

**Minutes of the Environment Committee on Monday 9 June 2014 at  
Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

Councillors present: Mr P Dengate (Chairman), Mr Ivor Davies, Mr Bob Hinder, Mr D Hollands and Mr A Springate together with the Clerk.

**1. Apologies and absences**

Cllr Brooks (holiday), Cllr Wendy Hinder (family commitment), Cllr A Spain (convalescing) and Cllr Waller (holiday).

**2. Declaration of Interest or Lobbying.**

All members declared that they had been lobbied on the Asbestos First application.

**3. Minutes of the Meetings of 19 May 2014.**

The minutes were **agreed** and **signed** as a correct record.

**4. Matters Arising From Minutes.**

4.1 Minute 2649/4.1 Bollards. Members' suggestions for areas/verges that might benefit from the installation of bollards will be considered at the July meeting. **Noted.**

4.2 Minute 2639/4.2 Verge work at Grovewood Drive South. Cllr Hollands reported that the shrubs had been removed. The Clerk confirmed that the area would have been seeded. **Noted.**

4.3 Minute 2651/10.1 Footpath behind Wildfell Close and Green Acres. **Noted** the flytipping letter had been delivered.

4.4 Minute 2651/10.4 Condition of vegetation throughout the parish. Councillors are to identify areas they felt were not being maintained, forwarding photographs if appropriate, so that the office can compile a report for consideration at the July meeting. **Noted.**

As no member of the public was present the meeting was not adjourned.

**5. Planning Applications and Appeals for Consideration.**

MA/14/0001 Retrospective application for erection of 1.8m high close boarded fencing and change of use from amenity lane to garden land at 70 Bargrove Road, Grove Green. **Action: Clerk** investigate the status of the Oak trees on the site and ensure they are protected from felling by putting in a TPO request if necessary.  
*Do not wish to object subject to the Oak trees being protected by TPOs.*

PN/14/0040 Proposed single storey rear extension which: A) extends 3.25m beyond the back wall of the original dwelling, B) has a maximum height of 4m from the natural ground level, and C) has a height of 3m at the eaves from the natural ground level at 10 Goldstone Walk, Walderslade. *Noted*

\*MA/14/0223 An application for a 12 x 6 catering van on the car park outside the Harley Davidson showroom at Forstal Road. **Ratified** the Clerk's decision, after consulting members for a majority view, that this application should not be reported to the MBC Planning Committee. This application was approved/granted with conditions on 21/5/14.

MA/14/0337 Advertisement consent for the erection of 300mm high built up stainless steel letters with up lighting illumination at Vinters Park Crematorium, Bearsted Road. *Do not wish to object.*

MA/14/0356 Retrospective application for the conversion of garage to habitable room and extension of existing driveway at 22 Cinnabar Close, Walderslade. *Do not wish to object.*

MA/14/0719 An application for a single storey rear addition at 2 Saracen Fields, Walderslade. *Do not wish to object.*

MA/14/0733 Formation of gable end to part of rear roof slope and erection of single-storey conservatory extension to rear at Otteridge, Weaving Street, Weaving. *Do not wish to object.*

MA/14/0734 Proposed loft conversion incorporating two dormers to front roof slope and one dormer and three rooflight windows to rear roof slope at 8 Camomile Drive, Weaving. *Do not wish to object.*

MA/14/0764 Erection of single storey side extension/orangery at 36 Bargrove Road, Maidstone. *Do not wish to object.*

MA/14/0783 Installation of three Air Conditioning Condenser units to rear elevation at Lloyds Pharmacy, 3-4 Minor Centre, Grovewood Drive North, Weaving. *Do not wish to object.*

MA/14/0818 – An application for a two storey side and rear addition and a single storey rear addition at 21 Spenlow Drive, Walderslade. *Do not wish to object.*

#### 6. **Planning Decisions, Appeals and Appeals Decisions.**

The following were **noted**:

\*MA/14/0604 – Retrospective application for erection of front boundary treatment as shown on site location plan and drawing no - D.14.02 received 10/4/14 at Briars Lodge, Boxley Road, Walderslade – the application has been approved/granted 29/5/14

Asbestos Waste Site, North Dane Way KSL140603/HW07: Environment Agency - 3R Waste Limited, North Dane Way, Lordswood - Environmental Permit application. Members' **agreed** that a response should be drafted and circulated for approval. **Action: Clerk and committee members.**

Newnham Court Shopping Village planning application will be reported to MBC Planning Committee meeting of 12 June 2014 with the Planning Officer's recommendation to refuse planning permission. Cllr Hinder notified that he would be attending out of personal interest but would submit a report on the meeting to the committee.

#### 7. **Neighbourhood Development Plans.**

**Noted** the first stage for obtaining the community's views is under way. **Noted** a local residents' action group was challenging Harrietsham Parish Council on one aspect of its NDP.

#### 8. **Volunteer Groups.**

Friends of Boxley Warren. Cllr Bob Hinder gave a report on the new pond at Boxley Warren and reminded members of the event planned for 15 June. Walderslade Woods Group. Cllr Springate informed members that 40, four being new, volunteers, attended the recent task day. Cllr Davies informed members that a draft management plan had been received and was being considered by the group. **Action: Clerk** report to PRow and Medway Council that the steps at Tunbury Valley need attention.

#### 9. **Highways and Byways.**

Noted the Milestone Society's campaign to conserve and protect milestones and waymarkers. It was **agreed** that councillors and the community would be asked to help find any of these structures and details would be submitted to the society. **Action: Clerk.**

#### 10. **Policy and procedures review.**

None to review.

11. **Matters for information.**

**Noted** MA/14/0387 Erection of a single storey rear extension (amended plans) at Highmill, Tyland Lane, Sandling. Another planning application amendment is expected

12. **Next Meeting.**

Next full environment meeting 14 July 2014 at Beechen Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.

13. **Enforcement and Section 106 updates from MBC.**

None submitted.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

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