**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING HELD IN HARTLEY LIBRARY ON 5th MARCH 2025 AT 10:00 a.m.**

**Present:**

Cllr L Abraham *(Chairman)*

Cllr J Colwell

Cllr L Driscoll

Cllr A Oxtoby

Cllr B Ramsay

Cllr V Sewell

In attendance:

Mrs J Tyrrell *(Assistant Clerk)*

# 1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr I Ross and Cllr V Sewell

# 2. Declarations of Interest

There were no Declarations of Interest.

# 3. Minutes of the previous meeting.

RESOLVED: That,

the minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on 19th February 2025 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**4. Planning applications**

**a)** **25/00347/HOUSE 25, Banckside. Demolition of existing porch and erection of a new porch.**

RESOLVED: That,

No objection be raised in respect of application 25/00347/HOUSE 25, Banckside. Demolition of existing porch and erection of a new porch.

**b) 25/00323/HOUSE 29, Springcroft. Single storey rear extension.**

RESOLVED: That,

No objection be raised in respect of application 25/00323/HOUSE 29, Springcroft. Single storey rear extension.

**c) 24/02582/FUL Highfields, Manor Drive. Erection of a two storey detached dwelling house, access and associated landscaping.**

The Assistant Clerk advised the Committee members that this application had been withdrawn on the 4th March and as such, couldn’t be considered until it had been re-validated by Sevenoaks District Council.

**5. Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39 - Notice of Publication of Inspector’s Report**

**Regulation 25 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012**

Members were advised that The Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39 (KMWLP) had been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent examination on 17 May 2024.

The independent examination included public hearings that took place in September 2024.

The Inspector had issued her report to Kent County Council and, subject to certain modifications, concluded that the Plan was legally compliant and sound.

RESOLVED: That,

The Kent Minerals and Waste Local Plan 2024-39 - Notice of Publication of Inspector’s Report be received and noted.

**6. Eynsford and Farningham Neighbourhood Area Consultation (Regulation 6)**

Members were advised that in January 2025, Eynsford Parish Council and Farningham Parish Council jointly applied to Sevenoaks District Council to designate the two parishes as a Neighbourhood Area.

If designated, they would be able to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan which will set out a vision for the future of the parishes and planning policies which, once adopted, will be used to help determine local planning applications.

In accordance with Regulation 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), Sevenoaks District Council is now consulting on the application for a period of six weeks, **from** **Friday 14 February to Friday 28 March 2025**, inviting representations.

RESOLVED: That,

The Eynsford and Farningham Neighbourhood Area Consultation (Regulation 6) be received and noted.

**7. Fast Track Appeal**

**Ref: 25/00008/RFWTPO**

**Site: The Lantern, Gorsewood Road**

**Development:**

**Appeal against Split Decision: Beech Tree - Reduce by 4m in height and spread to manage the tree size and reduce the possibility of damage. Reduce longer laterals to previous growth points.**

Members noted that an appeal against the decision made by Sevenoaks District Council to carry out operations described above, had been lodged.

RESOLVED: That,

The Fast Track Appeal in regards to the property known as The Lantern, Gorsewood Road be received and noted.

**8. Date of the next meeting**

Wednesday 19th March 2025, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting closed at 10:13 a.m.

Signed: …………………………………. Date: ………………..

Chairman of the Planning Committee.