

**Minutes of the Environment Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 November 2022
held at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, ME5 9RU commencing at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Cllrs B Hinder - Chair, A Asseter, M Beckwith, P Mclean, C Sheppard, I Davies and P Huntingford together with Mrs D Baylis, Clerk.

1. **Apologies and absences**
Cllrs J Willmott.
2. **Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**
None.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 November 2022**
The minutes were agreed.
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
None.

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

No members of the public were present.

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

22/505021/FULL 80 Chatham Road, Sandling, ME14 3BB

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of two storey rear, side and front extension. Erection of a garden outbuilding incorporating a swimming pool.

Boxley Parish Council have no material reasons to object to this application but are concerned at the lack of any carbon offsetting measures for such a large development.

22/505169/TPOA The Oaks, Grove Green Lane, Weaving, ME14 5JW

TPO Application to remove growth from One Oak Tree (T1) on the South Eastern face by 3m leaving a length of 4m.

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

22/505012/FULL Sunn Lodge, Weaving Street, ME14 5JS

Demolition of existing conservatory. Erection of single storey rear extension, insertion of 1no roof light and changes to fenestration.

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

6. **Ratifications**

None on this Agenda.

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**

Harp Farm Road flooding was moved to Actioned Projects. Grange Lane speeding was removed.

It was noted that no action has been taken on the installation of double yellow lines on the junction of Impton Lane and Celestine Close and Grovewood Drive South. These had been agreed by KCC in February 2022 with funding to be sourced by KCC in April 2022. The double yellow lines for the blind bend in Brownlowe Copse had not been agreed as there were concerns about pushing the problem elsewhere. This was deemed unsatisfactory and would be pursued further.

The Clerk was in the final stages of arranging a meeting with the new KCC Highways Team and would let Councillors know when this was finalised.

8.2 **Junction 3 of the M2**

The meeting with Helen Whately and Tracey Crouch was being rearranged with 2 dates put forward, 20 January and 3 February 2023. Adrian Kennedy the MBC Councillor for Aylesford also wanted to attend. The meeting would be open to all Environment Committee members.

8.3 **A249 Bearsted Road Major Infrastructure Project**

Cllr Hinder reported that the works were waiting on a meeting to discuss the attenuation pond in the crematorium. The Clerk was asked to chase the project manager for an update.

8.4 **Harp Farm Road – flooding**

The road is now open and it was agreed to remove this item from future Agendas.

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

A meeting had been held with representatives from Bearsted and Thurnham Parish Councils on the 9 November 2022 to discuss a joint approach to getting safety improvements on Bearsted Road which runs through all 3 parishes. Each Parish will put forward what they want for their stretch and the requests will co-ordinated by Val Springett and then put forward to KCC Highways via the HIP system.

8.6 **STEM school drop off area.**

No further updates.

9. **Policy and Procedure**

None on this Agenda.

10. **Task List**

Noted and amendments made.

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

Cllr Sheppard had attended the remembrance day service at St Mary and All Saints church in Boxley Village and laid a wreath at the war memorial on behalf of the Parish Council.

12. **Residents' Concerns**

A resident had asked about provision of a playground in Sandling. The Clerk would investigate the ownership of a parcel of land. The Clerk was asked to contact the resident and ask if they knew of any suitable sites.

13. **Consultations**

None on this Agenda.

14. **Tonbridge and Malling Local Plan Review**

There is an application on the Local Plan Review for a 50 house development in Sandling. There was a previous application that crossed borough boundaries for 39 dwellings (19/505870) refused previously. It was agreed that BPC should make a response to the Local Plan Review.

15. **Volunteer Groups – INFORMATION**

No updates given.

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

None put forward.

16. **Next Meeting**

Next Environment Committee meeting 5 December 2022.

Meeting closed 8.50 pm.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman Date