

Windlesham Parish Council

Planning Committee – Terms of Reference 2026-2027

The role of the Planning Committee is to ensure that Windlesham Parish Council makes full representations on all planning matters that affect the Parish of Windlesham.

1. Membership of the committee will consist of a maximum of 9 members, consisting of a maximum of 3 representatives from each village. To ensure that each village remains adequately represented in the event of a member's absence, any nominated substitute must be a member of the same village committee as the original appointed representative.
2. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Council, if not nominated members of the committee, may attend as ex-officio members.
3. Membership of the committee will be determined at the Annual Meeting of the Council and casual vacancies shall be filled from the membership of Full Council.
4. Non-members of the Council may be appointed to serve on the Committee in an advisory capacity. Such appointments shall be made by recommendation to Full Council and confirmed by a resolution of the Council.

Non-councillor members, advisory members, subject-matter experts and other invited attendees shall withdraw from the meeting for any item of confidential or exempt business unless the Committee resolves that their continued attendance is necessary for that item. Any person permitted to remain must comply with the Council's confidentiality and data protection requirements and must not disclose confidential information or personal data without lawful authority.

FUNCTIONS:

The committee shall:

- a) Operate in accordance with Local Government Law and in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
- b) Appoint sub-committees or working parties to undertake any specific project work as required.
- c) The committee shall have spending powers to a maximum of £500. The committee shall make recommendations to Full Council on all expenditure in excess of this sum.
- d) Consider and make representations on planning applications.
- e) Make representations on planning appeals notified to the Parish Council and attend public inquiries if considered necessary.
- f) Represent the Council upon all matters relating to local authority development plans.
- g) To recommend all matters in relation to street naming to Full Council.
- h) Manage the Neighbourhood Planning and Village Design Statement processes.
- i) Develop and maintain a list of Community Assets for nomination to SHBC.

- j) Manage the Planning budget (if any) and vire, where necessary, between budget lines held and managed by the committee.
- k) Undertake project work outside of the above remit as directed by Full Council.
- l) Review the Terms of Reference annually and make recommendations to Full Council.

The Chairman of the Committee shall:

- a) Agree the minutes of the Planning Committee at each Full Council meeting, subject to approval.