

HILDENBOROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

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PLANNING MINUTES PLANNING COMMITTEE Held on 6th January 2026

PRESENT

CLLRS –Wills, Sklavenitis, Gorman, Batchelor and Haugh
Louise Jenner – RFO & Parish Clerk.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - None** .
2. **DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY AND OTHER INTERESTS**
Members who have a disclosable pecuniary interest or other interest within the meaning set out in the Kent Code of Conduct 2021 are invited to disclose this. **None**
3. **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**
Members of the public may speak under this item as long as notice has been provided to the Clerk. **None**
4. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**
The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd December were agreed and approved.

Cllr Sklavenitis was delayed with work and entered the meeting at 7.10pm
5. **APPLICATIONS**
 - 5.1 25/01976/PA - Proposed development of up to 350 no dwellings with associated access, landscaping open space, drainage and associated works. COBLANDS NURSERY, TRENCH ROAD, TONBRIDGE.
Deadline date 21st January 2026.

Councillor discussed the application at length and the number of documents within the planning portal to be reviewed. Councillors agreed to agenda this application for the next planning meeting on 19th January 2026.
6. **Local plan update.**

Councillors discussed the Local Plan and noted that Hildenborough has yet to receive confirmation of the housing allocation total. The Parish Clerk will chase TMBC for clarification.

- 7. To consider a framework enabling the Planning Committee to obtain timely professional planning advice during 2025/26 in response to speculative or complex development applications.**

Councillors discussed the framework and the various ways in which the committee could seek professional advice. It was agreed that Cllr Batchelor will contact WWA for their recommendations and feedback. Councillors further agreed to include this item on the agenda for the next Planning Committee meeting, prior to presenting proposals to the full Parish Council in February 2026.

Cllr Gorman had a work call to attend and left the meeting at 7.35pm

- 8. AOB**

The Parish Clerk confirmed that no matters can be discussed under AOB, as all agenda items must include a description. Relevant SLCC guidance was shared with Councillors.

- 9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Monday 19th January 2026.**

Meeting End 7.46pm