

Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Monday 18 October 2021 held at Beechen Hall, commencing at 7.30 pm.

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

- 1 **Apologies and absences**
Cllr W Salter
Cllr H Monk
2. **Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**
Cllr Hinder had been lobbied on application 21/503982/FULL
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 October 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**

21/505406/FULL 43 Franklin Drive, Weaving, ME14 5SY

Conversion of garage into habitable space including external alterations (part retrospective)

It was noted that this has already been built.

Comment: **Boxley Parish Council** have no material planning reasons to object to this application but do not approve of retrospective applications.

21/505380 Land West of Old Chatham Road, Sandling

Submission of details pursuant to Condition 3 (Landscaping) and Condition 5 (gate materials) in relation to planning permission 21/502549/FULL

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

21/505292/SUB Land adjacent to Red Roof, Boxley Road, ME5 9JG

Submission of details pursuant to conditions 1 (layout, scale, appearance), 2 (development to begin before expiration of 2 years from approval of the last of the reserved matters to be approved), 6 (off-road parking, and vehicle manoeuvring space), 7 (no schedule 2, part 1, class A,B+F, and part 2, class A development to be carried out without prior written consent), 10 (details of materials), and 13 (development to be carried out in accordance with approved plans) of application 18/504426/OUT (part discharge as per application form and covering letter).

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

21/501948/FULL 4 Silver Tree Close, Boxley, ME5 9ST

Submission of details to discharge Condition 5 (Enhancement of Biodiversity) subject to 21/501948/FULL.

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

The following applications will be on the next MBC Planning Committee Agenda.

21/503982/FULL Newnham Court Shopping Village, Bearsted Road, Weaving.

Retrospective application for retention of existing concrete slab hardstanding.

Going to Committee as owned by KCC. BPC have not objected to this application.

21/503615/FULL Vinters Park Crematorium, Bearsted Road, Weaving

The construction of a surface water attenuation and settling lagoon with associated drainage infrastructure and landscaping.

BPC have no objections to this application. It is going to Committee as it has been submitted by KCC and is on MBC owned land.

6. Ratifications

None on this Agenda.

7. Planning Decisions, Appeals, and Appeals Decisions – Information

Noted

8. Highways and Byways - DECISION**8.1 Highways Improvement Plan**

No update.

8.2 Boarley Lane

No Update and this item will now be taken off future Agendas.

8.3 Junction 3 of the M2

No update.

8.4 Meeting with KCC Highways Officer 21 September 2021

Item 1. Boxley Village

Ask if the edges of the speed cushion could be reduced to improve water flow down the hill.

Item 4 Brownlow Copse – vegetation has been cut.

Item 5. Weaving Street

Cllr Sheppard would draft a proposal for the stopping up of the road at the Grovewood Drive South end to be put on the next JTB agenda.

Item 6. Boxley Road/Beechen Bank Road – Footpath

The Clerk was asked to get a cost for this from KCC Highways.

8.5 A249 Bearsted Road Major Infrastructure Project

No update.

8.6 Harp Farm Road – flooding

This was being reported to the KCC drainage team for action.

8.7 To consider any issues raised at the meeting

The Clerk was asked to complain about the temporary traffic lights at the roundabout junction at the New Cut Road/Bearsted Road junction.

9. Policy and Procedure - Review

None on this agenda.

10. Walderslade Woodland

This would be taken off future Agendas and dealt with at full Parish Council meetings.

11. Task List

Noted.

The Clerk was asked to obtain costs for a convex mirror opposite the Sandy Lane junction.

The Clerk was asked to produce a report on the Boxley village speed survey results.

12. Members and Officer's Reports

None.

13. **Residents' Concerns**

The Clerk was to ask KCC for replacement signs and to obtain costs for the planters having asked the resident for further details on where they would be located, style, size and how many were wanted.

14. **Bulb Planting**

The Clerk was asked to put out a Community Alert for volunteers to plant bulbs. An offer of bulbs would be made to the Sandling resident who requested the planters. It was agreed to buy £50 worth of bulbs with two thirds daffodils and one third tulips.

15. **Lidsing Garden Settlement**

All Borough Councillors had been in contact with Helen Whately. The consultation period starts at the end of October for 6 weeks. The Clerk was asked to create a button on the front page of the website to provide information for residents. This should lead to BPC's objection, the consultation details, maps etc.

It was proposed by Cllr J Willmott, seconded by Cllr C Sheppard and all agreed that a budget of £500 be set for alterations to the website and printing.

The Clerk was asked if it was possible to obtain figures for the number of people accessing the website.

It was agreed that the Clerk contact all Councillors inviting members to be part of a working group to oppose this development.

16. **Planning Training**

The Clerk was asked to request slides for each session.

17. **Consultations**

None on this Agenda

18. **Volunteer Groups – INFORMATION**

Reports noted.

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 1 November 2021.

Cllr V Davies gave apologies for this meeting.

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**

Noted.

Meeting closed 9.10 pm.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman Date