



# **BISHOPSTOKE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**These Terms of Reference were adopted  
at the Parish Council meeting on**

**12<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

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**Clerk to Bishopstoke Parish Council**

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**Amendment Sheet**

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# **TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

## **1 Membership**

1.1 The Committee membership shall comprise up to seven members, appointed at the Parish Council AGM in May.

## **2 Chair**

2.1 The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee will be appointed at the first meeting following the Parish Council AGM in May. If both Chair and Vice-Chair are absent for a meeting, then a Chair for the meeting will be appointed at that meeting.

## **3 Quorum**

3.1 A quorum will consist of three members of the Committee.

## **4 Meetings**

4.1 Meetings of the Committee shall be held twice monthly on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00pm in the evening unless otherwise decided at a previous meeting of either the Planning Committee or the Full Council, or if no applications are tabled for consideration.

4.2 The Clerk shall produce and circulate an agenda for the meeting, including the relevant policy, procedure or other document being discussed, at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting in accordance with Parish Council Standing Orders.

4.3 The Clerk or other duly appointed person shall take minutes of the meeting and take any follow-up action as directed. Draft minutes will be provided to the Chair as soon as possible and then circulated to the Committee members no later than the point at which the next agenda is circulated.

## **5 Reporting**

5.1 The Chair, or, in their absence, the Vice-Chair or other nominated member of the Committee, shall present a report at each meeting of the Parish Council on resolutions passed and recommendations made by the Committee since the last meeting. Alternatively, this may be achieved by the circulation of the relevant minutes with other agenda papers before the meeting.

## **6 Decisions**

6.1 The Committee will have no power to make decisions on behalf of the Council except to:

6.1.1 Decide the date, time and place of its meetings.

6.1.2 Identify and fill the training needs of the Committee, within the overall training budget specified by the Full Council.

6.1.3 Issue invitations to experts, specialists and others, as necessary, to attend meetings and / or give advice to the Committee.

6.1.4 Decide the Parish Council response to planning applications.

6.1.5 Respond, on behalf of Bishopstoke Parish Council, to any Traffic Regulation Orders proposed within the parish.

## **7 Budget**

- 7.1 The Committee will have the power to commit to any necessary expenditure on behalf of the Council relating to its decision-making powers providing it is within a relevant budget assigned to the Committee by the Parish Council. Any other expenditure the Committee recommends must be either approved by the Clerk (in cases where emergency work is required) or must be agreed by the Council (in cases where either there is no agreed budget for that expenditure, or it exceeds the agreed budget by over £500).
- 7.2 Any expenditure the Committee wishes to undertake that is either greater than budgeted or not yet budgeted for must be sent to the Parish Council for approval.

## **8 Planning Applications**

- 8.1 The Clerk shall maintain a record of each planning application received showing the date of receipt, the reference number, the place to which the application relates and a summary of the nature of the application.
- 8.2 The Clerk shall ensure that any objections relating to those applications to be discussed at the meeting are made known to the Committee members before a decision is taken.
- 8.3 The Clerk shall ensure that all Planning Applications on the Agenda and to be considered at that meeting are available for inspection by members at the meeting venue fifteen minutes before the scheduled start of the meeting. This includes applications that arrived after the publication of the agenda, but prior to the meeting.
- 8.4 The Clerk shall notify the decision reached to Eastleigh Borough Council Planning Directorate within the deadline specified unless reasonable circumstances prevent this.
- 8.5 Any comments and/or objections the Committee wishes to make regarding planning briefs / structure plans, whether in draft or final form, or any other reports other than planning applications, are to be ratified by the Parish Council.

## **9 Other Responsibilities**

- 9.1 The Committee will monitor, receive reports on and make recommendations on any development of 10 dwellings or more within the Parish. The Chair, or nominated representative, will endeavour to attend any relevant meetings concerning such developments.
- 9.2 The Committee will monitor, receive reports on and recommend responses to the progress of the Local Plan and any subsequent Strategic Growth Option within the Parish.
- 9.3 The Committee will make recommendations regarding any road names required by development within the Parish.
- 9.4 The Committee will monitor, and consider the impact on Bishopstoke of, major developments in nearby parishes.
- 9.5 The Committee will make recommendations to the Parish Council on any Planning Consultation.