KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES of a meeting of the Regulation Committee held in the Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone on Thursday, 28 September 2017.

PRESENT: Mr A H T Bowles (Chairman), Mr I S Chittenden, Mr P M Harman, Mr P J Homewood, Mr R A Marsh, Mr D Murphy, Mr J M Ozog, Mr R A Pascoe, Mrs S Prendergast (Substitute for Mr K Gregory) and Mr A M Ridgers

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs S Thompson (Head of Planning Applications Group), Mr R Gregory (Team Leader - Planning Enforcement), Mr G Rusling (Public Rights of Way & Access Service Manager) and Mr A Tait (Democratic Services Officer)

UNRESTRICTED ITEMS

15. Minutes - 26 July 2017 (Item 3)

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2017 are correctly recorded and that they be signed by the Chairman.

16. Update from the Definitive Map Team (Item 4)

- (1) The Public Rights of Way and Access Manager summarised the current position in respect of applications to amend the Definitive Map and Statement. The report also included an update on the progress of the Deregulation Act 2015 and the outstanding Village Green applications.
- (2) The Committee noted that a meeting of the Member Panel was due to be held on 23 October 2017. The Democratic Services Officer undertook to send all Committee Members an electronic set of papers for information.
- (3) RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.

17. Update on Planning Enforcement Issues (Item 5)

(1) The Head of Planning Applications Group gave an update on planning enforcement matters since the Committee meeting on 26 July 2017. This included an update on waste crime where it was noted that the Government was considering introducing new legislation to combat its proliferation.

(2)	RESOLVED that the actions taken or contemplated in the report be noted and endorsed.

EXEMPT ITEMS

(Open Access to Minutes)

(Members resolved under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public be excluded for the following business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 5 and 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.)

18. Update on Planning Enforcement Cases (Item 8)

- (1) The Head of Planning Applications Group and the Team Leader Planning Enforcement gave an update on unauthorised planning enforcement matters, setting out actions taken or contemplated at Spratling Court Farm, Manston; Ashford Waste Water Treatment Works, Ashford; Lenham Saw Mills; Hoath Primary School; Dartford Technology College; Wilmington Academy; Crockenhill, Sevenoaks; Wentworth Primary School; Roman Road, Dover; Downs Road, Studdal; Stockbury Valley, Stockbury; Water Lane/Moat Road, Headcorn; Glebe Farm, Shadoxhurst; Little Neverend Farm, Ulcombe; Thirwell Farm, Hernhill; Oare Creek, Faversham; Willow Farm, Faversham; Land adjoining White Leaf Riding Stables, Teynham; and Corio Farm, East Malling.
- (2) The Committee noted that the Local Member in respect of Lenham Saw Mills was Mr C Simkins rather than Mrs S Prendergast.
- (3) During discussion of these cases, the Committee agreed additional actions in respect of various sites as set out in (4) below.
- (4) RESOLVED that the enforcement strategies outlined in paragraphs 3 to 21 of the report and in the Schedule appended to the report be endorsed subject to: -
 - (a) additional options being explored to help identify the alleged contraveners involved in depositing at Site 8;
 - (b) appropriate support and evidence being provided to the public inquiry regarding the recently appealed enforcement notice at Site 10; and
 - (c) continued monitoring and reports to the Committee on the case at Site 11.