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A G E N D A

To All Members of the Council, Press and Public

There will be a meeting of the **Environment Committee** on **Monday 16 May 2016 at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade ME5 9RU** commencing at 7:30 pm when it is proposed to transact the following business:

- 1 **Apologies and absences** (7.30)
To receive and accept apologies for absence.
- 2 **Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying** (7.31)
Members are required to declare any interests, dispensations, predetermination or lobbying on items on this agenda. Members are reminded that changes to the Register of Interests should be notified to the Clerk.
- 3 **Minutes of the Meetings of 4th and 11th April 2016 - DECISION** (7.33)
To consider the minutes of the meetings (already circulated) and if in order to sign as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes** (7.35)
 - 4.1 Minute 2859/4.1 HGV parking. See report (pages 3 - 4).
 - 4.2 Minute 2859/4.2 Installation of hard standing/apron at Boxley Road noticeboard. The parish office is seeking clarification on a tree issue, further information will be supplied at the meeting.
 - 4.3 Minute 2859/4.3 Inconsiderate parking Provender Way. County Councillor Carter has requested a report from the highway department on the possibility of paying for the yellow lines.
 - 4.4 Minute 2860/7. Bollards. The parish office is arranging for the installation. Further details will be brought to the meeting.
 - 4.5 Minute 2861/11.3 Flytipping Sindal's Lane. Additional flytipping and a burnt out vehicle have since appeared at the site and MBC are still planning the clear up.
 - 4.6 Minute 2861/11.4 overloaded skip. The skip has now been emptied.
 - 4.7 Minute 2861/11.6. Land to the rear of Tesco Grove Green. The parish office is attempting to find out who actually owns the land.
 - 4.8 Any other matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda.
- To adjourn to allow members of the public to address the meeting** (7.45)
- 5 **Planning Applications for Consideration - DECISION** (7.55)
To receive and decide on responses to planning applications (pages 4-5).
- 6 **Planning Decisions, Appeals and Appeals Decisions - INFORMATION** (8:05)
To receive any updates.
- 7 **Highways and Byways - DECISION** (8:06)
To consider any issues.
 - 7.1 Timber Tops, request for bollards to be installed, see report (page 5).
 - 7.2 Planned KCC Highway work, see report (page 5).

- 9 **Volunteer Groups - INFORMATION** (8.16)
To receive any reports.
- 10 **Policy and Procedures - REVIEW** (8.22)
BPC planning information leaflet. To consider whether the current document is still fit for purpose. The leaflet is enclosed for members but also available from the parish council's website or on request from the office.
- 11 **Matters for Information - INFORMATION** (8.32)
To consider any information.
- 12 **Next Meeting** (8.55)
Next Environment Committee meeting 13th June 2016 at Beechen Hall commencing at 7:30pm. Items for the agenda must be with the parish office no later than 6th June.

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.

- 13 **Enforcement and Section 106 updates from MBC** (8.56)
To receive an update, see confidential report (enclosed).

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Clerk to Boxley Parish Council

Date: 9 May 2016

In accordance with policy the meeting should close no later than 9:30pm but the Chairman has devolved powers to extend it by 30 minutes.

Items to be returned to agenda: None.

Legislation allows for meetings to be recorded by anyone attending. Persons intending to record or who have concerns about being recorded should please speak to the Clerk.

Supporting agenda papers for the Environment Committee Meeting 16th May 2016. The Chairman will assume that these have been read prior to the meeting. Councillors wishing to suggest changes to any policy or procedure document in this agenda should notify the office, in writing, at least three working days in advance of the meeting to allow details to be circulated at the meeting (or in advance if particularly contentious).

Item Minute 4.1 HGV parking. The following is an update on the work that Helen Whately MP has been doing. (E-mail 21.04.16).



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Dear Helen,

Thank you for your email of 16 March, enclosing correspondence from Boxley Parish Council about foreign HGV drivers not paying fines.

I note that the Parish Council wish to make it a criminal offence for drivers of HGVs to park illegally. I also note and appreciate their concerns about the knock-on effect regarding congestion which can result.

