

TERMS OF REFERENCE

PLANNING COMMITTEE

1. These Terms of Reference are to be read in conjunction with the Parish Council's Standing Orders and nothing in these Terms of Reference shall override Standing Orders.
2. The Planning Committee shall comprise the Chairman of the Committee, and all other Councillors.
3. The Committee shall have a quorum of three Committee members.

4. Delegated Powers

The Parish Council has delegated the following powers to the Committee recognising that the Committee should focus on practice rather than policy, and that major or contentious applications should be referred to full council.

4.1 the Committee shall decide how to respond to planning applications on behalf of the Council, taking due account of the Village Design Statement, the “made” neighbourhood plan, and any other material considerations advised by the SDNPA. The outcome choices are:

Ordinary Applications – the Committee can decide, on behalf of the Parish Council, either not to object to an application or to recommend the application be refused. The Committee may offer any other comments it sees fit

Major and/or Contentious Applications - the Committee can decide to refer the application to full council if deemed appropriate. Similarly, prior to the issue of the agenda, the Chairman may decide not to include a particular application but to have it referred to full council

4.2 to provide a review and oversight role for the Rights of Way and other assets listed below, and to bring to the attention of the Parish Council any issues of maintenance or improvements which may be identified

4.3 Should the SDNP Planning Authority set a response date prior to the published Planning Committee meeting date, one of the following courses of action should be taken:

a) In non-contentious cases (particularly when no objection comments have been lodged) the issue may be decided by e-mail if a majority of planning councillors do not object and no councillor *does* object.

b) The clerk will arrange a special planning meeting prior to the SDNP deadline if any councillor requests it or if the conditions in a) above are not met.

5. Responsibilities

5.1 to keep a record of all planning applications received.

5.2 to keep record of all recommendations for each application.

5.3 to advise SDNPA of each recommendation within the agreed time limit and in the prescribed format.

5.4 to record details of final outcomes of each application.

5.5 to report each month the recommendations and final outcomes to the Parish Council.

5.6 to ensure that the Public are made aware of all local planning applications

5.7 to understand that in reviewing an application a Parish Councillor has no authority to enter a property uninvited.

5.8 To ensure that applications are considered in the light of the Neighbourhood Plan