

Minutes of the Environment Committee on Monday 6 July 2015 at the Weaving Village Hall, Weaving Street commencing at 8.30 pm.

Councillors present: Mrs W Hinder (Chairman), Mrs P Brooks, Mr Ivor Davies, Mr P Dengate, Mr B Hinder, Mr A Springate and Mrs M Waller together and the Clerk.

1. **Apologies and absences**

Cllr M Hinchliffe (holiday) and Cllr D Hollands (holiday)

2. **Declaration of Interests, dispensations, predetermination or Lobbying**

None declared.

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

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

15/503922/FULL. Gate and footpath leading onto Old Lordwood Lane within Maidstone boundary relevant to proposed detached house within the Medway boundary at plot 6 Highview Farm Lordswood Lane Chatham Kent ME5 8JP. **Ratified** Clerk's decision, after consultation with Chairman and Vice chairman

Do not wish to object however there is concern that by allowing this gate and access it will encourage future owners to use the Ancient Woodland to dispose of their garden waste which will have a detrimental affect due to the introduction of nutrients, pesticides, diseases and non-native species. There is also concern that if Old Lordswood Lane is not blocked to vehicular access it will ultimately become clogged with parked cars from all the new properties planned for the wider site.

15/504448/TPO. TPO application to 1no. Oak - crown lift to 6m, clear buildings by 3m, thin canopy by 10%. 1no Silver Birch to 6m, reduce height to 15m at 1 Violet Close Boxley Kent ME5 9ND. **Ratified** Clerk's decision, after consultation with members

Do not wish to object defer to the views of the landscape officer.

15/504430/TPO/NIGA. TPO application to - 3no Ash trees - Fell, 7no Field Maple - reduce in height by 6-7m, 1no Silver Birch reduce by 2m, 1no Norway Maple - crown reduce by 4.5m, 2no Leylan Cypress - Fell at 4 Wents Wood Weaving Kent ME14. **Ratified** Clerk's decision, after consultation with members

Do not wish to object defer to the views of the landscape officer.

15/503913/FULL. Conversion of integral garage into habitable space and new detached garage to front of dwelling at 7 Wagoners Close Weaving Kent ME14 5SG. **Ratified** Clerk's decision, after consultation with members

Do not wish to object.

15/504429/FULL. New side dormer to existing first floor level at Bassetts Grove Green Road Weaving Kent ME14 5JT. **Ratified** Clerk's decision, after consultation with members

Do not wish to object.

15/502550/FULL- Removal of condition 9 (existing buildings within the site to be removed) of planning permission MA/13/1712 and change of use of building attached to south -western corner of barn into domestic use associated to the barn and associated works including alterations to the barn's fenestration detail at Court Lodge Farm, The Street, Boxley, Kent ME13 3DX. **Ratified** Clerk's decision, after consultation with members

Wished to see refused but not reported to the planning committee for the reason set out below:

To prevent overdevelopment of the site which is set within the AONB and to safeguard the character and appearance of the surrounding area. As nothing has changed in this respect since the condition was imposed, there appears to be no good material reason to have it removed.

15/504446/TPO. TPO application to Fell - 1no. Hornbeam at 14 Spenlow Drive Boxley Kent ME5 9JT. **Ratified** Clerk's decision, after consultation with members
Do not wish to object defer to the views of the landscape officer.

15/504689/FULL – Front porch, first floor front and side extensions and garage conversion at 43 Lombardy Drive, Maidstone ME14 5TB. *Do not wish to object*

15/504825/TPO – TPO application to fell 1no. Beech at Alexandra Hospital, Impton Lane, Walderslade ME5 9PG.
Objection but do not wish to see reported to the planning committee. The accompanying report states that there should be a six month review however there is no secondary report concerning the fruiting body. It is understood that a fruiting body is quite normal on a Beech tree of this age and up until this date there has been active management and the accompanying report does not indicate that there is immediate danger. The removal of this tree will have an adverse impact on the streets scene.

Next Meeting

Next full environment meeting 13 July at Beechen Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m. Items for the agenda must be with the parish office no later than 6 July 2015.

Meeting closed at 8.36 pm.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman Date