

**Minutes of the Environment Committee on Monday 14th November 2011 at
Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

Councillors present; Mrs W Hinder (Chairman), Mrs P Brooks, Mr M Pepper, Mr K Perry, Mr A Springate and Mrs M Waller, together with the Assistant Clerk.

1. Declaration of Interest or Lobbying.

Cllr Pat Brooks, Cllr Maureen Waller, Cllr Kevin Perry, and Cllr Wendy Hinder for item 6.11.

2. Apologies and absences

Mrs A Spain (apology accepted). Mr I Davies (holiday) Mr W Stead (holiday).

Item 4 was taken at this point.

3. Minutes of the Meetings of 3rd and 10th October 2011.

The minutes of the meeting were **agreed and signed** as a true and correct record.

4. Penhurst Close Pre Application discussion.

Rebecca Taylor, Land Negotiator and Geoff Blake, Development Director of Ward Homes gave a presentation on a revised plan for this site. The new application takes into account and addresses the reasons for refusal from both MBC and the Inspectorate. Members **received** the presentation and provided feedback on the new plans and will await the formal application to be submitted for consultation.

5. Matters Arising From Minutes.

5.1 Minute 2342/4.1 Boxley Road & Beechen Bank Road speed limit. Members **received** and agreed the detailed costing for the work submitted by Kent County Council. Members asked for further clarification on the rules for siting roundels.

5.2 Minute 2342/4.2 Inconsiderate parking Walderslade Village/Boxley Road. Members **agreed** that the letter that Cllr Pepper had drafted to Rodney Chambers, Leader of Medway Council to ask for his help with this matter, should be sent. **Action** – Parish Office

There were no members of the public present so the meeting was not adjourned.

6. Planning Applications and Appeals for Consideration.

6.1 MA/11/1195 amended details on fence for Gidds Pond Farm. The planning officer wasn't happy with the fence submitted and so asked for it to be moved back a bit (from the road) and for landscaping to be put in front of it. He feels that it is an improvement. *Members welcomed this application and do not wish to object.*

6.2 MA/11/1349 erection of 1no replacement dwelling with detached garage and associated works at Glenside, Boxley Road, Walderslade.

Do not wish to object however members would like to see the development;

- *retain the existing trees/landscaping and vegetation to the front of the site, to soften the impact on the street scene.*
- ensure the roof height is no higher than the adjacent building taking into account the slope/contours of the land.
- supply the applicant with Boxley Parish Council's Traffic Management Plan.

6.3 MA/11/1601 change of use of land to garden land and erection of fencing adjacent to Chatham Road at 2 Pilgrims View, Sandling 18/11/11. *Clerk's comment: members considered this area under their sale of land policy and choose not to block the sale by KCC. Do not wish to object.*

6.4 MA/11/1701 change of use of unit to motor vehicle sales and show room (Sui generis) including replacement roof, installation of shop front and internal passenger lift (with external housing), creation of ramped access to the front and rear,

installation of a pump inversion air conditioning systems and alterations to fenestration at Unit A, Aylesford Wharf, Forstal Road. *Do not wish to object.*

6.5 MA/11/1702 advertisement consent for 1no internally illuminated fascia sign, 1no internally illuminated totem sign, 1no painted logo sign and 1no vinyl logo sign to front entrance roller shutter at Unit A Aylesford Wharf, Forstal Road. *Do not wish to object.*

6.6 MA/11/1747 application to vary condition 6 of planning application MA/03/1417 (outline application for a detached bungalow) to allow the use of garage as additional living accommodation at Westwood, Boxley Road, Walderslade. *Do not wish to object.*

6.7 MA/11/1759 single storey front extension at 6 Shearers Close, Grove Green 213/11/11. *Do not wish to object.*

6.8 MA/11/1834 – Erection of rear decking area at Torfield, Weaving Street, Weaving. *Do not wish to object.*

6.9 TA/0157/11 application to crown lift branches overhanging the rear garden of 56 and 58 Bargrove Road to give a ground clearance of no more than 3m. Cut back branches to give clearance of no more than 5m from the rear flank corner of 56 Bargrove Road. *Do not wish to object subject to the views of the Landscape Officer.*

