

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD AT
HARTLEY LIBRARY, ASH ROAD ON 22nd JULY 2026 AT 10:00 a.m.**

Present:

Cllr L Abraham
Cllr L Driscoll
Cllr L Glander
Cllr B Ramsay

In attendance:

Mrs J Tyrrell (*Assistant Clerk*)

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr J Colwell, Cllr D Conroy, Cllr A Oxtoby 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 8th July 2026, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. Planning applications

26/01183/HOUSE Windy Ridge, Church Road. Proposed demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of single-storey rear extension

RESOLVED: That,
no objection be raised in respect of application 26/01183/HOUSE Windy Ridge, Church Road. Proposed demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of single-storey rear extension provided it complies with Green Belt Regulations.

5. Regulation 18 Sevenoaks District Council Local Plan 2025 with Regulation 19 updates

Members were requested to note that the Consultation for the Local Plan Regulation 19 is running from 23rd July to 17th September and to consider how the Parish Council wished to respond to The Consultation.

Members present agreed to employ the services of Tony Fulwood of Tony Fulwood Associates, (Tony Fulwood Associates was the Planning Consultant previously used and had already been retained by Fawkhams Parish Council).

In regards to his estimate of the works required, suggested at between 6.5-7.5 days shared between Hartley Parish Council and Fawkhams Parish Council, it was agreed that the cost of the works should be split 50/50 between each Parish Council.

RECOMMENDED: That,

- 1) The professional services of Tony Fullwood Associates be retained, to assist the Council with its response to Sevenoaks District Council's "Regulation 19" Consultation,
- 2) That the cost of the professional services of Tony Fullwood Associates be split 50/50 with Fawkham Parish Council
- 3) The total cost of the above be met from the Parish Council's general reserves.

6. Proposal for Ebbsfleet AI Data Centre

Members had been requested to note the proposal for Ebbsfleet AI Data Centre Campus on land either side of New Barn Road, between Pepperhill Recycling Centre and Southfleet Cricket Club. It was agreed that the Committee did not support this proposal primarily due to the loss of agricultural land and also concerns with the inadequate water supply in the area.

The Committee agreed to voice it's objections to the local Parish Council, the Developer and the Planning Inspectorate *if* an application is submitted.

7. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 22nd July 2026, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting closed at 10:25 a.m.

Signed:

Date:

Chairman of the Planning Committee.