



Councillors Present:

Cllr K Brooks (Chair)

Cllr G Hall

Cllr M Barrett

Cllr J Webster

Apologies:

Cllr D Reilly

Officers Present:

H Munro (Clerk)

C Stewart (Locum Deputy Clerk)

24/33. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.** Apologies were received from Cllr Reilly, and it was **RESOLVED** that the reason be accepted.

24/34. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.** There were none.

24/35. **MINUTES.** It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the 22 April 2024 be approved and were signed by the Chair as an accurate record.

24/36. **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS.** The Chair announced the following:

The planning application 23/03419/FULL relating to Cornford Court had been approved at the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC) Planning Committee meeting despite strenuous objections from the Parish Council both at the consultation stage and at the Planning Committee meeting. Three Parish Councillors had attended to make representations.

It was agreed to add an item to the next Full Council agenda to discuss how best the elected Borough Councillors might represent the interests of Pembury when their wards now comprised three very disparate communities with different and possibly conflicting interests.

24/37. **OPEN SESSION.** No-one was present.

24/38. **CLERK'S REPORT.** The following report was noted:

- a. Another 30-mph banner is still awaited from KCC Highway Services.
- b. The query relating to the streetlight maintenance contract is still outstanding as the contractor is currently unavailable.

24/39. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** The following were considered, and it was **RESOLVED** to submit the following responses to TWBC:

- a. **24/00874/FULL** **15 Knights Ridge**
Two storey front extension

No objection. The solar panels included in the application were strongly supported and were in line with the Pembury Neighbourhood Plan.

24/40. **OTHER APPLICATIONS.** There were none.

24/41. **LATE PLANNING APPLICATIONS.** The following was noted:

a. **24/00472/FULL** **1 Horse Pasture Cottages,
Maidstone Road**

Single storey rear extension.

The Parish Council had not objected to the original application and this amendment was to avoid constructing part of the building over a Southern Water sewer. TWBC had approved the application prior to this meeting.

24/42. **OTHER LATE APPLICATIONS.** There were none.

24/43. **DECISIONS.** The following decisions were noted:

- a. **24/00884/TCA** **1 High Street**
Trees in Conservation Area Notification - NORWAY MAPLE (T1 & T2) - Minor tip reduction of western canopies of trees where limbs significantly overhang the boundary and roof of 3 High Street. Maximum reduction of limbs will be 1.5 metres and up to historic pruning points
NO OBJECTION
RAISED
- b. **24/00635/TCA** **Postillions, 2 Hastings Road**
BEECH (A) - Removal of branches growing over garage and into lawn in front of Church; SWEET CHESTNUT (B) - Removal of one branch growing across garden; HORSE CHESTNUT (C) - Removal of 3 branches growing over garden; 2 FLOWERING CHERRIES (D) - Removal of lower branches
NO OBJECTION
RAISED
- c. **24/00558/FULL** **30 Henwoods Mount**
Single-storey extension
GRANTED
- d. **24/00447/FULL** **Howfield Farm, Chalket Lane**
Variation of Condition 2 of 23/01267/FULL - Alteration to approved drawings to replace rooflights with dormer windows on west elevation
GRANTED
- e. **24/00248/FULL** **7 The Forstal**

Demolition of garage and erection of single storey side and rear extension and enlarged dormer GRANTED

- f. **24/00375/TCA** Village Green, High Street
OAK (0323) - Raise low canopy to 3m NO OBJECTION
RAISED
- g. **24/00271/FULL** **23 Cornford Park**
Conversion of existing detached garage to annexe GRANTED
- h. **24/00797/FULL** **5a Lower Green Road**
Addition of 30 inch trellis to existing 190cm close boarded fence. GRANTED
- I. **24/00431/FULL** **Downingbury Farm**
Conversion of cold store and stables into 2no. dwellings with associated parking and landscaping GRANTED
- I. **23/03419/FULL** **Cornford Court, Cornford Lane**
Demolition of existing single storey structure and erection of a part two/part three storey Assisted Living unit (use C2) comprising of 69 two-bedroom suites along with a Gym, Community Room and Hydrotherapy Pool along with associated car parking, landscaping and alterations to site levels GRANTED

24/44. **LOCAL PLAN.** It was confirmed that Capel Parish Council will make representations at all four days of the Stage 3 Local Plan hearings before the Planning Inspector. Brenchley and Matfield Parish Council will make representation on the days relating to Matter 4 and Matter 7 ((Paddock Wood Strategy and Highways Infrastructure respectively).

Possible representation at the hearings were discussed. It was agreed that the Locum Deputy Clerk would summarise issues relevant to Pembury Parish. It was **RESOLVED** to add an agenda item to agree a response for the Local Plan on to the next Full Council agenda.

24/45. **REQUESTS FROM RESIDENTS.** Requests for yellow lines at a number of locations from residents were discussed. It was agreed that the Locum Deputy Clerk would draft a summary of the process to obtain these. Requirements for yellow lines would be included in the Highway Improvement Plan (HIP) and would be emphasised in requests for S106 developer contributions relating to highways on future developments. The HIP would be reviewed at the next Committee meeting.

24/46. **ENFORCEMENT.** The updated Enforcement log was noted. It was **RESOLVED** that a response should be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the additional appeal regarding the land at Redwings Lane with the same wording as the other appeal submissions for the same site. It was **RESOLVED** that a neighbouring resident be invited to speak at the next Committee meeting.

In the event of additional appeals for the same site in the immediate future it was **RESOLVED** that the same response would be submitted on condition that the applications were not substantially different.

24/47. **RISKS.** There was nothing further discussed.

24/48. **QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS OR AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS.** There were none.

24/49. **MEETING DATES.** 17 June 2024 in the Parish meeting room. The start time of future meetings to be agreed at the next Full Council meeting.

24/50. **CLOSED SESSION.** Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it was **RESOLVED** to exclude the public and the press from the meeting at 4:28pm for the next item of business on the grounds that it would involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

24/51. **NOTIFICATION OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR PLANNING PERMISSION.** The details were noted.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 16:30.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
Chair