

Minutes of the Environment Committee on Monday 8 February 2016 St John's School, Provender Way, Grove Green commencing at 7.00 pm.

Councillors present: Mrs Wendy Hinder (Chairman), Mr Ivor Davies, Mr P Dengate, Mr M Hinchliffe, Mr R Hinder, Mr D Hollands, Mrs M Waller together with the Mr Vic Davies, Ms Clarke, Mr Sullivan, the Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Mr Buckwell of DHA and three members of the public.

1 Apologies and absences

Cllr Brooks (unwell).

2 Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

None.

Item 4 was taken at this point.

3 Minutes of the Meetings of 11th, 18th and 25th January 2016

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

4 Development at KIMS Medical Campus

A presentation was received from the applicant's agent.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.18 pm to allow members of the public and councillors to ask questions. Issues covered were: parking spaces, light pollution, layout of building, impact on wildlife, landscaping, etc. The meeting reconvened at 7.35pm.

16/500360/REM Approval of Reserved Matters following outline planning permission MA/13/1163 for the erection of a 65-bed hospital, with associated parking and landscaping at Zone 10, Kent Medical Campus, Maidstone (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale being sought). Land South Of Kent Institute Of Medicine And Surgery Newnham Park, Grove Green.
Do not wish to object.

Cllr Clarke was invited to join the meeting as a member of the Environment Committee.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

5.1 Minute 2828/4.2 Advertising boards at Roundwood roundabout. These had now been removed. **Noted.**

5.2 Minute 2828/4.3 HGV parking. Clerk was requested to continue monitoring and to report back any developments. **Action Clerk.**

5.3 Minute 2828/4.4 Installation of hard standing/apron at Boxley Road noticeboard. KALC has been approached again about the prospect of getting KCC to cancel or amend the charge for parish councils to work on its verges. Details of the proposed work have been provided to KCC. **Noted.**

5.4 Minute 2828/4.5 Weaving Street Speed Reduction. Clerk was requested to continue monitoring and to report back any developments. **Action Clerk.**

5.5 Minute 2828/4.7 Maidstone Enterprise Zone. **No further action.**

5.6 Minute 2830/7.2 Inconsiderate parking Provender Way. Funding was not available from KCC and it was **agreed** that the parish council would approach County Cllr Paul Carter for financial support to get lines installed. **Action Clerk.**

5.7 Minute 2830/7.4 Old Chalk New Downs Project. Cllr Bob Hinder to attend consultation on 8th March. **Noted.**

5.8 Any other matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda. None.

6 Planning Applications for Consideration.

16/500303/FULL Single-storey front extension; Rear extension to garage; Alterations to driveway at 41 Timber Tops, Lordswood. *Do not wish to object.*

16/500340/FULL Demolition and removal of existing conservatory and erection of single storey side and rear extension incorporating additional living areas with utility room, wet room, study and front porch at 7 Bakery Cottages Chatham Road Sandling. *Do not wish to object.*

16/500421/FULL Demolition of existing dwelling and greenhouse, and erection of a replacement dwelling; Part demolition and alterations to existing outbuildings; Re-alignment of existing driveway at Park Croft, The Street, Boxley.

Do not wish to object.

16/500486/FULL erection of a single storey side and rear extension with internal alterations at Hillside, Harbourland Close, Boxley.

Do not wish to object but concern raised about the lack of additional on-site parking.

16/500663/TPO TPO application to 2no. Sycamore - Reduce by 50% and remove deadwood at 7 Bellgrove Court, Walderslade.

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

MC/15/3781 Construction of a proposed 4 bedroom dwelling with detached garage and associated parking. Land adjacent to 803 Lordswood Lane, Lordswood. Revised design details and positioning of proposed development.

