required in addition to the proposed diversion route. Cllr. A Ratcliffe showed the layout of the proposed football pitches and this additional footpath would not impact the pitches. We will await the next stage of the application.
- c. Warren Lands appeal – postponed.

10. Highways Improvement Plan (HIP)

- a. High Street pavement – no further information
- b. HGV restriction road signs on Pilgrims Way – not installed yet.
- c. A20 KCC study – desktop study shows no issue at the Faversham Road crossroads, traffic survey points have been installed with one in Lenham.

11. Matters Arising from Planning Decisions

None to report.

12. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is on Wednesday 19th June 2024.

The meeting closed at 21:40

Signed as a true record on this day 5th June 2024.....

Chair of the Planning and Implementation Committee