



Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting

Loose Parish Pavilion

23 January 2023 at 7.30pm

Present: Jim Andrew (Chairman) (JA), Vianne Gibbons (VG), Peter Rigby (PR) Tony Oliver (TO), Susan Grigg (MBC Ward Councillor) (SG), Nicky Bourne (Deputy Clerk) (NB) and Kim Owen (Clerk) (KO) took the minutes.

Members of the Public/representatives in attendance

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

1. To receive and record any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Elaine Lawford (EL) (Unwell) and Charlie Hollister (CH) (Unwell).

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 5 December 2022 (Pages 606-607).

The minutes of the meeting on 5 December 2022 were **AGREED** with an amendment of agenda item 9. The wording of light damage was replaced by light pollution and the document was signed by the Chairman.

6. To agree the minutes from the Planning Committee meeting of 9 January 2023 (Pages 608-609).

The minutes of the meeting on 9 January 2023 were **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman.

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

The Clerk advised that the office had received an email from MBC stating that they have contacted all the active Neighbourhood Planning Groups to inform them that before Christmas national government published a planning policy consultation proposing changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Within this consultation were proposals that effected neighbourhood planning and they thought it prudent to inform the Council of the proposals in case they wanted to respond as a neighbourhood planning group. The

Clerk will forward the details to Planning Committee members and she will add the item to the next Planning meeting agenda if the Committee so wish.

8. To discuss the MBC Community Governance Review for Parishes and make any necessary decisions.

Maidstone Borough Council is carrying out a Borough-wide Community Governance Review (CGR) in accordance with Part 4, Chapter 3 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (the 2007 Act). The result of the review will take effect from May 2024. The deadline for the first consultation will end on 29 January 2023.

SG advised that Boughton Monchelsea Parish Council has contacted her and advised that they wish to include the following three areas of the Loose Parish into their own parish boundary:

- Houses along the Heath Road
After discussion the Committee **AGREED** unanimously to these houses could be moved to Boughton Monchelsea Parish.
- All Houses in Hubbards Lane from Heath Road to Haste Hill
Concerns were raised regarding coalescence of the Parish and after discussion the Committee **AGREED** 3 to 1 to this proposal.
- Campfield site
Concerns were raised about the proposed development on the site of and the coalescence of the Parish and after discussion the Committee **AGREED** 3 to 1 to object to the proposal made by Boughton Monchelsea Parish.

Boughton Monchelsea Parish Council have not formally contacted the Council to discuss these proposals.

The second proposal came from North Loose Residents Association to extend the Loose Parish Boundary down to the Wheatsheaf. This will be approximately two thousand extra properties. The Council felt that as a bigger Parish they will have more weight on matters and a larger volunteer base to call on. It will make the Parish stronger and safer. The size of the membership of the Council will need to be increased. However, it will mean increase in workload for the office. There will be about 15 months to prepare for the changes and the Council will work closely with NRLA to achieve a smooth handover. After discussion the Council **AGREED** to the proposal.

The Council then **AGREED** to discuss item 11 on the agenda next.

9. 22/505580/FULL - 643 Loose Road Loose Kent ME15 9UT.

Erection of single storey rear extension and extending pitched roof side extension with raised roof line (Comments by 2 February 2023).

After discussion the Council **AGREED** that they had no objections.

10. 22/505901/TCA - Wool House Cottage Well Street Loose Kent ME15 0EH.

Conservation area notification: 1no. Willow Tree - To re-pollard the existing crown to previous pollard points. This will leave a final tree height of 12m and a radial spread of 10m after pollarding. Further reduction of the East side of the canopy, which overhangs the parking area by 3m. Works are based on recommendations from a scheduled tree safety inspection and are required to mitigate the effects of a cavity and base decay. Works are planned to be carried out in two phases over the two-year period of consent.

After discussion the Council **AGREED** that the application should be referred to the Landscape Officer.

11. 22/505923/OUT - Tanglewood Forstal Lane Coxheath Kent ME15 0QE.

To discuss communication from MBC and make any necessary decisions.

At the Planning Committee meeting on 9 January 2023 the Planning Committee agreed to object to Planning application 22/505923/OUT (Tanglewood). The Office has been contacted by MBC and they have asked the Council to confirm that if the planning officers are minded to approve the application do Loose Parish Council want the application to be reported to the MBC planning Committee. MBC would like a response before 26 January 2023. After discussion the Council **AGREED** that they would want the application called in. Clerk to advise MBC.

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

None.

13. Date of next meeting: 6 February 2023

Meeting concluded at 8.25pm

Signed Committee Chairman

Dated: