

**Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Monday 13 September 2021 held at Beechen Hall, commencing at 7.30 pm.**

Present: B Hinder– Chair, I Davies, V Davies, C Sheppard, P Huntingford and L Clarke together with Mrs D Baylis, Clerk

- 1 **Apologies and absences**  
Cllr H Monk, Cllr J Willmott, Cllr W Salter, Cllr M Beckwith
2. **Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**  
None.

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

No members of the public attended.

3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 September 2021**  
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 attended.

5. **Planning Applications for Consideration – Decision**  
**21/504181/FULL 1 Malus Close, Boxley, ME5 9SU**  
Erection of a single storey rear extension and conversion of garage into a study/storage area.  
**Boxley Parish Council** have no material planning reasons to object to this application.  
  
**21/504657/FULL The Haven, Forge Lane, Boxley**  
Erection of a detached car port.  
**Boxley Parish Council** have no material planning reasons to object to this application.
6. **Ratifications**  
None.
7. **Planning Decisions, Appeals, and Appeals Decisions – Information**  
Noted
8. **Highways and Byways - DECISION**
  - 8.1 **Highways Improvement Plan**  
The new order was approved and would be submitted to KCC. It was agreed to add dates to items to show when they were added to the HIP.
  - 8.2 **Boarley Lane**  
No Update
  - 8.3 **Junction 3 of the M2**  
The JTb would be meeting at the beginning of October.
  - 8.4 **Meeting with KCC Highways Officer 21 September 2021**  
The meeting would be held at Beechen Hall and Cllrs B Hinder, C Sheppard and V Davies would attend. There is space for one more Councillor.
  - 8.5 **A249 Bearsted Road Major Infrastructure Project**  
No update, Russell Boorman had left KCC and there was a temporary replacement in post.
  - 8.6 **Harp Farm Road – flooding**

This is an ongoing problem and large potholes are appearing where it floods. Warning signs are needed.

8.7 **To consider any issues raised at the meeting**

The Clerk was asked to report the obstructed visibility splay on the north side of the junction between Brownlow Copse and Boxley Road.

The Clerk was asked to look into the installation of a convex mirror opposite the junction of Sandy Lane and Boxley Road.

The Clerk was asked to write to the land owner to the left of the Sandy lane junction with Boxley road to ask for the trees to be cut back to improve visibility.

Cllr Hinder gave an update on Regulation 19, The Call for Sites on MBC's Local Plan Review. There would be a Strategic Planning and Infrastructure Meeting at the Town Hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm when all sites would be discussed followed by an MBC EGM at Mote Hall, Mote Park Leisure Centre on the 6<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30pm. The proposed Garden Settlement at Lidsing was one of those sites being discussed. It was agreed to postpone the PC and Environment Meetings scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> October to allow Councillors to attend these meetings.

9. **Policy and Procedure - Review**

None on this agenda.

10. **Walderslade Woods**

The Clerk would draft a letter to residents notifying them of the change of ownership and also reminding them about not fly tipping garden waste over back fences into the woodland.

11. **Task List**

Noted

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

None

13. **Residents' Concerns**

None not already discussed.

14. **Consultations**

Discussed under item 12.

15. **Volunteer Groups – INFORMATION**

The Walderslade Woodlandss Group has continued working in the woods but the committee has not met for 18 months because of Covid restrictions.

The Clerk was asked to get quarterly reports on activities from WWG and Friends of Weaving Heath.

19. **Items for Next Agenda – DECISION**

Requests for items to be included on the next agenda to be received by 29 September.

20. **Next Meeting**

Next Environment Committee meeting 4 October 2021.

In view of the confidential nature (personal details and data) on the item about to be transacted, it is advised that the public and press will be excluded from the meeting for the duration of or part of the item.

21. **Enforcement and CIL/Section 106 updates from MBC**

The Clerk was asked to report that East Lodge on New Cut Road had converted a garage and that this was now inhabited.  
3 Woodlands was an ongoing case.

Meeting closed 8.45 pm.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman ..... Date .....