

**Minutes of the Environment Committee on Monday 7 November 2016 at The European School of Osteopathy, Styles Lane, Boxley commencing at 8.50 pm.**

Councillors present: Cllr Wendy Hinder (Chairman), Cllr Ivor Davies, Cllr Paul Dengate, Cllr Bob Hinder Cllr Hollands and Cllr Robert Martins together with the Clerk.

**1 Apologies and absences**

Mr Radcliffe Godfrey (work commitment). Ms Lynn Clarke (convalescing)

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

None declared.

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

**3 Planning Applications for Consideration**

16/507292/OUT - Outline Application with access matters sought for development of medical campus comprising up to 98,000 sqm of additional floorspace (including additional hospital facilities, clinics, consultation rooms and a rehabilitation centre (classes C2/D1); education and training facilities with residential accommodation (class C2/D1); keyworker accommodation for nurses and doctors (class C3); pathology laboratories (class B1); business uses (class B1); ancillary retail services (class A1, A2, A3); and up to 116 bed class C2 neuro-rehabilitation accommodation; internal roads and car parks, including car park for residents of Giddeys Pond Cottages; hard and soft landscaping including creation of a nature reserve (to renew existing consent 13/1163) at Newnham Park, Bearsted Road, Weaving, Kent. *Do not wish to object.*

16/507456/TPO – TPO Application – for the removal to ground level of 3 x stems of Sweet Chestnut. For the coppicing to ground level of two stands of Sweet Chestnut (approx. 22 stems) at 1 Brockbank Close, Boxley, Kent. ME5 9US. *Do not wish to object defer to the views of the Landscape Officer.*

16/507309/TPO - TPO application – reduce height of group of trees by approximately 3 metres (current height 10m) and remove any overhanging branches (finished height 7m) at Rear Of The Hedgerow/Greenways, Weaving, Kent. Deadline 1 November 2016. **Ratified** the Assistant Clerk's decision, after consultation with members. *Do not wish to object. Defer to the views of the Landscape Officer.*

16/506883/TPO – TPO application - an application for consent to: Prunus cerasus - cherry: to be Crown thinned by 1 metre; Prunus padus - bird cherry: Crown lifted to a height of 5 metres; Quercus petraea - Sessile Oak - Crown lifted to a height of 5 metres; Betula pendula - Silver Birch: Crown lifted to a height of 8 metres; Prunus padus - bird cherry: Crown lifted to a height of 6 metres; Prunus padus - bird cherry: Crown lifted to a height of 6 - 7 metres; Fraxinus excelsior - ash: Crown lifted to a height of 8 metres; Quercus petraea - Sessile oak: Crown lifted and crown thinned by 15% maximum. Neighbouring trees - Pyrus communis - pear: Crown reduced by 1.5 metre from branch tips; Malus domestica - apple: Crown reduced by 1.5 metres from branch tips at 12 Bellgrove Court, Boxley, ME5 9PQ. **Ratified** the Assistant Clerk's decision, after consultation with members. *Do not wish to object. Defer to the views of the Landscape Officer.*

16/506880/FULL – Two storey side/rear extensions at 1 Ploughmans Way, Boxley, ME5 9DE. **Ratified** the Assistant Clerk's decision, after consultation with members. *Do not wish to object.*

**4 Next Meeting**

Next full environment meeting 14 November 2016 at The European School of Osteopathy, Styles Lane, Boxley commencing at 7:30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.58 pm.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

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