

Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Monday 7 December 2020 held by Conference call due to the Covid-19 Pandemic following on from the Parish Council Meeting commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllr B Hinder – Chair, I Davies Mrs P Huntingford, L Clarke, V Davies, D Hollands, A Brindle, W Salter, C Sheppard, J Wilmott together with Mrs D Baylis, Clerk, Mrs M Fooks Assistant Clerk and 3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies and absences**
None
2. **Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**
None.
3. **Minutes of the Meetings held on 9 November 2020**
The minutes were agreed and would be signed when possible.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
 - 4.1 Any other matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda.
None

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

No members of the public wished to speak

5. **Planning Applications for Consideration – Decision**

20/505203/TPOA 45 Forestdale Road, Walderslade ME5 9NB
TPO Application for 1 x (T1) Hornbeam – crown reduce by 4m currently stands at 9m down to 5m. 1 x (T2) Silver Birch – crown reduce by 3m currently stands at 11m down to 8m. 1 x (Oak (T3) prune back overhanging limbs from garage building by 4m to branch collars and crown reduce 1.5/2m currently 0 down to 7m). 1 x Lawson Cypress (T4) Fell to ground level.
Boxley Parish Council Response: Boxley Parish Council defer to the views of the Tree Officer

20/505502/TPOA Trefilian 6 Greenways, Weaving ME14 5JU
TPO Application for (G2) Reduce group of 4 x Sycamore to approx. 7m x 4m, (T5) Reduce Oak to approx. 9.5m, (T2, T4 and G1) Reduce 4 Field Maple to approx. 7m x 7m, (T6) Reduce 4 Field Maple to approx. 7m x 6m and (T1 and T3) Reduce 2 Ash to approx. 7m x 5m. Similar for ongoing works 20/503387/TPOA and 20/503388/TPOA (authorised in September 2020) to include works to trees rear of no. 26 The Hedgerow.
Boxley Parish Council Response: Boxley Parish Council defer to the views of the Tree Officer

20/505394/FULL 36 Shepherds Gate Drive, Weaving ME14 5UU
Demolition of existing detached garage, erection of a single storey rear extension and a part single storey, part storey side extension.
Boxley Parish Council Response: Boxley Parish Council object to this planning application for the following reasons:

 1. The proposed extension is oversized for the plot and an overlarge increase in the existing house footprint.
 2. It is very out of keeping with the existing street scene.
 3. It would set a precedent for similar extensions which would alter the character of the estate.
 4. It would be very detrimental to the neighbours at number 34. It would leave them with a brick wall to the front of the property which would adversely affect their outlook.
It would overshadow their property blocking light.

5. The front extension would result in the loss of the drive and parking spaces.

If the Case Officer is minded to approval then Boxley Parish Council would like this application referred to the Planning Committee.

20/505473/FULL 20 Coulters Close, Weaving ME14 5SU

Erection of a single storey rear extension and conversion of existing garage to a study/playroom (resubmission of 20/504532/PNEXT).

Boxley Parish Council Response: Boxley Parish Council have no material planning reasons to object to this application.

20/505263/TPOA 13 Podkin Walk, Walderslade, ME5 9LY

Group of mixed broad leaves (G1) – side prune trees back to fence line, up to a height of 5m. Pruning secondary branches only and back to suitable growth points. Reason: to improve light to the property.

Boxley Parish Council Response: Boxley Parish Council defer to the views of the Tree Officer

20/505336/TPOA 9 Abigail Crescent, Walderslade, ME5 9DZ

TPO application – G1 Group of Common Hornbeams and Beech Trees, Height currently 12m. Lowest limb currently 15 2.5m to be raised by 6m. Reason for works – smaller trees in garden are being light suppressed.

Boxley Parish Council Response: Boxley Parish Council defer to the views of the Tree Officer

20/505313/TPOA 6 Chequers Close, Boxley, ME5 9SR

TPO application 0 T1 and T2 (Ash) fell, trees significantly overhang property and beginning to show signs of decline. T3 (Beech) Crown lift to 5m due to excessive shading. T4 (Beech) fell, tree is growing below the canopy of T3 and is causing excessive shading and leaning significantly towards property. And T5 (Beech) Crown lift to 6m because of excessive shading at the front of the property.

Boxley Parish Council Response: Boxley Parish Council defer to the views of the Tree Officer

APPEALS

APP/U2235/D/20/3263417 Bridgewater, Tyland Lane, Sandling

Installation of a window to front gable and insertion of 4no. side dormers (Resubmission of **20/501170/FULL**). **Deadline 6 weeks from start date 25 November 2020**

6. **Ratifications**

It was proposed by Cllr B Hinder, Seconded by Cllr I Davies and all agreed that the planning responses made out of meeting by the Clerk after consulting members be ratified.

7. The proposed developments for consideration in the Local Plan Review would form a large part of the Agenda for the meeting on the 14th December and Cllr Hinder expected a large number of members of the public to attend.

Members of the public would be allowed a maximum of 3 minutes to speak and no repetition of already made comments would be permitted. Cllr A Brindle said that she had advised residents to elect a spokesperson to put all their comments forward but did not know if they were acting on her advice.

Many Councillors had been contacted by residents from Sandling. The Clerk was collating all comments received into one document to ensure that all Councillors had seen them.

Cllr Hinder said that Councillors should respond to all residents without any agreement to oppose the developments as this would constitute predetermination.

8. **Items for Next Agenda**

None

9. **Next Meeting**

Next Environment Committee meeting 14 December 2020 commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed 9.15 pm.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman Date