



Minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting

Loose Parish Pavilion

Monday 23 December 2024 at 6.45pm

Present: Mick Westwood (MJW) (Chairman), Sue Hill (SH), Vianne Gibbons (VG) (from 18.49), Tony Oliver.

Janet Burnett Assistant Clerk), who took the minutes.

Members of the Public/representatives in attendance.

There were no members of the public present.

1. To receive and record any apologies for absence.

Apologies previously received from Cllr Jim Andrew and Cllr Neil Lettington were approved.

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).

Cllr Mick Westwood declared a personal interest in agenda item 9 as a member of North Loose Ltd.

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 meetings of 9 December (Pages 692 - 693).

The minutes of the meeting of 9 December were **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman.

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

None.

Cllr Gibbons arrived at this point

7. 24/504957/TPOA - 1 Porchester Close, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 9SW.

Tree Preservation Order Application: Sweet Chestnut (T1) - To carry out a whole crown reduction by 3m on all sides, leaving the remaining height of the tree at approx. 12m and the crown spread at 6m. Also remove Epicormic growth from the trunks, as an ongoing management process due to the tree's close proximity to nearby buildings.

After discussion the committee **AGREED** that they had no objection and would defer to the Landscape Officer.

8. 24/505100/FULL - 3 Westwood Road, Maidstone, Kent, ME15 6BB.

Demolition of existing garage, outbuilding and front porch. Erection of part two and part single storey side and front extension.

After discussion the committee **AGREED** that they had no objection to this application.

9. 24/505151/TPOA - Mangravet Woodlands, Pheasant Lane, Maidstone, Kent.

TPO application to fell two Sweet Chestnut (T829 and T851) and coppice one Sweet Chestnut (T831). Fell one Wild Cherry (T854). Removal of the broken branches of one Ash (T847) overhanging highway. Removal of dead limb to one Sweet Chestnut (T849) and removal of suspended branch of one Sweet Chestnut (T862) overhanging public footpath. Removal of major deadwood and broken branch to one Sweet Chestnut (T1115) overhanging footpath.

After discussion the committee **AGREED** that they had no objection and would defer to the Landscape Officer.

10. Tree Preservation Order (TPO) update – The following is the criteria as reported on the Maidstone Borough Council (MBC) website.

Trees considered for a TPO must generally be visible from a public place, in good condition and under immediate threat of damage or removal. If the tree is eligible for a TPO, MBC will initially make a legal order called a provisional TPO. They then notify the landowners and owners of neighbouring land which may be affected by the Order, who are able to object to or support the TPO. MBC take account of any comments received and then confirm, withdraw or amend the TPO within six months.

Any tree with stems more than 75mm in diameter at 1.5m above ground level are automatically protected if they are in a Conservation Area. These trees cannot be pruned or removed unless MBC has six weeks' notice

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

None

12. Date of next meeting: 13 January 2025.

The meeting closed at 7.04pm.

Signed Committee Chairman

Dated: