

**Minutes of the Environment Committee on Monday 6 July 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, Cllrs A Brindle, Mr I Davies, Mrs P Huntingford, J Willmott, D Hollands and L Clarke together with Mrs D Baylis, Clerk.

1 Apologies and absences

None all present

2 Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

None

3 Minutes of the Meetings held on 2 March 2020

The minutes were agreed and would be signed when possible.

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Minute 3330/4.1 Junction 3 M2. Cllr Hinder reported that this had been postponed from the July meeting until the October meeting in spite of assurances that it would be on the July Agenda. He would be asking questions regarding its postponement at the JTB meeting next week.

4.2 Any other matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda.

Gibraltar Farm Planning Application

Cllr Hinder had spoken at the Planning Committee Meeting as both Borough and Parish Councillor. He reported that Yelsted Lane was not mentioned. Highways did say that it should have been included.

The developer said that a sum of money (£100,000 proposed) was being set aside for traffic calming measures in Boxley and Bredhurst but there were no actual plans as to how this would be achieved. Traffic calming measures will not deter traffic from using the villages as a cut through.

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

No members of the public had joined the meeting.

5. Planning Applications for Consideration – Decision

20/502312/TPOA 2 Wildfell Close, Walderslade, ME5 9RU

TPO application for 1x Oak –(T1) Remove long limbs growing directly over the roof of no 2 and neighbour, reduce the remainder of the tree by 1.5-2 meters with a final measurement height of 11m with a crown spread of 4m.

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

20/502527/TPOA 8 Round Wood Close, Walderslade, ME5 9UL

Tree Preservation Order Application: Hornbeam (T1) reduce height from 15m to 10m due to adverse lean.

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

20/502724/TPOA 5 and 6 Greenways, Weaving, ME14 5JU

TPO application to cut back to boundary 5 x trees overhanging branches from No 5 Greenways and cut back to boundary 4 x trees overhanging branches from No 6 Greenways.

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

20/502740/TPOA 12 Round Wood Close, Walderslade, ME5 9UL

TPO application for 1x Hornbeam (T1) – crown lift to achieve 15m ground clearance. Thin canopy by 10% focusing on dead wood and inferior conflicting branches. 1x Oak (T2) – crown lift to achieve 15m ground clearance. Thin canopy by 10% focusing on dead wood and inferior conflicting branches. 1 x Cherry (T3) – remove lowest NE branch at 5m.

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

20/502595/TPOA 28 The Hedgerow, Weaving, ME14 5TG

TPO Application to remove branches of one Oak tree that are overhanging the boundary of No 26, reduction of height to 9.5m and crown lift to 6m: cut back branches on one Conifer, 4 Field Maples, one Ash and one Hazel to original pruning points (as per 17/502993/TPO).

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

20/502769/SUB Popesfield, Bearsted Road, Weaving

Submission of details pursuant to condition 20 (car park management plan) of application 18/506656/FULL

It was agreed that Cllr Hinder would come into the Parish Office and draft a response with the Clerk. He felt that the traffic assessment was very vague.

20/502772/TPOA 10 Longwood, Walderslade, ME5 9JG

TPO Application for 1x (T1) Old Chestnut coppice in far corner of garden in boundary fence, coppices just above ground level to allow regeneration and increase light in garden and 1 x (T2) Old Chestnut coppice in corner of garden, coppice to just above ground level to allow regeneration and increase light in garden.

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

20/502673/TPOA 9 Longwood, Walderslade, MR5 9JG

TPO Application for 1 x (T1) Hornbeam 15-20m Failed single ivy covered stem leaning into T3 and T11 re coppice just above ground level to allow regeneration. 1 x (T2) Hornbeam 15-20m Failed single ivy covered stem leaning into T3 and T11 re coppice just above ground level to allow regeneration. 1 x (T3) Hornbeam 15-20m Muti stemmed over stood coppice far stem leaning heavily. towards neighbouring property re coppice just above ground level to allow regeneration. 1 x (T4) Hornbeam 15-20m Muti stemmed over stood coppice re coppice just above ground level to allow regeneration. 1 x (T5) Hornbeam 15-20m single stem re coppice just above ground level to allow regeneration. 1 x (T6) Hornbeam 10m single stem re coppice just above ground level to allow regeneration. 1 x (T7) Hornbeam 10-15m single stem heavily leaning towards neighbouring property re coppice just above ground level to allow regeneration. 1 x (T8) Hornbeam 15-20m single stem re coppice just above ground level to allow regeneration. 1 x (T9) Hornbeam 15-20m Muti stemmed over stood coppice far stem leaning heavily towards neighbouring property re coppice just above ground level to allow regeneration. 1 x (T10) Hornbeam 15-20m Muti stemmed over stood coppice re coppice just above ground level to allow regeneration. 1 x (T11) Hornbeam 15-20m Muti stemmed over stood coppice leaning heavily towards property re coppice just above ground level to allow regeneration

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

KCC/MA/0065/2020 Elliott Environmental Drainage Ltd, St Michael's Close, Aylesford, ME20 7XE

The change of use from an existing industrial unit to form a Waste Treatment Facility, including the construction of both external and internal treatment plant, an internal packaging plant and other ancillary development.

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

6. **Ratifications**

The planning responses made out of meeting by the Clerk after consulting members were ratified

7. **Appeals**

Cllr Brindle had spoken to the Enforcement Officer and given them some aerial photographs she had of the site showing its development over the past few years.

8. **Decisions 8 March – 14 May 2020**

The Decisions were noted.

9. **Items for Next Agenda**

Requests for items to be included on the next Agenda.

Cllr Huntingford – retrospective planning applications

Cllr Hollands – Directional signs on the recently installed New Cut Road roundabout

10. **Next Meeting**

Next Environment Committee meeting 13 July 2020, venue to be confirmed, to start at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.40 pm.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman Date