## 2.2.1 PLANNING COMMITTEE

**Membership: 13 Councillors** 

**Purpose:** To determine town and country planning and development control matters and associated issues

(NB - Councillors and substitute members of Licensing Committee cannot be members of Planning Committee.)

## **FUNCTIONS**

Planning and Conservation - Functions relating to town and country planning and development control as specified in Schedule 1 to the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations [2001/2015] (the Functions Regulations) as amended from time to time including:

- Development Management and Enforcement
- Rights of way
- The protection of important hedgerows
- The preservation of trees
- Functions relating to public rights of way
- Functions relating to High Hedges contained in Part 8 of the Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003
- Town and village green matters
- Commons registration and enforcement

## DELEGATION OF FUNCTIONS

The Chief
Executive/Head of
Planning and
Development has
delegated power to
undertake all the
functions relating to
planning and
conservation, except
where the intended
delegated decision on a
planning or related
application:

- (a) would be contrary to the written view of
  - the Ward
     Councillor of a
     Ward that the
     proposed
     development
     would impact;
  - ii. the Parish Council of a Parish that the proposed development would impact;

PROVIDED that any such representation(s) received are, in the opinion of the Head of Planning and Development, based upon relevant planning considerations.

The request for the

application to be heard by Planning Committee must be made in writing to the Head of Planning and Development within a period of 21 days of the date of i. in the case of a Ward Councillor, the weekly list advising them of the application. ii. in the case of a Parish Council, the letter of consultation advising them of the application.

- (b) would be contrary to the written view of any statutory consultee in the planning process; or
- (c) would be contrary to the provisions of the Development Plan or any emerging development plan policies that have been adopted by the Council for Development Control purposes.
- (d) is made by:a Councillor; an Officer; or the Council itself.

The Head of Planning and Development has delegated power to:-

 undertake all functions relating to planning and enforcement;

- determine high hedges complaints and to take appropriate enforcement action, except in the following specific circumstances;-
- Where the case relates to a hedge on Council land or complaints relate to Council Officers or Councillors;
- Where trees within a hedge are protected by a Tree Preservation Order or are located within a Conservation Area and the Officer decision would be contrary to the views of Ward Members or the Parish Council; and
- Exceptional cases where there are wider issues of a public nature or where there is a potential impact on the Council and/or its policies.