6.10 TA/0169/11 – TPO No.1 of 1969 an application for consent to reduce height of 1 no. Hornbeam tree by a maximum of 7.6m (25 ft) at the Beeches, Cossington Road, Walderslade. *Do not wish to object subject to the views of the Landscape Officer.*

6.11 Pre-planning consultation for a proposed base station installation on highways land adjacent to A249 Road, south of the M20 Junction 7 roundabout towards Newnham Court Shopping Village via Galliford Try. Members **agreed** that they had no objection for the proposed site for the base station but asked for assurances from the company that there would not be any interference with medical equipment once the new Hospital is built. – **Action** – Parish Office

7. **Planning applications taken to Planning Committee.**

Planning rota – Cllr Pepper, 24th November 2011 and Cllr Wendy Hinder 15th December 2011. **Noted.**

MA/10/1627 Erection of new dwelling at land off Beechen Bank, Boxley Road. Returned to MBC Planning Committee 3rd November 2011, refused by committee. **Noted.**

8. **Planning Applications and appeals decisions.**

MA/11/0779 – Hollymead, 38 Franklin Drive – Erection of a first floor side extension, conversion of existing garage to living accommodation and erection of a new garage to front elevation. **Dismissed by the planning inspectorate on 31/10/11. Noted.**

9. **Walderslade Woods and Volunteer Group**

Members **received** Cllr Springate's report that the group were making good progress with path clearance on the plateau by removing lots of bramble and ground cover in an attempt to control nature.

10. **Highways and Byways.**

10.1 Members **received** and **noted** the winter farmer snow clearance routes.

10.2 Members **noted** the rescheduled date of March for resurfacing Grovewood Drive North.

10.3 Hospital construction. Members **noted** that the Parish Office and a Highways Steward were to be introduced to the contractors carrying out this project. MBC has also set up a website to keep the public informed.

10.4 Members **noted** the update on Safety Cameras.

10.5 Members were asked if they had any project ideas to put forward for Cllr Paul Carter underspent highways budget? Cllr Waller highlighted road marking particularly in Boarley Lane where it meets Grange Lane.

10.6 Members **agreed** to send out a general letter to residents in Lordswood where flytipping had been reported in alleyways behind properties. **Action** – Parish Office.

11. Neighbourhood Development Plans.

11.1 Boxley Village - Members **noted** the rough draft Neighbourhood Development Plan agreed that this was a good document and were happy with the content.

11.2 Grove Green – Members **noted** the rough draft Neighbourhood Development Plan and it was **agreed** that Cllr Perry would forward to the office his amendments.

Action – Cllr Perry.

11.3 Rural area Members **agreed** to defer this item to the main December meeting and requested that Sandling be included. **Action** – Office.

12. Policy and procedures review.

12.1 Section 106 wish list – Members **received** the list and made changes, it was agreed that further amends were needed and members **agreed** to bring this item back to the agenda in December

13. Budget 2012/2013.

13.1 Members **received** and **agreed** the draft budget with no amendments.

13.2 Sheltered seating. Members **agreed** that this project was no longer suitable and therefore not required.

14. Matters for information.

14.1 Members **noted** Southern Water's metering programme update.

14.2 **Consultation Neighbourhood Planning.** Members **noted** the Deadline for response is 5th January 2012 – and agreed for this item to be returned to the agenda at the December meeting to allow further information to be gathered.

14.3 Members **noted** CPRE Maidstone Committee AGM on Tuesday 6th December, 2011 at 7.30 Cllr Brooks and Cllr Wendy Hinder **agreed** to attend. Cllr Brooks also agreed to be the Council's representative for this external organisation.

15. Next Meeting.

Next environment meetings 5th December and 12th December 2011 (full) at Beechen Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.

In view of the confidential nature (personal details and data) of the following item the chairman passed a resolution to go into confidential discussion.

16. Enforcement and Section 106 updates from MBC.

Members **received** and **noted** an update on outstanding issues.

Meeting closed 9.35 pm.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings

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