

Minutes of the Environment Committee on Monday 2 September 2019 at The European School of Osteopathy, Styles Lane, Boxley, ME14 3DZ to follow the Main Council meeting commencing at 7:30pm.

Present: Mrs W Hinder (Chairman), Mrs A Brindle, Mrs L Clarke, Mr I Davies, Mr B Hinder, Mr J Constable, Mr D Hollands and Mrs P Huntingford, together with Mrs D Baylis Clerk

1 **Apologies and absences**

Cllr J Willmott

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

None

3. **Minutes of the Meetings 19 August 2019**

The minutes were agreed and signed as a correct record.

4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

4.1 Minute 3268/4.3 Litter bin New Cut Road. An email had been received from MBC saying that they had no budget to replace the bin and asking the Parish Council to pay for one to be installed. After discussion it was agreed that Councillor Constable would take some photographs to demonstrate how bad the litter and dog waste bag problem has become since the removal of the dog waste bin so that the Clerk can contact MBC and ask for a replacement bin to be installed in place of the one they removed. It was agreed that another bin needed to be placed near the traffic lights on New Cut Road. As this was mainly a problem with school children dropping litter, the Clerk was asked to write to the school to see if they would donate towards the cost of a bin.

To adjourn to allow members of the public to address the meeting

No members of the public present

5. **Planning applications for consideration**

19/504189/TPOA – 11 Podkin Wood, Walderslade, ME5 9LY

Tree Preservation Order application: Hornbeam (T1) – 5 stem coppice. Crown lift to achieve ground clearance of 5.5 m, reduce canopy to a height of 12 m and radial spread of 4.5 m. Oak (T2) – crown lift to achieve 5.5 m ground clearance. Thin canopy by 10% focusing on dead wood and inferior conflicting branches. Reasons for work: alleviate building encroachment and enhance natural light.

Boxley Parish Council response: Boxley Parish Council do not wish to object, defer to the view of the Landscape officer

19/504106/FULL – 10 Goldstone Walk, Boxley, Chatham, ME5 9QB

Removal of front bay window and supporting wooden struts and erection of a new bay window with supporting brickwork

Boxley Parish Council response: Boxley Parish Council has no material planning reason to object to this application

19/504097/FULL – Abbey Court, Boarley Lane, Sandling, ME14 3DD

Proposed temporary siting of mobile type building for use as office accommodation for a period of 5 years.

Boxley Parish Council response: Boxley Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons:

The site is on the edge of the AONB and clearly visible from both the M20 and A229. Boarley Lane is very narrow any increase in traffic would cause problems particularly with exiting on to the main road.

If the Planning Officer is minded to approval, Boxley Parish Council would like to request that a condition is added for extensive landscaping to hide the building from view and reduce its impact on the surrounding countryside.

19/502829/FULL – Vinters Park Crematorium, Bearsted Road, Weaving, ME14 5LG

Adaption to existing space to house cold storage facilities with new link extension to main building and creation of new opening to the East elevation and installation of 1no. air conditioning unit.

Boxley Parish Council response: Boxley Parish Council would like to see this application approved.

19/503437/FULL – Bridgewater, Tyland Lane, Sandling, ME14 3BL

Proposed loft conversion, including new side dormer, erection of a single storey rear extension, including new render to facades and insertion of new window to front elevation, and erection of a single storey rear extension to existing garages.

Boxley Parish Council response: Boxley Parish Council has no material planning reason to object to this application

19/504058/FULL -Yew Tree House, Grange Lane, Sandling, ME14 3DB

Conversion of existing garage to a self-contained dwelling with new access via Grange Lane.

Boxley Parish Council response: Boxley Parish Council has no material planning reason to object to this application but have concerns about adequate parking provision given the location. If the Planning Officer is minded to approve the application Boxley Parish Council would like a condition imposed that keeps the building used as an annex to the existing property and not sold as a separate dwelling.

19/504210/FULL – 8 Teasel Close, Weaving, ME14 5FN

Single storey rear extension

Boxley Parish Council response: Boxley Parish Council has no material planning reason to object to this application

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

The Planning decisions on the Agenda were noted.

7. **Items for Next Agenda**

Requests for items to be included on the agenda to be submitted no later than 5 September 2019.

Noted.

8. **Next Meeting**

Next Environment Committee meeting 9 September 2019 at 7.30 pm at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, ME5 9RU

Meeting closed 9.30pm.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman Date