

**Minutes of the Environment Committee on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at Weaving Village Hall, Weaving Street commencing at 8.48 pm.**

Councillors present: Mr P Dengate (Chairman), Mrs P Brooks, Ms L Clarke, Mr Ivor Davies, Mr M Hinchliffe, Mrs M Waller and together with the Clerk and Cllr Clarke.

**1 Apologies and absences**

Cllr B Hinder (unwell), Cllr Wendy Hinder (unwell) and Cllr Hollands (previous commitment).

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

None submitted.

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

**3 Planning Applications for Consideration**

16/500103/TPO TPO application to 1no. Hornbeam, 5no. Ash Trees - Cut back any overhanging branches to the boundary line. To the rear of 12, 13 and 14 Silver Tree Close at 7 - 14 Silver Tree Close Boxley Kent ME5 9ST.

**Ratified** Clerk's decision, after consultation with members, *do not wish to object defer to the views of the Landscape Officer.*

16/501065/TPO TPO application to 2no. Hornbeam - Fell at 14 Travertine Road Boxley Kent ME5 9LQ. Deadline 2 March 2016.

**Ratified** Clerk's decision, after consultation with members, *do not wish to object defer to the views of the Landscape Officer.*

16/501103/TPO TPO application to Hornbeam (T1) - fell. Hornbeam (T2) - reduce height by 30% ie from 22m to 15m at 8 Round Wood Close Walderslade Kent ME5 9UL.

**Ratified** Clerk's decision, after consultation with members, *do not wish to object defer to the views of the Landscape Officer.*

16/500889/FULL Variation of Condition (02) of planning permission MA/13/1348 - Demolition of redundant cattle shed and other structures and conversion of traditional courtyard buildings to provide 2 no. dwellings with access, parking and landscaping (to allow the use of handmade clay tiles in place of Kent peg tiles) at Street Farm The Street Boxley Kent ME14 3DR.

**Ratified** Clerk's decision, after consultation with members,

Wish to see refused. Permission for the traditional farmyard buildings to be converted to residential dwellings was granted in 2013 with the condition that handmade Kent peg tiles were used. MBC identified that this, and other conditions, was needed, "to ensure the appearance and character of the buildings, the setting of the listed buildings and the conservation area is maintained".

This development is immediately adjacent to the Boxley Village Conservation area and is on the edge of the village which is within the AONB. Street Farm is a prominent site and is visible from the North Downs and also as you approach/enter the village from the south; with its traditional courtyard layout and the large roofed structures the parish council considers that the original condition should be upheld.

The original planning application made much of the need to ensure a traditional look and to have a specific design with high grade materials. To now compromise on the roofing materials will make a mockery of the original permission and adversely impact on the visual amenity of the AONB, the conservation area and the appearance and character of the buildings. A quick search of the internet has found numerous sites that offer handmade and reclaimed Kent Peg Tiles and so the argument that they are difficult to source is not accepted.

If the planning officer is minded to permit this application the parish council wishes to have it reported to the Maidstone Planning Committee.

16/500966/FULL Proposed detached dwelling with integral garage at 811 Lordswood Lane Chatham Kent ME5 8JP.

**Ratified** Clerk's decision, after consultation with members, *Members decided not to make a comment.*

16/500943/FULL Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of replacement two storey rear extension at 1 Highridge Close Weaving Kent ME14 5XQ.

**Ratified** Clerk's decision, after consultation with members, *do not wish to object.*

16/500634/FULL Two storey side and rear extension at 18 Cinnabar Close Walderslade.

*Do not wish to object however concerns were raised over the proximity of the extension to the neighbouring property.*

16/501210/FULL Erect conservatory to side of property at 11 Travertine Road Walderslade.

*Do not wish to object.*

16/501245/TPO TPO application to 1No. Hornbeam – reduce by 1/3 at 37 Forestdale Road, Walderslade,

*Do not wish to object defer to the views of the Landscape Officer.*

16/501405/FULL Demolition of conservatory and erection of a single storey extension to north rear elevation at 63 Bargrove Road, Vinters Park.

*Do not wish to object.*

16/500259/FULL To move the existing fence out to a space previously occupied by 10no. Conifer trees at 10 Olivine Close Walderslade Kent ME5 9NQ. Deadline 14 March 2016.

*Do not wish to object.*

#### 4 **Next Meeting**

Next full environment meeting 14 March at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade commencing at 7:30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.52 pm.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

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