

**Minutes of the Boxley Parish Council Environment Committee Meeting held at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade on 10 July 2023, commencing at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** B Hinder – Chairman, C Sheppard, M Beckwith, I Davies, S Mayes and H Bryant along with Mrs D Baylis (Parish Clerk) and 4 members of the public

1. **Apologies and absences**  
Cllrs P Huntingford, A Brindle and P Mclean – apologies accepted.
2. **Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**  
None.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 July 2023**  
Agreed.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**  
None

**To adjourn to allow members of the public to address the meeting**

Cllr Jones attended the meeting and complained about receiving no response to her complaint made on the 4/7/23, not receiving Agendas or minutes, members blocking her emails and some other matters. The Chairman pointed out that this was an Environment Committee meeting and that her complaints needed to be directed to a full Parish Council meeting.

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

**23/502714/FULL 26 Tufa Close, Boxley, ME5 9LU**

Demolition of rear conservatory. Erection of single storey 6.2m rear extension, creation of first floor front infill and side extension above existing garage.

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

**23/502560/TPOA 18 Roundwood Close, Walderslade, ME5 9UL**

TPO application to remove overhanging Hornbeam Tree branches from tree at no. 17 Roundwood Close back to boundary.

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

**23/502715/FULL 26 Tufa Close, Boxley, ME5 9LU**

Demolition of rear conservatory. Erection of single storey 5m rear extension, creation of first floor infill and side extensions above existing garage.

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

**23/503006/FULL Avalon, Boxley Road, Walderslade, Chatham Kent ME5 9JE**

Erection of front infill extension, front porch and single storey rear extension. Insertion of side dormers, rear rooflights and extension to existing first floor.

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

1. The proposed additions add considerable massing that overwhelms the original property.
2. the proposed changes would create a highly visible and much larger property that is out of keeping with the existing street scene.

3. The proposals contravene Policies DM1 and DM9 of the Maidstone Local Plan (2017), the Supplementary Planning Document Residential Extensions (2009) and the National Planning Policy Framework 2021.
6. **Ratifications**  
None
7. **Planning Decisions, Appeals and Appeals Decisions**  
Noted
8. **Highways and Byways – DECISION**
  - 8.1 **Highways Improvement Plan.**  
Cllr Sheppard had written to Simon Jones (STEM school) and 2 county councillors regarding the parking situation with the STEM school. They had held a summer fete over the previous weekend and the parking in all surrounding streets had been chaotic. Busses could not get through which meant that emergency vehicles would also be impeded.  
It was agreed that BPC's Kent Highways rep Greg Nicholls would be invited to a meeting to go through all issues again. Action: Clerk  
Cllr Davies mentioned another near accident at the end of Yelstead Lane with a motorcyclist not realising the road ended. The Clerk would report the missing sign as a road fault to KCC highways. Action: Clerk
  - 8.2 **Junction 3 of the M2/Bluebell Hill**  
The A229 would be closed on Sunday 16 July for road works.
  - 8.3 **A249 Bearsted Road Major Infrastructure Project.**  
No update had been received from Colin Shorter
  - 8.4 **Boxley Village Society**  
Cllr Hinder thanked the members of the society for the traffic data analysis they had provided as it was excellent and would be very useful. The Clerk reported that additional roundels, gateways, bollards and the Lorry Watch scheme request had been put to BPC's Kent County Council rep for action updates. Cllr Hinder said that they would also be added to his list for reporting to Maidstone Borough Council's Joint Transport Board meeting.
  - 8.5 **Any Highways issues raised at the meeting**  
None
9. **Policy and Procedure – Review**  
None on this Agenda.
10. **Task List**  
It was proposed by Cllr Hinder, seconded by Cllr Sheppard and agreed with 1 abstention to accept the lower quotation for the work to install a motorbike inhibitor and fencing at the entrance to the footpath adjacent to Yew Tree Cottage on Boxley Road.
11. **Members and Officer's Reports**  
None
12. **Residents' Concerns**  
The report was noted. Cllr Bryant reported that the driver said that the company had an agreement with Medway Council to park its trailers on residential streets. She also reported that the trailers had no reflectors. The Clerk would check with

Medway Council. Any trailers parked with no reflectors would be reported to the police. The Clerk was asked to report the issue to BPC’s Community Beat Officer.

- 13. **Playground for Sandling**  
There had been no progress on this
- 14. **Consultations**  
None on this Agenda
- 15. **Volunteer Groups**  
Cllr Sheppard reported that Vinters Valley nature reserve had held a very successful open day and AGM on the 8<sup>th</sup> July.
- 16. **Items for Next Agenda**  
Bulbs for planting on verges
- 17. **Next Meeting**  
Next Environment Committee meeting 7 August 2023.

**In view of the confidential nature of the item about to be transacted, it is advised that the public and press will be excluded from the meeting for the duration of the following items.**

- 18. **Enforcement and CIL/Section 106 updates from MBC**  
No CIL received.

Meeting closed at 20.40.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

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