

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON
21ST MAY 2008 AT 10.00a.m. AT HARTLEY LIBRARY, ASH ROAD**

Present: Cllr Mr L Abraham (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs P Cole
Cllr Mr J Minns
Cllr Mrs A Oxtoby
Cllr Mr B Ramsay

In attendance: Mrs H Gilder (Assistant Clerk)
3 members of the public

Apologies

Apologies had been received from Cllr Mr C Alford, Cllr Mr J Gaywood and Cllr Mr Harris.

1. Election of Chairman

RESOLVED: That,
Cllr Mr L Abraham be elected Chairman of the Planning Committee until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2009.

2. Election of Vice Chairman

RESOLVED: That,
Cllr Mr B Ramsay be elected Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2009.

3. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED: That,
the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 7th May 2008, be approved and signed as a correct record.

5. Review Terms of Reference

The Committee reviewed its Terms of Reference and was satisfied that it could operate satisfactorily under the Terms of Reference as approved by the Council at its Annual Meeting held on 8th May 2006.

RESOLVED: That,
the Terms of Reference, as set out in appendix 1 attached to these minutes, be noted.

6. Planning applications

Before the Committee considered the planning applications, members of the public were asked by the Chairman whether they wished to make representations about any of the applications to be considered by the Committee. If so, he would note their request and give them an opportunity to address the Committee at the appropriate time. No members of the public expressed a wish to make a representation and this was noted by the Chairman.

a) SE/08/01193/FUL, 1, Merton Avenue. Erection of single storey rear extension and attached garage and loft conversion with dormer window to rear.

The Committee noted that two letters of representation had been received from members of the public objecting to the application.

RESOLVED: That, an objection be raised to application SE/08/01193/FUL, 1, Merton Avenue for the erection of a single storey rear extension and attached garage and loft conversion with dormer window to rear, on the grounds that the proposal would result in over-development of the site and be detrimental to the amenities of neighbouring properties, resulting in loss of privacy.

5. Planning Decisions

RESOLVED: That, the following planning decisions be received and noted:

Application no	Site	Description and SDC decision	HPC comment
SE/08/00725/FUL	7, Chantry Avenue	Change of use from a double garage, for a domestic use. GRANTED	No objection.
SE/08/00755/FUL	Homewood, Gresham Avenue	Single storey rear extension. GRANTED	No objection.
SE/08/00828/FUL	5, Old Downs	Single storey rear extension. GRANTED	No objection.

8. Tree Preservation Orders

Tree Preservation Order Number (4 of 1972) Orchard Cottage, St John's Lane, Hartley, Kent.

RESOLVED: That, a letter dated 7th May 2008 from Sevenoaks District Council, informing that the above Tree Preservation Order has been revoked because the trees listed within the Order are no longer present and so it is no longer relevant, be noted.

9. Sevenoaks District Council: Local Development Framework – Future Housing Development

The Committee considered a letter dated 2nd May 2008 from Sevenoaks District Council regarding a briefing for Parish and Town Councils on provision for future housing development in the District. The briefing will be at the SDC offices in the Council Chamber at 7p.m. on Thursday 29th May 2008.

Members had been requested to consider whether they would like to attend.

RESOLVED: That, the Clerk be requested to copy the letter to all Members of the Council, inviting them to attend.
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10. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 4th June 2008 commencing at 10.00 a.m. Site inspections will commence at 9.15 a.m. or earlier depending on the number of visits required.

The meeting closed at 10.18 a.m.

Signed:
Chairman

Date:

