



Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting of Bearsted Parish Council

Madginford Hall, Bearsted on Tuesday 30th June 2026 at 7.15pm

Present:

Cllr Richard Ash MBE (Chair)
Cllr Martha Monday (Vice Chair)
Cllr Kapil Kaushik

Also, in attendance was the Clerk Joanne Upton.

Reports from members of the public.

There were no members of the public.

1. Declarations of intention to record

The Clerk declared the meeting would be recorded for minuting purposes.

2. Apologies and absences

Apologies were received and duly noted for Cllr Carolyn Smith.

3. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

There were none declared.

4. Signing of the minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 28th April 2026 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5. Office and Chair report

There was no report from the office.

The Chairman requested that all Councillors respond to 'Out of Committee' applications with full response and whether they wish to see the application called to committee. Councillors are to 'respond to all' with their comments, allowing discussion where necessary.

6. Planning Applications for consideration (Town and Country Planning Act 1990 s1p8)

26/502134/TPOA: 15 Sandy Mount Bearsted Kent ME14 4PJ. Cllr Ash proposed to respond, 'no objection and would like to see this application approved.' Do not wish to call to committee. This was resolved with all in favour.

26/502233/FULL: 2 Tower Lane Bearsted Kent ME14 4JJ. Cllr Ash proposed to respond, 'no objection and would like to see this application approved.' Do not wish to call to committee. This was resolved with two in favour and one abstention.

26/502160/LBC: The White Horse Inn The Green Bearsted Kent ME14 4DL. Cllr Ash proposed to respond, 'no objection and would like to see this application approved.' Do not wish to call to committee. This was resolved with all in favour.

26/502234/FULL: 20 Tasker Close Bearsted Kent ME15 8NZ. Cllr Ash proposed to respond, 'no objection.' Do not wish to call to committee. This was resolved with all in favour.

26/502246/FULL: 181 Ashford Road Bearsted Kent ME14 4NE. Cllr Ash proposed to respond, 'no objection and would like to see this application approved.' Do not wish to call to committee. This was resolved with all in favour.

7. Plus any additional applications received by the date of the meeting.

There were none to consider.

8. Planning Committee

Cllr Ash proposed the Planning Committee will now consider applications as an agenda item at the Full Council meeting rather than at a separate meeting. The Planning Committee members will continue to review applications and make the recommendations to MBC, these recommendations will be discussed and voted on at the FC meeting, by the Planning Committee members only. Cllr Kapil seconded the motion, and this was resolved with all in favour. If Full Council approve the change in process the Planning Committee meeting on the 28th July will go ahead and then applications will be considered at Full Council from September. The process for considering 'Out Of Committee' applications will remain the same.

9. Future agenda items

Standing items.

10. Date for the next meeting: 28th July 2026

There being no further business to transact, the meeting ended at 19:48 hrs.

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