

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

Delegation from the Council

These Terms of Reference were agreed by the Parish Council at its meeting held on **13th June 2011** and recorded in the minute number **10**.

Membership

The Committee shall be elected, and may be re-elected, at the Annual Meeting of the Council.

Procedures

- (1) The Committee shall operate in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders and the Guidelines on Procedure at Meetings of the Planning Committee adopted by the Council on 7th February 2005.
- (2) At the first meeting of the Committee after the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, the Committee shall elect a Chairman and, if the Committee deems necessary, a Vice Chairman for the forthcoming year from amongst the Committee membership. The Chairman and Vice Chairman, if appointed, may be re-elected.
- (3) The Committee shall submit its minutes for adoption to the next meeting of the Parish Council.
- (4) The Clerk or Assistant Clerk shall provide administrative support for the Committee.

Committee functions

- (1) To respond on behalf of the Council to requests from the local planning authorities for comments on planning applications, tree preservation orders and breaches of planning control.
- (2) Where appropriate, prepare for the Council, grounds for supporting the local planning authority in any planning appeals against refusal of planning permission.
- (3) To advise the Council on all planning matters including changes to the Sevenoaks District Local Plan.
- (4) To respond on behalf of the Council to applications for the grant and/or transfer of Personal and Premises Licences and Gaming Permits
- (5) To respond on behalf of the Council to consultation documents from any appropriate Government body and other local Councils.

Delegated Powers

- (1) To determine and submit the Council's observations on planning applications, applications concerning tree preservation orders and breaches of planning control.
- (2) To undertake such action, publicity and consultations considered necessary to provide residents with an opportunity to make representations on planning applications and other planning matters.
- (3) To appoint working groups to research and advise the Committee on planning applications and appeals.
- (4) To determine and submit the Council's comments on applications for the grant and/or transfer of Personal and Premises Licences and Gaming Permits.
- (5) To determine and submit the Council's comments on consultation documents from any appropriate Government body and other local Councils.

As approved by Council at its meeting on 13th June 2011