

**Minutes of a meeting of Halstead Parish Council Planning Committee held at The Pavilion,
Station Road, Halstead TN14 7DH at 9:30am Wednesday 21st May 2025**

Present: Cllr J Peel, Cllr S Gardner, Cllr T Marshall, Cllr L Meaton

In attendance: Parish Clerk

Minute number: P250521:

1. To receive and accept apologies for absence.

No apologies received.

2. Declarations of interest.

Cllrs J Peel, S Gardner, and L Meaton declared an interest in the application relating to Fig Tree House.

3. Minutes of previous meetings to be approved and signed:

The minutes of the 16th April 2025 Planning Committee meeting were reviewed and approved as a true record and signed.

4. Public participation forum

No public present.

5. Applications:

25/01070/FUL Fig Tree House Otford Lane Halstead Kent TN14 7EF

Strong objection on the following grounds:

Building: Previous stable extensions may exceed the 50% limit; needs review.

Trees & Hedgerows: Application wrongly states no trees; mature trees have been removed.

Biodiversity: No net gain; chain-link fencing offers no ecological benefit.

Lighting: No consideration of Halstead's dark-sky setting; light pollution a concern.

Access & Parking: Access track is narrow, unmade, and misrepresented in plans.

Design & Appearance: Clearly two-storey; gate may encroach on track; overlooking windows not addressed.

Structural & Applicant Actions: Building was previously deemed sound; demolition appears deliberate.

Policy Compliance: Site is Green Belt; conflicts with EN1, EN2, GB1 policies.

25/01059/MMA The Cock Inn Shoreham Lane Halstead Kent TN14 7DD

Amendment to 23/03408/FUL to altering the design of the front door and porch, alteration to windows on the side and rear elevation.

No Objections

6. Update on Halstead planning issues

No new updates noted.

7. To agree the date of the next Planning Committee as Wednesday 18th June 2025

9.30am – Agreed.