

Minutes of the Environment Committee on Monday 2 March 2020 at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present: Mrs A Brindle – Chair, Ms L Clarke, Mr I Davies J Willmott, together with Mrs D Baylis, Clerk.

1 Apologies and absences

Cllrs Bob Hinder, John Constable, D Hollands

2. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

Cllr J Willmott stated that he would take no part in any discussion or decision on Planning application 19/505949

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

No members of the public present.

3. Planning Applications for Consideration or ratification

19/506140/TPOA - Spire Alexandra Hospital, Impton Lane, Walderslade

Tree preservation Order application to: G1 – a group of 6 mixed trees 60-65ft tall and spread of 50-60ft consisting of Beech, Ash and Hornbeam to the rear of no 9 Orbit Close, reduce height by 25 percent (15-20ft) remove overhanging branches into neighbours property and the hospitals road by approx. 12f feet. G2 – group of six mixed trees 60-65ft tall and have a spread of 50-60ft consisting of Beech, Ash and Hornbeam to reduce all over by 15-20 feet to clear them of neighbouring property. Deadline 6/3/20.

Boxley Parish Council response: Boxley Parish Council defer to the opinion of the Tree Officer.

20/500673/TPOA – 1 The Medlars, ME14 5RZ

TPO application – T1 Sweet Chestnut re-pollard and reduce 4 x lower lateral branches by 1 m (maintenance/size control). Deadline 11/3/20.

Boxley Parish Council response: Boxley Parish Council defer to the opinion of the Tree Officer.

20/500718/TPOA Land Adjacent The Street Boxley Kent (Boxley Village Green

Tree Preservation Order Application: T3 and T4 – sycamore trees – crown raise the overhanging branches to 4m. These are overhanging the green with many branches almost 1m from the floor, these are causing massive overshadowing and causing people wanting to sit on the benches to have to duck to get underneath them. Deadline 6/3/20 (BPC Application).

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

20/500690/TCA – Boxley Village Green, The Street, Boxley

Trees in a Conservation Area notification: T1 Cherry Tree – reduce branch on one side to improve shape and encourage more even growth. T2 – Catalpa – remove two branches which overhang the road, these are cracked and likely to fall into the road. Dead wood throughout the tree to be removed to improve health and appearance of tree. Deadline 9/3/20 (BPC application).

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

20/500599/FULL Burley Profile Specialists, Unit 2 Old Mill Lane, Aylesford, ME20 7DT

Refurbishment of existing building including removal of all asbestos products (roof and wall Panels). Deadline 9/3/20.

Boxley Parish Council response: Boxley Parish Council have no objections to this application .

20/500516/SUB – Valley Park Community School, Huntsman Lane, ME14 5DT

Submission of details pursuant to condition 16 (Community Use Agreement) in relation t

Boxley Parish Council response: Boxley Parish Council would like an explanation of how the conflict between the planning permission requiring all external lighting to be switched off between 10pm and 7am and the Community Use Agreement allowing use of the facilities until 10.30pm.

19/505949 – Land to back of Cherry Orchard Court Lodge Farm, The Street, Boxley

This is on the Agenda for the Planning Committee on the 5th March.

Cllr Lynn Clarke is speaking on behalf of BPC.

4. **Notifications**

Noted

5. **Next Meeting**

Next Environment Committee meeting 9 March 2020 at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade ME5 9RU commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 8.45 pm.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman Date