

**Minutes of the Boxley Parish Council Environment Committee Meeting held at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade on 4 September 2023**

**Councillors Present:** B Hinder – Chairman, M Beckwith, P McClean, S Mayes, A Brindle, H Bryant and I Davies along with the Clerk, Mrs D Baylis – Clerk

**1. Apologies and absences**

None

**2. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**

None

**Public Session at the discretion of the Chairman. Parishioners may address the meeting with regard to any item on the Agenda (time limited to 3 minutes per person). Items not on the Agenda must be submitted to the Clerk in advance of the meeting. Non-parishioners are only able to address the meeting at the invitation of the Chairman.**

**3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 August 2023 (Page 2-4)**

Agreed

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Any other matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda.

**5. Planning Applications for Consideration – DECISION**

**23/503610/FULL 18 Round Wood Close, Walderslade, ME5 9UL**

Garage conversion into habitable space, insertion of 2no roof lights. (resubmission 23/501888/FULL)

**Boxley Parish Council** have no material planning reasons to object to this application.

**23/503778/TPOA 11 Sylvan Glade, Walderslade, ME5 9PW**

TPO application to re-pollard one Oak to previous pruning points, resulting in a height of 15m and radial spread of 5m.

**Boxley Parish Council** defer to the views of the Tree Officer

**23/503264/FULL 41 Olivine Close, Walderslade, ME5 9NQ**

Demolition of the conservatory, erection of a single storey rear extension and conversion of the store room into habitable living space including changes to fenestration.

**Boxley Parish Council** have no material planning reasons to object to this application.

**23/503822/TPOA Grass Verge adj: 17 Sylvan Glade, Walderslade, ME5 9PW**

TPO application to reduce a group of trees (species unknown) to a height of 4 metres.

**Boxley Parish Council** defer to the views of the Tree Officer

**23/503811/FULL 6 Pilgirms Way, Boxley, ME14 3DQ**

Erection of first floor side extension

**Boxley Parish Council** have no material planning reasons to object to this application.

**23/503796/TPOA East Lodge, New Cut Road, Maidstone, ME14 5PT**

TPO application to fell one yew tree to ground level and grind the main rootball of the stump to a depth of up to 150mm below ground level.

To mitigate the loss we propose to replace the tree with a new sapling to be approved at a distance of no less than 7.5 metres from the dwelling.

Other works on sketch plan we believe do not fall within needing planning permission as are all post 1955. However these works would be believe require notification to the Tree Officer.

**Boxley Parish Council** object to this application for the following reasons:

1. the drawings are unclear.
2. the building was constructed 1 meter away from the tree. As the tree predates the building any problems could have been foreseen and the tree should not be lost for this reason.
3. the building was originally a garage and not a habitable space. Boxley Parish Council made several reports to the Planning Enforcement team stating that the building had been converted and was being lived in but nothing was done.
4. we would not like to see the loss of an ancient tree. Any replacement would take decades to grow to the same size.

If the Case Officer is minded to approval then BPC would like the application to be determined by the MBC Planning Committee.

**6. Ratifications**

23/503298/FULL Brooklyn Park, Chatham Road, Sandling, ME14 3AA  
Erection of a single storey vehicle wash building with associated plant

**Boxley Parish Council** have no material planning reasons to object to this application. The Response was ratified.

Meeting closed at 21.38

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman ..... Date .....