I should explain that on trunk roads and motorways the Police are already responsible for enforcing the traffic regulations on these roads. Illegal parking on these routes is already, therefore, a criminal offence.

On most other roads, the local highway authority is responsible for enforcing parking and traffic regulations under the system of Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE). This was introduced to free the Police from local traffic enforcement duties with regard to parking contraventions so that they could concentrate their resources on more serious crimes. Because of this there are no plans to revert back to criminalising parking offences.

I would like to make it absolutely clear that foreign drivers are subject to the same rules as drivers from the UK and must abide by parking rules. In areas where there are a significant number of foreign drivers, we recommend that parking operators should ensure that their enforcement methods are easy for foreign drivers to understand and take account of their needs, so improving the compliance.

When given the opportunity to pay, I do not believe drivers of foreign-registered vehicles are any less inclined to pay for parking charges than UK

motorists. However, where a foreign-registered vehicle appears to be a persistent offender, local authorities may opt to use their powers to clamp or remove the vehicle to ensure the vehicle operator complies with parking restrictions and pays any penalty charges that are due. In situations where foreign drivers are consistently breaking parking laws they will become a persistent evader. When this happens they may be targeted for the strongest possible enforcement to ensure that payment is secured.

I know that it can be difficult for local authorities to use CPE mechanisms against foreign-registered vehicles. However, we do keep the traffic and parking regulations for England under review and are always willing to consider specific suggestions for improvements. Despite this, a definitive solution could only be achieved through international legislation or agreements. In addition, should we take such matters forward, we would need to give priority to more serious road traffic offences.

I hope you will see that we are not turning a blind eye to this issue and the means to enforce against illegal parking are in place.

A request for information on whether KCC directly received any of the Levy (£194 million) collected from HGV drivers has been sent.

KALC are meeting with Helen Whately MP about the HGV issue on 26 May.

Item 5 Planning Applications for Consideration. Purpose of item: DECISION

16/502721/LBC Listed Building Consent for internal alterations to the first floor consisting of existing bathroom to en-suite for master bedroom, utilising bedroom three to accommodate a new bathroom and study, and the store room in the loft to form bedroom three with a new staircase access. Installation of new roof lights and dormer window. Malthouse Cottage The Street Boxley Kent ME14 3DR. Deadline 17 May 2016.

16/503078/LBC Listed Building Consent for conversion of existing stable/store into habitable accommodation with side extension at Court Lodge Farm The Street Boxley Kent ME14 3DX. Deadline 17 May 2016.

16/503077/FULL Conversion of existing stable/store into habitable accommodation with side extension at Court Lodge Farm The Street Boxley Kent ME14 3DX. Deadline 17 May 2016.

16/503396/FULL Conversion of existing integral garage to living accommodation and single storey rear extension at 5 Fitzwilliam Road Bearsted Kent ME14 4PY. Deadline 19 May 2016.

16/503731/FULL Alteration to windows and doors and installation of 3 roof lights. Weaving Springs Weaving Street Weaving Kent ME14 5JR. Deadline 20 May 2016.

16/503769/FULL Two storey side and single storey rear extension to create annex accommodation. 14 Threshers Drive, Weaving Kent ME14 5UA. Deadline 24 May 2016.

16/503485/FULL Construction of 2 storey rear extension and single storey side extension of existing garage into living accommodation. 12 Spenlow Drive, Kent ME5 9JT. Deadline 26 May 2016.

Item 7 Highways and Byways. Purpose of item: Decision/guidance

Item 7.1 Timber Tops, request for bollards to be installed. A resident has contacted the parish office to request that bollards are installed along the edge of a large green verge to stop vehicles parking upon it. In the summer children play on the verge and recently, due to increased parking issues within the road a large van has taken to parking on the verge (pictures have been provided). The resident asks that action is taken now prior to extensive damage being caused and there is concern that if this continues most vehicles will start to park there.



Item 7.2 Planned KCC Highway work (report on MJTB agenda 20.04.16)
Dunn Street Boxley Lidsing Road to Forge Lane. Surface Dressing. To be programmed