MINUTES OF THE

Planning Committee Meeting

Monday 5 October 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), Cllr Loryl Nixon (LN), and Cllr. Matthew Cooper (MC).
Also in attendance: Amanda Baker (AB) Assistant Clerk who took the minutes.

Members of the public/representatives in attendance.
There were no 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.

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 21 September 2026 (Pages 790 – 792).**
   The minutes of the meetings held on 24 August (Pages 786 – 787) and 21 September 2026 (Pages 790 – 792) were duly **AGREED** and signed by the Chair.

6. **To receive any representations made by the public or by organisations.**
   None.

7. **26/503246/FULL Broken Tree Forstal Lane Coxheath Kent ME17 4QF**
   Siting of two static caravans on existing gypsy & traveller site, with space for two touring caravans and four parking spaces.
   The Planning Committee **AGREED** to OBJECT to the application on the following grounds:
   - The increase in static units conflicts with the condition no. 4 applied to the previous application 24/500256, which limited the number of units to three 'to prevent overcrowding of the site in the interest of the visual amenities of the surrounding countryside'.
   - The application does not provide adequate details on landscaping and screening to satisfy the requirements of Local Plan policy LPRHOU8(c).

- There is no ecological assessment nor any mitigation/enhancement proposals to satisfy the requirements of Local Plan policy LPRHOU8(f).
- The biodiversity net gain requirement should be covered, as there is no plan provided nor has an exemption been sought.
- In view of the expanded area of hard-standing, the Committee would like to have seen a statement to cover drainage strategy.
- The proposed development would further erode the rural nature of the countryside, in conflict with Local Plan policy LPRSP9.

8. **26/503579/FULL Kent Fire And Rescue Service Loose Road Maidstone Kent ME15 9QB**
   Long-term installation of fabric covered prefabricated vehicle storage shelter/structure.
   Whilst supportive of the objective of storage, the Committee **AGREED** that the application prompted some concerns. They commented that they would like clarity about the height of the proposed storage shelter structure as there are no dimensions in the application. The Committee had concerns regarding the proximity of the proposed structure to the boundary and the neighbouring flats and felt it would be helpful if the applicant could investigate alternative positions.

9. **GPeto**
   To review the fees for 2027/2028.
   The Committee **AGREED** to continue using Gpeto at a cost of £40 per month on the basis that processing volumes stay at similar levels. The Committee needs to request a budget of £500 to cover the fees for this for the coming year.

10. **Update on planning decisions.**
    There was one planning decision which had been previously circulated and was noted.

11. **To receive other items for discussion. Information only.**
    The Chair asked committee members to look out for KALC planning training courses as some are scheduled. The Planning Tracker is now live on the website. The Chair extended his thanks to MC and Stacey Champion (Assistant Clerk) for their hard work and asked that everyone promote this tool.

    The meeting ended at 7.23pm.

12. **Date of next meeting 19 October 2026.**

Signed Committee Chairman ……

Dated: ……