

**Minutes of the Council (Planning) Meeting held on
Wednesday 13 May 2026**

Present Councillor A Brown (Chair)
Councillors S Abbott, H Belcher OBE, N Brakspear, J Brook,
T Ellis, P Freestone, I Scrannage, V Steadman and
A White

In Attendance Mrs L Moor (Finance and Planning Officer)

PL 01/26 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors J Coward, R Hopkinson,
G McCaffery, R Munn and N Pocock.

PL 02/26 Public Question Time and Petitions

There were none.

PL 03/26 Declarations of Interest

Councillor S Abbott declared a non-pecuniary interest in application
PL/2026/02590 - Priory Villa, 118 Priory Street - Demolition of existing single-
storey rear conservatory and replacement with single-storey rear and side
infill extension, as he is an acquaintance of the applicant. Councillor S Abbott
remained in the room during the discussion and decision on the item.

Councillor N Brakspear declared a non-pecuniary interest in application
PL/2026/02560 - Manor Barn, Pickwick - Notification of proposed works to
trees in a Conservation Area - Section fell dead Spruce tree, as he is the
next-door neighbour of the applicant. Councillor N Brakspear remained in the
room during the discussion and decision on the item.

PL 04/26 Applications

CORSHAM GASTARD WARD

[PL/2026/02658](#) Units 1 to 3 and 5 to 6, Moonraker Farm, Gastard -
Retrospective Change of Use and conversion of part of Hut 3
from car storage (B8) to car valeting (Sui Generis).

*Resolved: that, noting the need for retrospective permission,
no objection be raised.*

CORSHAM LADBROOK WARD

[PL/2026/02736](#) Corsham Court, High Street - Notification of proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area - All tree works as per Tree Survey Schedule attached to application form.

Resolved: that no objection be raised.

[PL/2026/02590](#) Priory Villa, 118 Priory Street - Demolition of existing single-storey rear conservatory and replacement with single-storey rear and side infill extension.

Resolved: that no objection be raised.

CORSHAM NESTON WARD

[PL/2026/02682](#) 24 Pool Green, Neston - Demolish existing single-storey blockwork and corrugated roof utility room and polycarbonate sheet link. Extend out to end of building creating a dedicated utility, open plan kitchen and living room, bifold doors to open onto main garden, extend size of the bathroom and install below-ground rainwater harvesting tank to take rain from gutters.

Resolved: that no objection be raised.

CORSHAM PICKWICK WARD

[PL/2026/02560](#) Manor Barn, Pickwick - Notification of proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area - Section fell dead Spruce tree.

Resolved: that no objection be raised.

[PL/2026/02652](#) 49 West Park Road - Proposed single-storey rear extension and second-storey extension over existing garage and associated works.

Resolved: that no objection be raised. A concern about the vicinity of the proposed rear extension in relation to the piped culvert watercourse was raised.

PL 05/26 Amended/Additional Plans

There were none.

PL 06/26 Decisions

(1) Approvals

CORSHAM LADBROOK WARD

PL/2026/01227 Newlands House, Newlands Road - Second-storey side bedroom extension and a single-storey front extension.

PL/2026/01453 Gatesgarth, Lacock Road - Notification of proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area - T1 - Maple tree - 30% crown reduction. T2 - Tulip tree - 40% crown reduction. T3 - Cedar tree - remove one branch over boundary. T4 - group of Sycamore trees - crown clean to remove weak/rubbing/diseased branches.

PL/2025/09995 1-6, Smiths Yard - Replacement windows.

CORSHAM NESTON WARD

PL/2026/01016 Winter Lodge, Durley Park - Demolition of an existing double garage and construction of a new smaller single garage, landscape works including new recon stone boundary walls and replacement aluminum windows.

PL/2026/01598 30 Moor Green - Notification of proposed works to trees in a Conservation Area - Ash tree - fell.

CORSHAM PICKWICK WARD

PL/2026/00406 101 Pickwick Road - Demolition of existing petrol filling station shop and car wash and construction of replacement retail building, together with relocation of vac and air facilities, introduction of EV charging points and replacement of underground fuel storage tanks, pipework, forecourt drainage, interceptor, utilities infrastructure and associated works.

(2) Refusals

CORSHAM PICKWICK WARD

PL/2025/08335 Land to the North of Bath Road, Pickwick - Erection of 11 No. residential dwellings and associated access, drainage and landscaping works.

(3) Withdrawn

There were none.

PL 07/26 Lime Down Solar Park Updates

- (i) The Town Council's most recent submission to the Planning Inspectorate in response to the Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations (Part 1) March 2026, was noted. It was also noted that the Planning Inspectorate had acknowledged receipt of the Town Council's submission.
- (ii) Application by Lime Down Solar Park Ltd for an order granting development consent for the Lime Down Solar Project - Rule 8 letter.

A Rule 8 letter had been published by the Planning Inspectorate which provided notification of a second round of public hearings and a timetable for the Examination. The Rule 8 letter included:

1. The examination timetable
2. Information about written representations and local impact reports
3. Notification of an accompanied site inspection
4. Notification of hearings
5. Further procedural decisions made by the Examining Authority
6. Information on how to access examination correspondence
7. Guidance on how to make submissions into the examination

Resolved: that the Rule 8 letter be noted, and should Councillors wish to attend any of the events being held by the Examining Authority, on behalf of the Town Council, they should register to do so. Registration instructions and the relevant deadlines were detailed in the Rule 8 letter.

PL 08/26 Application to vary a premises licence under the Licensing Act 2003 - The Methuen Arms Hotel

The Licensing Authority had received an application to vary a premises licence for The Methuen Arms Hotel, High Street, Corsham, SN13 0HB.

The proposed variation was to extend the area to be licensed. No changes were proposed to the hours of operation, licensable activities or the conditions currently on the premises licence.

Any representations against/for the application needed to be received by the Licensing Authority no later than 26 May 2026.

Resolved: that no objection be raised.

The meeting commenced at 7.00pm and closed at 7.34pm. There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

CHAIR

DATE

Councillors' comments on planning applications are based on the information available to them at the time of the meeting.