

**Minutes of the Environment Committee on Monday 9 September 2019 at
Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade commencing at 6.00 pm.**

Present: Mrs A Brindle (Chair), Mr I Davies, Mrs P Huntingford, together with Mrs D Baylis Clerk.

1 Apologies and absences

Apologies received from: Cllrs W Hinder, B Hinder, Ms L Clarke, J Willmott and Mr D Hollands

2. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

None

3. Minutes of the Meeting 2 September 2019

The minutes were agreed subject to amendment.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Minute 3268/4.2 Junction 3 M2. 10 MPs request for action on local infrastructure. Cllr B Hinder to contact MP. Deferred in the absence of Cllr Hinder

4.2 Minute 3268/4.3 Litter bin New Cut Road. Clerk awaiting responses to enquiries.

4.3 Minute 3268/4.5 Land to rear of Tesco. Deferred.

4.4 Any other matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda

Minute 3286 Item 13, request for MBC and KCC maintenance schedules. A response had been received from MBC and the Clerk and Cllrs B and W Hinder had been invited to a meeting to view the schedules.

Minute 3285 - **19/503943/FULL - Downs View Farm Pilgrims Way Boxley Maidstone Kent ME14 3EB** Demolition of 2no. existing commercial portal-framed buildings, removal of existing hardstanding across the site and construction of a replacement building for office use, with associated parking and landscaping. A neighbouring resident had written to the Parish Council requesting that they look into making Styles Lane one way. It was decided that in the view of the Committee this would not be possible and that the matter should be referred to the Highways department at MBC.

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

No members of the public present.

5. Planning Applications for Consideration

19/504002/FULL – Abbey Court Farm, Lidsing Road, Lidsing, Gillingham, ME7 3NL

Conversion and single storey extension to existing agricultural building to form a single residential dwelling with associated parking and amenity space (Amendment to 18/506686/PNQCLA)

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

19/50303845/FULL – 6 Pinewood Drive, Boxley, ME5 8XU

Creation of a dropped kerb

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

19/504340/TPOA – 9 Round wood close, Walderslade, ME5 9UL

TPO application to fell one oak tree

This was deferred as no documents were available on the MBC website. The Clerk would circulate them to members once received.

19/503836/TPO – Tree Preservation Order application: T1/2 – reduce maple trees from approx. 50 feet to 25 feet. T3 – reduce maple tree from approx. 35 feet to 15 feet, to previous cut points. T4 reduce maple tree (approx. 20 feet tall) by approx. 6-8 feet, to be clear of cctv camera. T5 – hornbeam – remove 2 lower limbs growing towards the main building at Alexandra Hospital, Impton Lane, ME5 9PG. Deadline: 24 September 2019.

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

19/504400/FULL – Removal of condition 2 to application 17/503989/FULL for replacement of existing temporary structure with a two-story portable cabin to provide additional storage space and a conference room for The Veterinary Hospital at Newnham Court Veterinary Group, Newnham Court Farm, Bearsted Road, Weaving ME14 5EL. Deadline 27 September 2019.

It was decided to make no response to this application.

Planning Applications for Ratification.

The planning responses made were ratified.

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

The Planning decisions on the Agenda were noted.

18/503492/OUT Land at Junction of New Cut Road and Bearsted Road, Weaving

Outline application for erection of a care home (Use Class C2) with access to Bearsted Road including landscaping, parking and associated works. Matters of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale are reserved for future consideration.

This was deferred as it requires a detailed response and members wished to do further research.

7. **Highways and Byways**

7.2 To consider any issues raised at the meeting

Daffodil Bulbs – it was agreed to spend £50 on bulbs and plant more into the areas already planted to increase density and look for other sites suitable for planting.

8. **Policy and Procedures**

None scheduled for review. **Noted.**

9. **Members and Officer's Reports**

9.1 To receive and reports or notifications of issues from members.

Cllr Brindle had bought along a copy of the information she'd received at a recent planning training event.

10. **Planning Training from MBC**

Members would contact the Clerk for booking if they were interested.

11. **Consultations**

2 invitations for consultation from KCC had been received. The drainage and planning policy statement was considered to need expert knowledge beyond the scope of the Councillors present.

The Flood Investigation Reporting Policy consultation was noted.

12. **Volunteer Groups**

No reports submitted.

13. **Items for Next Agenda**

Requests for items to be included on the agenda to be submitted no later than 1 October 2019.

Noted.

14. **Next Meeting**

Next Environment Committee meeting 7th October 2019 to follow the Main Council meeting at St Johns School, ME14 5TZ commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 8.40pm.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman Date