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To All Members of the Council, press and public.

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There will be a meeting of the **Environment Committee** on **Monday 3rd September 2012, commencing after the Parish Council meeting at European School of Osteopathy, Boxley** when it is proposed to transact the following business

1. Declaration of Interest or Lobbying.

Members are required to declare any interests or lobbying on items in this agenda.

2. Apologies and absences

To receive and accept apologies for absence.

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

3. Planning Applications and Appeals for Consideration

To consider planning applications. Members' are reminded to consider possible section 106 requests or to suggest any conditions.

Applications to be ratified

MA/12/1078 Erection of a single storey side extension at 12 Olivine Close, Walderslade. To ratify Clerk's decision, after consulting with Cllr Wendy Hinder and Cllr Ivor Davies, Cllr P Brooks.

Do Not wish to object. However members have concerns that this further addition to the original footprint constitutes over-development of the site and also it will have a detrimental impact on the street scene when looking into and out from the cul-de-sac at the side of the property.

MA/12/1218 Alteration to external appearance at level 3/Roof level of existing building to facilitate conversion of plant/storage areas into office accommodation at The Maidstone Studios, New Cut Road, ME14 5NZ. To ratify Clerk's decision, after consulting with Cllr Wendy Hinder and Cllr Ivor Davies.

Do not wish to object.

MA/12/1234 Listed building consent to remove feather edge boarding and replace with treated stained boards to same profile at Barn Cottage, Boxley Road, Boxley ME14 3DN. To ratify the Clerk's decision, after consulting with Cllr Wendy Hinder.

Do not wish to object.

MA/12/1326 Variation of condition 10 of planning permission MA/11/1349 (The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans 1540.PO.11 & 12 received 9/8/11 and 1540.PO.10 Rev A and 14 Rev A received 10/10/11) being alterations to fenestration, enlargement of chimney, finished floor level increased BY 300mm and repositioning of garage at Glenside, Boxley Road, Walderslade ME5 9JE. To ratify the Clerk's decision, after consulting with Cllr Wendy Hinder and Cllr Ivor Davies

Do not wish to object

MA/12/1234 – Listed Building Consent to remove feather-edge boarding and replace with treated stained boards to same profile at Barn Cottage, Boxley Road, Boxley ME14 3DN. To ratify the Clerk's decision, after consulting Cllr Wendy Hinder.

Do not wish to object.

TA/0090/12 application to reduce crown of 3 Hornbeams by 30% at 2 Olivine Close ME5 9NQ. To ratify the Clerk's decision, after consulting Cllr Wendy Hinder and Cllr Perry.

Do not wish to object but defer to the Landscape Officer's view.

TA/0085/12 application to reduce crown by 60% to 5m above ground level of 2 Ash Trees at Sandhurst, Grove Green Road, ME14 5JT. To ratify the Clerk's decision, after consulting Cllr Wendy Hinder and Cllr Perry.

Make the following comments but defer to the Landscape Officer's view; concern about the proposed 60% reduction which seems excessive

TA/0102/12 - Application to crown lift to 6m and thin canopy by 15% 2 Hornbeam and re-coppice 1 Hornbeam at 8 Round Wood Close, Walderslade ME5 9UL. To ratify the Clerk's decision, after consulting Cllr Wendy Hinder and Cllr Perry.

Make the following comments but defer to the Landscape Officer's view; concern as no reason identified as to why the work needs to be done.

Applications to be considered

MA/12/1390 Erection of a single storey side extension at 20 Spenlow Drive, Walderslade ME5 9JT. 6/9/2012

MA/12/1424 Erection of a two storey side extension at 27 Silver Tree Close, Walderslade, ME5 9ST. 11/9/2012

TA/0114/12 - An application for consent to prune back to boundary overhanging branches of three Maple Trees, two Ash Trees, one Hazel and Leyland Cypress; all trees being subject to Tree Preservation Order number 24 of 1987 at 4 & 5 Greenways, Grove Green, Weaving ME14 5JU. 6/9/2012

TA/0121/12 - Tree Preservation Order application: TPO No.2 of 2001: an application for consent for works to trees as described in application TA/0121/12 at Heath Wood, Sandy Lane, Penenden Heath ME14 3DJ. 7/9/2012

TA/0046/12 - Tree Preservation Order application: TPONo.2 of 1991 an application for consent to cut back all branches of all trees overhanging 11 Wents Wood at 11 Wents Wood, Weaving, ME14 5BL. 11/9/2012

KCC vegetation maintenance.

To discuss issue (item at request of Cllr Wendy Hinder).

I have had asked for this to be discussed because I and many others in the Parish are appalled at the state of the Highways maintenance of the land they are responsible for, of which a considerable amount was taken over from MBC. I have lost track of the times I have had to ring to request a health and safety cut on pathways and sight lines that should be regularly maintained, only to be told it will be done and on one occasion it took up to three weeks for it to happen. I understand other Parish Councils are having the same problems. The standard of the maintenance including grass verges has also deteriorated greatly since MBC teams were doing it. I strongly believe that certain areas in particular where traffic sight lines and footpaths should have more than one cut a year.

I am suggesting that the Committee look at ways in which we as the Parish Council can address the problem, i.e. perhaps a strong letter to the Leader of KCC and perhaps support from KALC and the JTB.

Next Meeting.

Next Environment meeting 10th September 2012 at Beechen Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Clerk to the Council.