



Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting

Loose Parish Pavilion

Monday 8 January 2024 at 6.45pm

Present: Jim Andrew (Chairman) (JA), Tony Oliver (TO), Peter Rigby (PR), Velma Bennett (VB) and Kim Owen (Clerk) (KO) who took the minutes.

Members of the Public/representatives in attendance

There were two members of the public present.

1. To receive and record any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Vianne Gibbons (VG) (Work commitment).

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

None.

3. To receive any declarations of pecuniary interest on items in the agenda.

(In accordance with the NALC Model Code of Conduct for Parish Councils (pursuant to section 27 of the Localism Act 2011). In addition, any declaration of personal or prejudicial interest. (As agreed by LPC 21 Jan 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 the 17 July 2017.

None.

5. To agree the minutes from the Planning Committee meeting of 27 November 2023 (Pages 643-644).

The minutes of the meeting of 27 November 2023 were **AGREED** and signed by Chairman.

6. To agree the minutes from the Planning Committee meeting of 11 December 2023 (Pages 645-646).

The minutes of the meeting of 11 December 2023 were **AGREED** and signed by Chairman.

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

Two residents wanted to speak on Agenda item 8.

8. 23/505285/FULL - Land To The North Of Forstal Lane Coxheath Kent ME15 0QE.

Change of use of land for stationing of 6(no) static homes, 6(no) touring caravans for Gypsy/Traveller occupation; associated hard and soft landscaping, retention of 2(no) existing dayrooms and erection of 1(no) additional dayroom (part retrospective) (Comments deadline 9 January 2024 as agreed with MBC).

Two residents raised concerns about the increase usage of the site and the inaccuracies of the drawings in the application. If the information is incorrect it is difficult to make a fair

judgement. They also reported that there was a welfare issue with horses and dogs being loose from the site.

After discussion the committee **AGREED** that they object to the application on the grounds of

- Inadequate car parking spaces for the proposed caravans that will be on site.
- There has been an increase in traffic following the development of Forstal Mead. With the additional traffic due to this application this will have a further adverse effect on Well Street.
- The application affects the Loose Valley Landscape of local value.
- The drawings for the application do not appear to be to scale particularly when it comes to the six static homes and the six touring caravans. There are no details of the elevations of the application.
- That there are already two gypsy sites in Forstal lane so this negates the need to increase in size to a third site.
- Although the stable block is outside the application boundary it is much larger than shown on the maps to the north west corner of the plot.

The Committee does not want the application called in.

9. 23/505357/FULL - 3 Randalls Row High Banks Loose Kent ME15 0EG.

Extend patio area in rear garden. Erect a 5ft featheredge wooden fence with gravel boarding within the boundary between no.4 Randalls Row. Extend 5ft featheredge wooden fence with gravel boarding across the rear of the property with a new gate. Replacement rose arch with wooden trellis added to fence either side. Existing shed to be removed (Comments by 8 January 2024).

After discussion the Committee **AGREED** that they do not object to the application. They note paragraph 3 of the objection raised and they support the comments made. They do not want the application called in.

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

- The Committee will be using android tablets to view future planning applications at meetings rather than print the documents. An assessment of this process will be undertaken at the end of March 2024.
- The Chairman advised that he attended a meeting with Barretts regarding the development of the Pested Bars site. It is hoped that a woodland corridor (50 or 70 meters wide) will be included in the application.

11. Date of next meeting: 22 January 2024

Meeting concluded at 7.41pm

Signed Committee Chairman

Dated: