

Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Monday 8 November 2021 held at Beechen Hall, commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present: J Willmott– Chair, I 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, Cllr V Davies, Cllr B Hinder.
Cllr Sheppard would contact Cllr Monk to ascertain if he was still interested in being a Councillor.

2. Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying
None.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 November 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

21/505432/FULL Land At Former Park And Ride Eclipse Park Sittingbourne Road North Maidstone Kent

Erection of a substation and relocation of plant, in relation to a previously approved 20/506069/FULL.

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

21/505788/FULL 5 Burleigh Drive, Boxley, ME14 2HY

First Floor side extension.

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

21/505565/FULL Existing Base Station, Ashford Road, ME14 5SY

Proposed upgrade of existing base station, consisting of the replacement of a 12.5m monopole with a 20m monopole supporting 6no. antenna, internal works to the existing cabinet, and removal of redundant equipment, together with ancillary development thereto.

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

21/505847/FULL 12 Coltsfoot Drive, Weaving, ME14 5FP

Erection of a single storey rear extension.

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

21/504741/FULL 3 Woodlands, Boxley, ME5 9JX

Increase the height of the roof together with the erection of 4no. dormer windows to provide additional accommodation within the roof space. Alterations to fenestration including replacement of existing windows and garage doors.

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

21/505743/TPOA 6 Trotwood Close, Boxley, ME5 9JU

TPO application for 1xHazel (T1) – reduce tree back to fence line pruning back by 2m retaining a canopy width of approximately 3.6m (as shown on photo), 1x Ash (T4) – fell

tree due to excessive shading and 1xAsh (T5) – crown lift tree over garden to a height of 6m.

Boxley Parish Council defer to the views of the Tree Officer.

21/505869/TPOA2 Celestine Close Walderslade ME5 9NG

Tree Preservation Order application: To Fell one Horse Chestnut Tree in Front garden within 3 Metres of the front of the house. The tree is 12-15 metres high.

Boxley Parish Council defer to the views of the Tree Officer.

APPEALS

APP/A2280/W/21/3280915 Land at East Hill

Local enquiry will be held on 13 December 2021 at 9.30am at Gun Wharf. It can be attended in person, or remotely and will be livestreamed.

The Clerk was asked to put this on the next Agenda for a decision to be made as to who will attend.

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**

The Clerk was asked to put the proposal costs from KCC onto the HIP.

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 **A249 Bearsted Road Major Infrastructure Project**

No update.

8.5 **Harp Farm Road – flooding**

Signs had been put up and a barrier put up to protect road users from the deep pothole but these look temporary. The Clerk was asked to check when permanent signs would be installed.

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

The Clerk was asked to respond to Jennie Watson's email regarding the bund/speed table in Boxley Village stating that BPC do not want the speed table removed. Instead the edges should be removed to allow water to flow downhill and the angular profile reinstated. The angular profile was made rounded when the road was resurfaced.

9. **Environment Committee Budget**

The draft budget was looked at. It was decided to put the remainder of the Highways Budget for this year into an Ear Marked Reserve and keep the budget the same for next year. This would provide some funds for any necessary highways projects that BPC have to fund.

10. **Policy and Procedure - Review**

None on this agenda.

11. **Task List**

Noted.

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

None.

13. **Draft letter to residents regarding Walderslade Woodlands**

Amendments were made to the letter and it would be recirculated to members for approval.

14. **Residents' Concerns**

None on this Agenda.

15. **Lidsing Garden Settlement**

It was proposed by Cllr Willmott, seconded by Cllr Beckwith and all agreed that the quotation from DPS Print be accepted for the printing of the flyers.

The Flyer was amended and Cllr Willmott would approve the final version before it is sent for printing.

The Clerk would draft a letter for Michael Gove/KCC/The Leader of MBC giving BPC's reasons for objecting, and circulate to members for approval before sending.

It was proposed by Cllr Sheppard, seconded by Cllr Willmott and all agreed that a budget of £600 be set for delivery of the flyers.

16. **Boxley Village Speed Survey Results**

It was noted that over 50% of cars were travelling over the speed limit and that current measures to curb speed were inadequate.

17. **Consultations**

None on this Agenda.

18. **Volunteer Groups – INFORMATION**

Cllr I Davies reported that at the Walderslade Woodlands Groups AGM it was stated that they would keep a core group of volunteers and call in additional ones for larger projects when needed.

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

Requests for items to be included on the next agenda to be received by 26 November.

20. **Next Meeting**

Next Environment Committee meeting 6 December 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**

Noted.

Meeting closed 9.25 pm.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman Date