



## **Minutes of the Planning Committee Loose Parish Pavilion 7 June 2021 at 7pm**

**Present:** Jim Andrew (Chairman) (JA), Peter Rigby (PR), Velma Bennett (VB), Vianne Gibbons (VG), Tony Oliver (TO) (arrived agenda item 13), 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 elect a Chairman to the Committee for the forthcoming year**

It was proposed, seconded and **AGREED** that JA be re-elected as Chairman.

#### **2. To elect a Vice Chairman to the Committee for the forthcoming year**

After discussion it was proposed, seconded and **AGREED** that TO would be elected as Vice Chairman.

#### **3. To receive and record any apologies for absence**

None.

#### **4. To receive and agree any decision regarding any item to be taken as confidential**

None.

#### **5. 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.

#### **6. 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.

#### **7. To agree the minutes from the Planning Committee meeting of 19 April 2021 (Pages 531-532)**

The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting on 19 April 2021 were **AGREED** as true and accurate and record signed by the Chairman.

#### **8. To receive any representations made by the public**

None.

#### **9. 21/502245/FULL - 93 Linton Road Loose Maidstone Kent ME15 0AL**

Conversion of existing integral garage into home office and utility room and erection of a front porch.

After discussion the Committee **AGREED** that they had no objections to the application. However, there is a concern where the resident has answered section 8 of the application form that existing

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parking will not be affected. The Committee would like the Planning Department to ensure that there is adequate parking following the conversion.

**10. 21/502291/FULL - Kenton Pickering Street Loose Maidstone Kent ME15 9RH**

Conversion of existing pitched roof to a gable ended wall.

After discussion the Committee **AGREED** that they had no objections to the application.

**11. 21/502249/FULL - The Laurels 624A Loose Road Loose Maidstone Kent ME15 9UW**

Single storey rear extension.

After discussion the Committee **AGREED** that they had no objections to the application.

**12. 21/502148/FULL - 2 Hanson Drive Loose Maidstone Kent ME15 0AW**

Conversion of garage into habitable space including external alterations. Erection of single storey rear extension with rooflights.

After discussion the Committee **AGREED** that they had no objections to the application providing there is a sufficient off road parking for a house of that size.

**13. 21/502452/FULL - Squirrels Walnut Tree Lane Loose Maidstone Kent ME15 9QR**

Demolition of existing rear extension and erection of new single storey rear extension with rooflights. Conversion of roof space to form master bedroom suite with dormer/gable to front, dormer to rear and new rooflights.

After discussion the Committee **AGREED** that they had no objections to the application.

**14. 21/502611/FULL - Willows High Banks Loose Maidstone Kent ME15 0EG**

Erection of rear raised decking to house hot tub.

After discussion the Committee **AGREED** that they had no objections to the application.

**15. 21/502655/FULL – Rowan Walnut Tree Lane Loose Maidstone Kent ME15 9RQ**

Erection of a single storey rear extension.

After discussion the Committee **AGREED** that they had no objections to the application.

**16. 21/502483/TCA - 1 Linton Road Loose Maidstone Kent ME15 0AE**

Conservation area notification to cut two Sycamores (possibly one twin-stemmed Sycamore) back to boundary that are overhanging 33 Copper Tree Court.

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

**17. 21/502495/TCA - Sugar Loaves Old Loose Hill Loose ME15 0BH**

Conservation Area Notification - Fell to ground level Norwegian Spruce in front garden. Fell to ground level 4 x Cypress trees in decline next to Spruce.

After discussion the Committee **AGREED** that they objected to the application as the cutting down of the trees will affect the street scene unless the Landscape Officer agrees that they are declining and need felling. These trees are in the conservation area. If they are felled the Committee would like to see the trees replaced with suitable indigenous trees. If the trees are not felled the Committee would like to see TPOs put on all trees in the application.

**18. 21/502496/TCA - Loose Valley Nursing Home 15 Linton Road Loose ME15 0AG**

Conservation Area Notification - reduce large Horse Chestnut limb over drive on hillside by 50%.

Branch to be reduced to approx. 4m. Raise crowns of group of Sycamore to 10m over carpark.

Remove small Holly branch over bins, raise to 2.5m. Remove major deadwood on Turkey Oak overhanging front drive.

After discussion the Committee **AGREED** that they had they would refer the application to the Landscape officer.

**19. 21/502918/LAWPRO - Olde Hill House Old Loose Hill Loose Maidstone Kent ME15 0BN**

Certificate of Lawfulness for proposed works to a Listed Building for chemical injection to beams infected with wood boring beetles to 2nd floor landing and front bedroom.

After discussion the Committee **AGREED** that have no objections to the application.

**20. Waldon Telecom Ltd (PG/CTIL\_118530 21) - Loose Hill Farm, Old Loose Hill, Maidstone, Kent ME15 0AN**

Proposed telecommunications base station upgrade.

After discussion the Committee **AGREED** that they had no objections. The Clerk will write to Waldon Telecom Ltd to confirm.

**21. To receive other items for discussion, information only**

- JA advised that he attended a Zoom Webinar held by the CPRE Sussex and High Weald AONB Partnership on how to engage with the planning system and he found it useful. VB advised that she also attended.
- JA asked that the terms of reference be put on the next agenda for review.
- The clerk advised that MBC are considering only having plans for planning applications available online and not send out any paper documents. She has written to Rob Jarman and requested paper plans. MBC are currently carry out a 3-month trial (commenced on 10 May 2021) of sending out paper plans and they have confirmed they will include Loose Parish Council in that trial.

**22. Date of next meeting: 21 June 2021**

**Meeting concluded at 8.30pm**

**Signed Committee Chairman .....**

**Dated: .....**