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To All Members of the Council, press and public.

15th May 2012

There will be a meeting of the **Environment Committee** on **Monday 21st May 2012** at **Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade** commencing at 7.30 pm when it is proposed to transact the following business;

1. **Declaration of Interest or Lobbying.** (7.30)
Members are required to declare any interests or lobbying on items in this agenda.
2. **Apologies and absences** (7.31)
To receive and accept apologies for absence.
3. **Minutes of the Meetings of 4th and 16 April, 2012.** (7:32)
To consider the minutes of the meetings and if in order to sign as a true record (already circulated).
4. **Matters Arising From Minutes.** (7.35)
 - 4.1 Minute 2395/4.1 inconsiderate parking Walderslade Village/Boxley Road. A report was submitted to the Parish Council at its meeting 14 May 2012. Do members require further action?
 - 4.2 Minute 2395/4.2 marker at Cossington Lane. Work has been delayed due to priorities in the parish office work will commence w/c 6/6/12.
 - 4.3 Minute 2395/4.4 PRoW Round Wood valley. KCC has requested that a formal application be submitted. The parish office will complete and submit.
 - 4.4 Minute 2395/4.5 Lidsing Road. Request for additional signage etc. has been submitted.
 - 4.5 Minute 2395/4.6 empty properties. A report was given by Cllr P Brooks at the full Parish Council Meeting 14 May 2012. Do members require any further action?

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

5. **Planning Applications and Appeals for Consideration.** (7.55)
To consider planning applications. Members' are reminded to consider possible section 106 requests or to suggest any conditions.

MA/12/0668 –An application for listed building consent for the installation of 4no. externally illuminated signs, 5 no. internally illuminated signs and 5no. non-illuminated signs and rope lighting to the front elevation at Newnham Court Inn, Newnham Court Farm, Bearsted. 31/5/2012

MA/12/0665 –An application for advertisement consent for the installation of 4no. externally illuminated signs, 5 no. internally illuminated signs and 5no. non-illuminated signs at Newnham Court Inn, Newnham Court Farm, Bearsted. 31/5/2012

MA/12/0693 – Application to vary condition 1 (no vehicle may arrive, depart, be loaded or unloaded within the general site, nor shall vehicles equipped with refrigeration units be allowed to remain stationary in the service yard except between the hours of 0600 and 2300 Monday to Saturdays and 0800 – 1600 Sundays and Bank Holidays. A maximum of five vehicles can visit the site between 1900 -2300 Monday to Saturday and a maximum of three vehicles can visit the site between 1300 and 1600 on Sundays and Bank Holidays) of MA/00/0292 to read as follows:

No vehicle may arrive, depart, be loaded or unloaded within the general site, nor shall vehicles equipped with refrigeration units be allowed to remain stationary in the service yard except between the hours of 0600 and 0000 hours Monday to Saturdays and 0800 – 2000 Sundays and Bank Holidays. A maximum of six vehicles can visit the site between 1900 -0000 Monday to Saturday and a maximum of four vehicles can visit the site between 1300 and 2000 on Sundays and Bank Holidays. At Tesco Stores Ltd, Minor Centre, Grovewood Drive North. 7/6/2012

TA/0063/12 – Tree Preservation Order no.1 of 1969: An application for consent for works to 1(no) Hornbeam tree being, reduce canopy by 30%, thin canopy by 15% (removing dead wood and split branches), crown lift lateral branches up to 4m above ground level and clear all risings at 17 Pyrus Close, Walderslade. 10/6/2012

Penhurst Close – The Land at Penhurst Close has been sold by Wards to Palace Estates an application will be submitted for the development of single storey shops. It is anticipated that they will approach the Parish Council for pre planning application chat.

6. **Cowbeck Woods** (8.10)
An update has been received, please see enclosure.
7. **Walderslade Woods and Volunteer Group** (8.20)
To receive a report/update on the Group's activities.
8. **Highways and Byways.** (8.30)
 - 8.1 Humming article and noise at Walderslade a verbal update will be provided at the meeting.
 - 8.2 Boxley Road/Beechen Bank speed reduction – Subject to no objections from the public to the 18th July JTB (consultation and an advert being progressed May/June). The provisional date set for commencement of works is first week in August.
 - 8.3 Request from two Councillors that a letter is sent to KCC to move the start of 40mph speed limit to north of Grange Lane.
9. **Policy and procedures review.** (8.47)
Traffic Management informative see attached (page 3)
10. **Matters for information.** (8.53)
 - 10.1 South East Water Resources Update – Drought Special available on request.
 - 10.2 Request for Parking Restrictions: Old Chatham Road. Request for these has been refused by MBC.

Next Meeting. (8.57)

Next environment meetings 11th and 18th June 2012 (full) at Beechen Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.

In view of the confidential nature (personal details and data) on the Enforcement item about to be transacted, it is advisable that the public and press will be excluded from the meeting for the duration of or part of the item.

11. **Enforcement and Section 106 updates from MBC.** (8.58)
To consider a confidential update, none available at the time the Agenda was sent information will be brought to the meeting if received

Clerk to Boxley Parish Council.

Items to be returned to agenda: Minute 2368/5.1 Walderslade Woods road/A2045 – work to obtain speed reduction –KHS awaiting plans (04/12); Boxley Rd/Beechen Bank Rd speed reduction work – KHS chased 04/12 for date.

Boxley Parish Council
Traffic Management for residential development.

On receipt of an application for development on a road where it is recognised that additional parking might cause dangers or major inconvenience the Parish Council will write to the applicant or agent explaining the road layout problems. The Parish Council to explain that the increase in the number of properties being extended/developed is creating problems and in order to ensure minimal impact it is felt necessary to write to home owners to notify them of the type of complaints/problems that are being experienced at certain locations.

The Parish Council will ask the applicant, when proceeding with the development, to take this into consideration by

- Preparing a traffic management plan and supplying this to contractors. Such a plan can show where contractors could park etc. to minimize the impact on the neighbours. It could also show where it is dangerous for them to park.
- Take advice form the PCSO if they need help in understanding the dangers of parking on the highway.
- Where possible arrange for off street car parking especially for vans. If necessary be prepared to move your car onto the highway to allow a large van to park on your drive.
- When arranging for deliveries/work then account should be taken of when deliveries are arriving and the impact on the neighbours and highway.
- Try to ensure that deliveries are at reasonable time to minimize the noise disturbance for neighbours.
- Ask contractors to place a note of their contact number and the house that they are working at in the windscreen of their vehicle. This will allow residents to contact them if there is a particular problem. It is recognised that home owners are often not available whilst the work is taking place and so might not realize that a problem is occurring.
- If possible avoid deliveries at busy times (school pick up etc.)
- Notify neighbours when the work will start and that arrangements have been made to try to alleviate any problems.

Having decided which application has the potential for problems and having agreed that an information letter will be sent to the applicant, details will also be submitted with the planning response with a request to the Planning Officer that it be included as an informative on any planning permission. It can also be given to the PCSO/Police as a warning that problems might be experienced.