

**Minutes of the Boxley Parish Council Environment Committee Meeting held at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade on 12 June 2023, commencing at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** B Hinder – Chairman, C Sheppard, A Brindle. P Mclean, A Assester, M Beckwith, I Davies and H Bryant along with Mrs D Baylis (Parish Clerk) and 2 members of the public

**1 Apologies and absences**

Cllrs P Huntingford – apologies accepted.

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

None.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 June 2023**

Agreed.

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

A reply had been received regarding the parking of a skip trailer in Impton Lane as follows:

Thank you for your online contact regarding the skip trailer.

Unfortunately, looking at a map of Impton Lane, there does not appear to be any lines or marking that we can enforce.

If you are concerned that this vehicle is causing a danger, then please do report it to the non-emergency police on 101. Alternatively, if you believe a crime is being committed then please contact our Waste Crime team on

[wastecrime@maidstone.gov.uk](mailto:wastecrime@maidstone.gov.uk)

Cllr Bryant would try and get some photographs.

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

The members of the public were from the Boxley Village society and had attended for updates to the ideas presented for measures to improve highway safety in Boxley village. The following were discussed:

Provision of Village Gateway signs at both ends of the village – the Clerk reported that KCC said they only do one version and would follow up on this

Additional 20mph speed roundels – the Clerk was asked to get costs for these

Provision of Verge Markers – Clerk would ask KCC about these

Contact Sat Nav companies to request adding 'Not Suitable for HGVs' to the route through Boxley – Action Clerk

Lorry Watch request – Clerk to chase KCC for answers

Nu-Venture Bus loadings – Clerk would ask Nu-Venture for an update.

The Member of the public also reported on the final day of the Local Plan hearings.

The Inspector asked for the modifications he'd requested to be made to the Local Plan Review by MBC. MBC would then send the amended Plan out for a six week public consultation in September and the Inspector will give his final report in November.

There had been a major traffic accident on The Street on the 8<sup>th</sup> June.

The Clerk was asked to send the Traffic Survey data to all Councillors and the member of the public.

Cllr Hinder asked that Boxley Village be put on the Agenda of the next full Committee meeting.

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

**23/502447/TPOA 16 Brownelaw Copse, Walderslade, ME5 9JQ**

Tree Preservation Order Application, T1 Beech, thin by 15% for maintenance purposes. T2 Beech thin by 15%. T3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, 11, 12 Hornbeam, reduce pollarded trees to 5m (7m to 5m). these trees have been illegally cut by an unknown person and damaged because of it. T9 Ash, pollard at 5m (20m to 5m). Works are to rectify, as best possible, major works carried out illegally by an unknown person. **Boxley Parish Council** wish to see this application approved

**23/502475/FULL Larkrise, The Street, Boxley, ME14 3DL**

Conversion of garage to pool house including changes to windows and doors.

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

**23/501888/FULL 18 Round Wood Close, Waldersalde, ME5 9UL**

Garage conversion into habitable space and installation of two front pitched dormer windows.

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

**23/502526/FULL 38 Olivine Close Walderslade Chatham Kent ME5 9NQ**

Erection of a first-floor extension over existing ground floor to create bedroom

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

**23/502491/TPOA 15 Quinion Close Boxley Kent ME5 9JS**

Tree Preservation Order application: T1 Hazel stool - cut back from substation and reduce to 1.5 meters removing 4 meters of growth, G1 Laurel - reduce to fence height circa 2 meters taking 4 meters from the top of the hedge, T2 Ash - cut back from property to give 1 meter clearance approx 1.5 meters removed, T3 Silver Birch - cut back from property to give 1 meter clearance approx 1.5 meters removed, T4 Ash - cut back from property to give 1 meter clearance approx 1.5 meters removed.

Works are requested as a result from a resident complaint to KCC about encroachment of trees on their property.

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

**23/502408/LAWPRO Mirehouse Weaving Street Weaving Kent ME14 5JP**

Lawful Development Certificate for proposed extension of existing dropped kerb.

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

6. **Ratifications**

None

7. **Planning Decisions, Appeals and Appeals Decisions**

None on this Agenda

8. **Highways and Byways – DECISION**

8.1 **Highways Improvement Plan.**

Cllr Hinder would meet with the Clerk to look at the report to the Joint Transport Board.

8.2 **Junction 3 of the M2/Bluebell Hill**

No update.

8.3 **A249 Bearsted Road Major Infrastructure Project.**

No update had been received from Colin Shorter

- 8.4 **Any Highways issues raised at the meeting**  
None
9. **Policy and Procedure – Review**  
None on this Agenda.
10. **Task List**  
Cllr Hinder was dissatisfied with the length of time it was taking to get responses to some items and would come into the Parish Office to discuss further courses of action with the Clerk.  
Cllr Sheppard would write to Kevin Perry the Health and Safety officer at the STEM school regarding the parking and invite him to the next meeting.  
The Clerk would chase KCC again about the installation of the double yellow lines in Grovewood Drive South and Celastine Close.
11. **Members and Officer’s Reports**  
Cllr Hinder had secured a grant from the Ward CIL fund for new seating and planters for Sandling Village Green.  
Cllr Brindle raised the Boundary Commission review document. An ECM was being held on Thursday 15 June to discuss the matter in full.
12. **Residents’ Concerns**  
It was agreed that the issue of noise from bins being emptied on the industrial estate adjacent to Badger Road early in the morning be reported to the Environmental health team at MBC.
13. **Playground for Sandling**  
Letters had been sent to the two owners of the land. No replies received at the time of the meeting.
14. **Consultations**  
None on this Agenda
15. **Volunteer Groups**  
No updates.
16. **Items for Next Agenda**
17. **Next Meeting**  
Next Environment Committee meeting 3 July 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.
19. **Lidsing Garden Development**  
No updates.
20. **Sandling Village Green**  
It was proposed by Cllr Hinder, seconded by Cllr Brindle and all agreed that a new noticeboard and bench be purchased for the village green. Expenditure to come from the Environment Committee’s Street Maintenance budget.

Meeting closed at 20.45.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

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