

**Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Monday 7 September 2020 held by Conference call due to the Covid-19 Pandemic following on from the Parish Council Meeting commencing at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Cllr B Hinder – Chair, Cllrs A Brindle, Mr I Davies, Mrs P Huntingford, J Willmott, L Clarke, V Davies, W Salter and C Sheppard together with Mrs D Baylis, Clerk.

**1 Apologies and absences**

Cllr Hollands

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

Cllr Brindle declared that she thought she might have a conflict of interest being on Maidstone Borough's Planning Committee. The Committee felt that the conflict was more likely to arise when Boxley issues came before MBC's planning committee. The Clerk would check with KALC.

**3. Minutes of the Meetings held on 13 July 2020**

The minutes were agreed and would be signed when possible.

Cllr Hinder confirmed that he had been into the office and signed all previous agreed minutes.

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

4.1 Any other matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda.

**None**

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

No members of the public had joined the meeting.

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

**20/503611/FULL Snow Logs, Boxley Road, Walderslade, ME5 9JD**

Erection of a first floor front/flank extension over existing lounge and first floor rear extension over existing kitchen, with external deck access to rear garden and reconfigured steps.

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

**20/503739/TPOA 12 Forestdale Road, Boxley, ME5 9NB**

TPO Application 1 x Cherry tree crown reduction from height 10m to 8m and width 10m to 8m. 1 x Hornbeam tree crown reduction 12m tall before work to be cut to 9m tall after, 6m wide before work to 4.5m wide after and 1 x Goat Willow tree crown reduction 6m tall before work to be cut to 4m tall after.

**Boxley Parish Council Response:** Boxley Parish Council defer to the views of the Tree Officer

**20/5037/TPOA 37 Forestdale Road, Boxley, ME5 9NB**

Tree Preservation application for works to: Tree 1 (rear garden) = Hornbeam tree cluster – reduce in height from 30ft to 22.5ft and width from 26ft to 19.5ft. Tree 2 (front garden) = Silver Birch – reduce in height from 43ft to 32ft and width from 22ft to 16.5ft.

**Boxley Parish Council Response:** Boxley Parish Council defer to the views of the Tree Officer

**20/503809/TPOA 1 Iris Close, Boxley, ME5 9QD**

TPO Application – T1 Quercus Robur (Oak), Lift crown to 3m and prune lower crown growing towards #1-3 by 1.5m (6.6m to 4.7m) and 10% reduction (.5m 15.2m to 14.7m) and formative prune. Re-growth unsightly reducing amenity value of majestic tree.

**Boxley Parish Council Response:** Boxley Parish Council defer to the views of the Tree Officer

6. **Ratifications**

The planning responses made out of meeting by the Clerk after consulting members were ratified

7. **Appeals**

**Appeal Ref: W/4000498 Appeal of 19/504442/FULL Land East of Gleaming Wood Drive**

The additional Appeal response made out of meeting by the Clerk after consulting members was ratified

8. **Items for Next Agenda**

Requests for items to be included on the next Agenda.

9. **Next Meeting**

Next Environment Committee meeting 14 September 2020 commencing at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.46 pm.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

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