



Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Monday 25 July 2022 held at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, ME5 9RU commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present: Cllrs B Hinder – Chair, K Hill, A Asseter, C Sheppard, M Beckwith together with Cllrs P Sullivan, A Brindle, Mrs D Baylis, Clerk and 2 members of the public.

1. **Apologies and absences**
Cllrs P Huntingford and J Willmott.
2. **Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**
None.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 4 July 2022**
The minutes were agreed.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
None.

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

The members of the public had come to address the Committee regarding planning application 22/502452, Anacapri, Weaving Street, Weaving, ME14 5JH. Cllr Anne Brindle left the meeting due to a possible conflict of interest. A representation was made explaining their reasons for the new application to which the Parish Council had objected. After discussion it was agreed that the objection to the loss of trees could be withdrawn but the other objections and request for an MBC Planning Committee determination would stand.

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

22/503223/FULL Randbrook, Tyland Lane, Sandling, ME14 3BL

Erection of a front entrance canopy.

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

22/503250/FULL 16 Travertine Road, Boxley, ME5 9LQ

Erection of first floor side extension (Resubmission 22/500986/FULL).

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

22/503142/TPOA 2 Mayfield Close, Boxley, ME5 9QZ

Tree Preservation Order application: T1 – fell one storm damaged goat willow which has snapped and is leaning. Low amenity value. T2 Coppice a multi stem sweet Chestnut rotting at the base leaning towards the property. Low amenity value. T3 Fell a twin stemmed ash tree with a spars crown and hollow base, low amenity value.

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

22/503249/NMAMD Bethany Boxley Road Walderslade Chatham Kent ME5 9JD

Non-material amendment to application 16/502179/FULL: Conversion of a flat roof to roof terrace.

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

22/503293/TPOA 7 Samara Close Walderslade Kent ME5 9QW

TPO application to remove one Rowan Tree, including stump.

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

22/503323/LBC Boarley Farm Boarley Lane Sandling Maidstone Kent ME14 3BS

Listed Building Consent for the demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of replacement two storey outbuilding with garaging and ancillary accommodation.

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

22/503322/FULL Boarley Farm Boarley Lane Sandling Maidstone Kent ME14 3BS

Demolition of existing outbuilding and erection of replacement two storey outbuilding with garaging and ancillary accommodation.

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

22/503399/TPOA 23 Alexandra Glen, Walderslade, ME5 9EB

TPO application: The proposal the garden is cleared of the saplings and other vegetation such that it can be returned to lawn (I attach photographs of the rear garden). The property has been unoccupied since December 2013. The rear garden is completely overgrown with brambles and self sown saplings.

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

6. **Ratifications**

The planning responses made out of meeting were ratified.

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

The Decisions on the Agenda were reviewed.

8. **Highways and Byways - DECISION**

8.1 **Highways Improvement Plan**

Item 4 Nuisance Parking, Grovewood Drive South, New Cut Road.

The new roundabout was very overgrown. The Clerk had not had a response to her letter to the Chair of Governors at the STEM school regarding the breaches in planning conditions with regard to parking. There was also an issue with light pollution. The Planning conditions requires that no lights are left on overnight and this is not happening. The Clerk was asked to write another letter to the Chair of Governors and also report both matters to Planning Enforcement at MBC.

It was agreed to add a request for a junction warning sign at the junction of Yelsted Lane and Harp Farm Road.

The Clerk was asked to chase KCC regarding the double yellow lines in Brownlowe Copse.

8.2 **Junction 3 of the M2**

The Clerk was still waiting for a reply from Helen Whately to arrange a meeting regarding adding the A229, Bluebell Hill to the strategic road network.

8.3 **A249 Bearsted Road Major Infrastructure Project**

Contact had been made with Bearsted Parish Council and a meeting would be set up.

8.4 **Harp Farm Road – flooding**

Rain was needed to see how effective the repairs would be.

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

None raised.

8.6 **STEM school drop off area.**

See 8.1 above

9. **Policy and Procedure**

9.1 **Environment Policy**

Cllr Asseater's draft was reviewed.

It was agreed to add Waste and Clean water provision. Cllr Hinder reported that MBC were trying to get conditions added for new build houses to make provision for grey water storage. This would help address the problem of water shortages. MBC would like to see this added to national planning laws.

It was agreed to add a section of BPC's support of minimising car travel to improve sustainability.

10. **Task List**

It was agreed that all completed tasks be removed from the list.

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

None given.

12. **Residents' Concerns**

Problem with overgrown vegetation around the Harvester Pub at the Running Horse roundabout causing visibility issues.

This has now been trimmed and a verbal undertaking has been given on further regular maintenance.

Request for pedestrian crossing/traffic lights at the bottom of Grove Green Road leading onto Grovewood Drive North (junction with Tesco).

It was agreed to add this to the HIP.

Representation from 6 residents of Boxley Road regarding the increased road noise.

The Clerk was asked to refer them to National Highways and County Councillor Paul Carter.

13. **Consultations**

None on this Agenda.

14. **Volunteer Groups – INFORMATION**

No reports given.

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

None put forward.

16. **Next Meeting**

Next Environment Committee meeting 8 August 2022.

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.

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

No additional CIL money had been received.

18. **Lidsing Garden Development**

Plans were discussed. The draft Statement was looked at and amendments put forward.

The next working group meeting would be on the 4th August at 10am at Beechen Hall.

Meeting closed 9.10 pm.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman Date