Clerk was asked to investigate previous response and liaise with members. **Action Clerk and councillors.**

15/508305/OUT. Amended details – Phase 1 Ecological Assessment. Outline application for demolition of existing cattery and outbuildings and the erection of a two storey detached dwelling with associated double garage, parking and turning. Shared access with Lavender Cottage with access to be considered at this stage and all other matters reserved for future consideration at Lavender Cottage, Bearsted Rd, Weaving. *Noted.*

16/500783/FULL Two storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory at 15 Travertine Road, Walderslade. *Do not wish to object.*

7 **Planning Decisions, Appeals and Appeals Decisions**

MC/14/2395 - Gibraltar Farm, Ham Lane, Hempstead. Gillingham Planning permission refused by Medway Council.

*15/506694 Glenside, Boxley Rd, Walderslade. Conversion of garage to ancillary accommodation. Permitted.

The Clerk was asked to investigate whether a wooden structure beside a garage on The Banks had received planning permission. **Action office.**

8 **Highways and Byways**

8.1 Bollards on verge adjacent to Boxley Rd/Travertine Rd junction. Lengthy discussion took place covering: damage to the verge, inconsiderate parking, need to reinstate verge, number of bollards and a different design to stop all parking. The Clerk to investigate an alternative design and also to write to local residents about inconsiderate parking. **Action Clerk and office.**

8.2 Resident petition to have speed reduction and junction improvements on Walderslade Woods Road. Members are notified that, due to the recent crashes, one has been started and details will be supplied to the committee as it develops. **Noted.**

8.3 Resident petition to have speed reduction and traffic calming Lidsing Road. Members are notified that, due to the recent crash, one has been started and details will be supplied to the committee as it develops. **Noted.**

8.4 Parking problems Autumn Glade, Lordswood. Residents are discussing proposals to resolve the parking issues and details will be supplied to the committee as it develops. **Noted.**

- 8.5 Lower Thames Crossing Route Consultation 2016 – Have Your Say. The Clerk was asked to provide a briefing paper covering the areas relating to a possible knock on effect on the A229 and Walderslade. **Action Clerk.**
9. **NPPF Consultation**
Members **received** and **noted** the briefing note. A parish council response was **agreed. Action Clerk.**
10. **KCC Consultation- Making the best use of the Mobile Library Service**
Members **received** and **noted** the briefing note. A parish council response was **agreed. Action Clerk.**
11. **Volunteer Groups**
Received and **noted** Cllr Bob Hinder’s report on the recent task day and the situation regarding the entrance.
12. **Policy and Procedures**
Inconsiderate parking advice notes, rescheduled to next meeting. **Noted.**
13. **Maidstone Local Plan**
The Local Plan public consultation and the draft Integrated Transport Strategy consultation will run for 6 weeks from 6 February until 18 March and a briefing will be included on the next agenda. Members were advised that a briefing note would be prepared and it was likely that an additional meeting would need to be arranged. **Noted.** The consultation is to be advertised on the parish council’s website with a link to the MBC website. **Action Clerk.**
14. **Matters for Information**
- 14.1 Annual Planning Conference on Monday 7 March 2016 at Lenham Community Centre. **Noted.**
 - 14.2 Development on land west of Eclipse Park. **Received** and **noted** comments from councillors who had attended the public meeting.
 - 14.3 The Larches, Pilgrims Way. The update on the KCC’s inadvertent advertising of the site for disposal was **noted.** Members **agreed** to wait to see what KCC did next.
 - 14.4 Kent Resource Partnership Delivery of letters concerning metal recycling was **noted.**
15. **Next Meeting**
Next Environment Committee meeting 14th March 2016 at Beechen Hall commencing at 7:30 pm.
16. **Enforcement and Section 106 updates from MBC**
Members were notified that an outstanding enforcement issue was now the subject of a planning application. Members expressed concern that MBC was ignoring planning conditions that it had imposed and encouraging planning applications to gain approval. The Clerk was asked to seek information on an issue referred to by a planning officer which for which there appears to have been no action.

Meeting closed at 9.13 pm.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman Date