



MINUTES OF THE

Planning Committee Meeting

Monday 21 September at 6.45pm

in the Loose Parish Pavilion, King George V Playing Field, ME15 9RG.

In attendance: Cllr. Mick Westwood (MW) (Chair), Cllr. Sue Hill (SH), and Cllr. Jim Andrew (JA).
Also in attendance: Eve Poulter (EP) Assistant Clerk who took the minutes.

Members of the public/representatives in attendance.

There were 3 members of the public in attendance.

1. To receive and record any apologies for absence.

Apologies were previously received and accepted from Cllr. Vianne Gibbons, Cllr. Matt Cooper and Cllr. Loryl Nixon. The Chair thanked Cllr. Andrew for attending the meeting at short notice.

2. To receive and agree any decision regarding any item to be taken as confidential.

None.

3. To receive any declarations of pecuniary interest or other significant interest on items on the agenda

(In accordance with the LPC Code of Conduct adopted on 17 June 2019 (paragraphs 12-16 and Appendices A & B) and LPC Standing Orders Section 13).

None.

4. To receive any signed dispensation requests for any item on this agenda.

For Councillors to approve/disapprove as appropriate and to agree the reason for the dispensation if approved. (see dispensation form.) This follows the agreement made by the LPC at the meeting on 17 July 2017.

None.

5. To agree the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 24 August 2026 (Pages 786 – 787) and the meeting held on 7 September 2026 (Pages 788 – 789).

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2026 (Pages 788 – 789) were duly **AGREED** and signed by the Chair. Consideration of the minutes held on 24 August 2026 (Pages 786 – 787) has been deferred until the next meeting.

6. To receive any representations made by the public or by organisations.

None.

7. 26/502980/FULL Beacon Park Phase II Land to the North of Heath Road Coxheath Kent ME17 4NU

Erection of 47 Retirement Bungalows comprising new open-market housing including affordable homes with the provision of a 1.96Ha local nature reserve, 0.09Ha public open space, associated car parking spaces, access from Heath Road, through the consented scheme of 24/504496/FULL and further associated works for new internal roads and footpaths which link to PROW's and the previously consented greenway, a sustainable Urban Drainage Scheme (comprising ponds), cycle stores and bin stores.

The Planning Committee is minded to object to the application on the following grounds:

- The site is outside the settlement boundary, and the proposal conflicts with countryside policy LPRSP9.
- Insufficient information has been submitted to demonstrate that the proposed access would be safe and suitable, particularly for emergency vehicles.
- The proposal does not include adequate measures to mitigate its impact on traffic at Linton Crossroads.
- The proposed layout is overly intensive, and the green space should be distributed more effectively throughout the development.
- We share the flood authority's concerns about the infiltration assumptions and the potential impact of surface-water drainage on the settlement areas of Loose, north of the development.
- The proposed mitigation of the development's impact on services, including healthcare and water supply, is inadequate. The relevant service providers should be consulted on these impacts.
- A heritage statement should be submitted explaining how the nearby heritage asset, Gordon Court, would be safeguarded.
- The development would increase the coalescence of Coxheath and Loose and is therefore unacceptable.
- Local services and facilities may be too far away for elderly residents to reach comfortably on foot.
- If the application is approved, all necessary infrastructure should be in place before any homes are occupied.

8. 26/503237/FULL 37 Sevington Park Maidstone Kent ME15 9SB

Conversion of garage into habitable accommodation ancillary to the main dwelling, included the erection of a single storey front extension to garage and a porch canopy over new entrance door. The Planning Committee **AGREED** that it had no objection to the application.

9. 26/503254/FULL 36 Lancet Lane Maidstone Kent ME15 9SA

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of replacement with an insulated fibreglass flat roof and replacement of western side glass window with a timber wall, rendered to match the existing house (part retrospective).

The Planning Committee **AGREED** that it had no objection to the application.

10. 26/503385/FULL 478D Loose Road Maidstone Kent ME15 9UB

Section 73 - Application for minor material amendment to approved plans condition 2 (to allow enlargement of the side section of proposed building) pursuant to 24/504167/FULL for - Demolition of existing single storey dwelling and outbuilding, and erection of a self-build detached one bedroom bungalow with associated parking and access.

The Planning Committee **AGREED** that it had no objection to the application.

11. 26/503406/FULL Whispering Waters High Banks Loose Kent ME15 0EG

Proposed replacement of cladding to front and rear elevations.

The Planning Committee **AGREED** that it had no objection to the application.

12. 26/503464/TWORK Rear Of Orchard Lodge 51A Linton Road Loose Kent

Telecommunication works notification to Install Fixed Line Broadband Apparatus.

No comment.

13. Update on planning decisions.

There were six planning decisions which had been previously circulated and were noted. No comment.

14. To receive other items for discussion. Information only.

None.

15. Date of next meeting 5 October 2026.

Meeting Closed 7.34pm.

Signed by the Chair of the Committee

Dated