

Minutes of the Environment Committee on Monday 2 December 2013 at St John’s School, Grove Green commencing at 8.28 pm.

Councillors present: Mrs W Hinder (Chairman), Mrs P Brooks, Mr Ivor Davies, Mr P Dengate, Mr Bob Hinder, Mr D Hollands, Mr A Springate, and Mrs M Waller together with Clerk, Cllr Smith and Cllr Vic Davies.

1. Declaration of Interests or Lobbying.

None declared.

2. Apologies and absences

None as all members were present.

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

3. Planning Applications and Appeals for Consideration.

3.1 TA/0167/13 Tree Preservation Order application: TPO No 1 of 1969: an application for consent to remove 2 No Ash Trees at 5 Podkin Wood, Walderslade, Chatham. *Do not wish to object but defer to the Landscape Officer’s views.*

3.2 TA/0175/13 Tree Preservation Order no 9 of 2013: An application for consent to fell to 1no Yew Tree at St Mary’s and All Saints Church, The Street, Boxley, Maidstone. *Wish to see the application approved, please see the accompanying independent structure survey which confirms that the tree is damaging the listed wall and will ultimately cause it to collapse directly into a public area used by pedestrians and vehicles. In order to be open and accountable please note that the parish council is the applicant.*

3.3 TA/0176/13 Tree Preservation Order no 1 of 1969: An application for consent to carry out works to 1no Beech Tree being to reduce crown to a minimum crown radius of 3m every three years from date of application being approved, to crown lift to give a maximum clearance at 10 Fagus Close, Boxley, Chatham. *Wish to make the following comments but defer to the Landscape Officer’s views: Concern is expressed over the extent of the work proposed for the Beech Tree and that this would be on a three yearly cycle.*

3 Next Meeting.

Next Environment meeting 9 December at Beechen Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 8.38 pm.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

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