



Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting

Loose Parish Pavilion

17 October 2022 at 6.45pm

Present: Jim Andrew (Chairman) (JA), Tony Oliver (Vice Chairman) (TO), Vianne Gibbons (VG), Peter Rigby (PR) 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 Velma Bennett.

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.

(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 held on the 17 July 2017- (item 17))

None.

5. To agree the minutes from the Planning Committee meeting of 28 September 2022 (Pages 594-596).

The minutes of the meeting on 28 September 2022 were **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman.

6. To receive any representations made by the public.

The Clerk advised that MBC should be discussing Application 22/503920/FULL at the Planning Committee Meeting on 20 October 2022. However, it is not listed on the agenda so she will check with the Planning Officer and come back to the Committee.

7. 22/504042/LBC - Vale House Old Loose Hill Loose Maidstone Kent ME15 0BH

Listed Building Consent for the removal of an existing staircase, framework and stud walls and wood burner to be replaced with a double oven into existing alcove and other internal alterations (Comments by 27 October 2022).

After discussion the Committee **AGREED** to refer the application to the expertise of the Planning Officers.

8. 22/504429/TPOA - 56 Valley Drive Loose Kent ME15 9TL.

Tree Preservation Order application: No 1 Beech tree as part of TPO G1 for group of trees: To raise the crown to 4 meters from 2.45 meters, Intended spread would be about 4.5 meters and the height would not be reduced apart from what is required in gentle thinning of crown. This is to balance the tree growth and to allow light through the crown (Comments by 13 October 2022 – Clerk has requested extension).

After discussion the Committee **AGREED** that they object to the application due to the temporary loss to the street scene and loss of habitat to wildlife and that the tree is not diseased or under threat and it does have a TPO on it.

9. 22/504285/TCA - Church House Church Street Loose Kent ME15 0BT.

Conservation Area notification: T1 Philadelphus - Crown raise to 3m over garden, cut back to wall on roadside and reduce in height to 5m from 7m. T2 Plum - Reduce Plum to H 4.5m W1.5m from H 7m W 3m. T3 Cyanotis - Reduce to H 6m W 2m from H: 7m W: 3m. T4 Cobnut - Crown Raise to 4m on pond side currently at 0m over ground. T5 Snowball - Coppice Snowball, Current H: 5m W: 1m.

T6 Plum - Reduce Plum by shed to H 8m W 2m, Current H: 10m W: 3m. T7 Plum - Crown Raise to 3m and deadwood.

After discussion the Committee **AGREED** to refer the application to the Landscape Officer.

10. 22/504525/TNOT56 - Telecommunication Land At Loose Road Maidstone Kent.

Prior Notification for Electronic Communications for the proposed installation of 15.0m Phase 8 Monopole C/W wraparound cabinet at base and associated ancillary works. For its prior approval to: siting and appearance (Comments by 18 October 2022).

After discussion the Committee **AGREED** that they object to the application as the reasons that the original application (22/502030/TNOT56) was refused have not been addressed and our objections still stand as follows:

The application falls on the following:

1. Proposals should contribute to and enhance the nature and local environment. (Nation Planning Policy Framework - Section 174).
2. Proposals have a detrimental effect on the landscape (NPPF S177).
3. Proposals should be integrated effectively with existing businesses and community facilities (NPPF S187)
4. The number of masts should be kept to a minimum consistent with the needs of customers (NPPF 115). Have MBC ascertained that is the case?

They also make some general comments;

- There are several nearby potential sites that could less obtrusively accommodate this mast. MBC should request that these be fully investigated by the applicant.
- There are still questions being asked regarding health hazards from the magnetic fields/radio waves associated with these masts. Given what appears to be a concentration (Loose Rd/ Boughton La, Wheatsheaf roundabout, Sutton Rd) in the area this is particularly worrying. Maybe

evidence has now been found that there is not a safety issue. If this is the case are MBC aware of it?

If the application is approved by MBC officers, Loose Parish Council would like the application called in.

11. To receive other items for discussion, Information Only.

None.

12. Date of next meeting: 7 November 2022

Meeting concluded at 7.15pm

Signed Committee Chairman

Dated: