

WESTERHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning and Development Committee held
on Thursday 25th June 2026 at 9.30 am at Russell House,
Market Square, Westerham

Present: Councillors: Mr I Breminer (IB) - Chair
Mr E Boyle (EB)
Mrs D Coen (DC)
Mrs L Rodgers (LR)

Assistant Clerk: Mrs J O'Sullivan (JO)
Five members of the public

Item		Action
1.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Bird – holiday.	
2.	<u>Declarations of Interest not previously declared</u> Cllr Coen – 26/01043/HOUSE.	
3.	<u>Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th June</u> Minutes of the meeting held on 11 th June were approved with a minor amendment to item 8 - Reports from Councillors.	
4.	<u>Information items arising from the minutes of the previous meeting not dealt with elsewhere on the agenda</u> None.	
5.	<u>Planning Applications</u> Cllr Coen left the meeting 26/01043/HOUSE Farley Grange East, Farley Lane, Westerham, Kent TN16 1UA Proposed drive with two new pillars and a gate. Refer to SDC officers noting the objections made by residents, in particular: - As a retrospective application any future works should go through the appropriate planning process; - Ditches have been infilled which could result in flooding; - Excessive height of CCTV posts, ensuring they meet necessary regulations e.g. displaying signage; - That lighting should be sympathetic and not excessive, following recommendations from the Dark Skies Policy; - Potential loss of biodiversity given the removal of hedges and mature planting, with no plans for reinstatement with suitable indigenous species; - That SDC Officers should conduct a site visit. Cllr Coen re-joined the meeting.	

	• 26/01046/HOUSE Newlands, 17 Madan Road, Westerham, Kent TN16 1DU Demolition of existing garage, workshop and coal bunker and rebuilding to form annex on existing footprint and infill extension. Alteration to fenestration. New patio area with hard and soft landscaping. WTC Supports the application subject to clarification that the proposal for a new crossover will obtain the necessary permissions from KCC. • 26/01310/FUL Farm End, Dairy Lane, Crockham Hill TN8 6RA Installation of solar panels, fencing and hedging. WTC Supports the application.	
6.	<u>Planning Decisions</u> • 26/01014/AGDET Land West of Dunsdale Wood, French Street, Westerham TN16 Additional tree protection related to 26/00638/AGRNOT Granted • 25/02656/FUL Land Northwest of 55 Croydon Road, Westerham TN16 Construction of 1 no 2-bedroom bungalow, with retaining walls to the rear garden and associated hard and soft landscaping. Granted • 25/00422/HOUSE 3 Hill Top Place, Westerham TN16 Change to existing window into a double French door. Granted	
7.	<u>Planning Issues</u> 7.1 SDC Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation – Cllr Breminer reported that Regulation 19 was being considered by SDC's Development and Infrastructure Committee on 30th June. He would attend several consultation meetings, including London Green Belt Council on 25th June and then a special meeting called by CPRE on Wednesday 22nd July. 7.2 Tandridge District Council Draft Local Plan – No further update. 7.3 Land at Seasons Farm – Cllr Coen provided an update.	
8.	<u>Consultations</u> 8.1 Kent Downs National Management Plan 2027 – 2032 consultation – runs until 19 July. 8.2 SDC Housing Allocations Policy Consultation – runs until 24th July. The Committee agreed that a response should be submitted. Cllr Breminer would draft a response with the Town Clerk.	IB/AH
9.	<u>Reports from Councillors</u> Cllr Boyle reported an increase in anti-social behaviour in the town centre with youths on bicycles cycling irresponsibly on the roads. The Assistant Clerk would raise with local police officers.	JO

	Cllr Breminer reported that there had been an increase in members of the public accessing Covers Farm open water. Cllr Breminer agreed to contact Henry Warde to ask that a security team be onsite to prevent access during the hot weather. Cllr Breminer reported that Fernham Homes would be holding a public consultation on Monday 29th June, 3pm-6.30pm at Westerham Hall, in relation to land south of Farley Lane.	IB
10.	<u>Correspondence</u> 10.1 SDC Enforcement update – nothing to report. 10.2 SDC Street Naming and Numbering – French Street Farm, Westerham was noted.	
11.	<u>TN16, Crockham Hill Village Newsletter</u> None.	
12.	<u>Matters for District and County Councillors</u> None.	
13.	<u>Further Matters for Consideration at the next meeting</u> Thames Water Drought Plan.	
14.	<u>Date of next meeting</u> Thursday 9th July 2026	

The meeting was concluded at 10.30am.

Minutes confirmed as a correct record:

Chairman