

Minutes of the Boxley Parish Council Environment Committee Meeting held at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade on 9 January 2023, commencing at 21:25.

Councillors Present: C Sheppard – acting Chairman, A Aseter, P Mclean and I Davies along with Mrs D Baylis (Parish Clerk)

It was proposed by Cllr Aseter, seconded by Cllr Mclean and all agreed that Cllr Sheppard be appointed Chairman for the meeting.

- 1 **Apologies and absences**
Cllrs B Hinder, P Huntingford, M Beckwith and J Willmott – apologies accepted.
- 2 **Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**
None.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 December 2022**
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 present.

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

22/505908/SUB 12 Wents Wood Weaving Kent ME14 5BL

Submission of Details pursuant to conditions 4 (Biodiversity Enhancement Scheme) and 5 (Energy Efficiency Scheme) of Application 22/503499/FULL.

It was agreed not to submit a comment on this application.

22/505909/FULL 12 Wents Wood Weaving Maidstone Kent ME14 5BL

Erection of a detached Garage.

Boxley Parish Council object to this application for the following reasons:

1. The building of a garage was refused in previous application 22/5022134/FULL. The siting and location in this application are unchanged.
2. The proposed detached garage by virtue of its siting and size, significantly forward of the existing extended dwelling would appear as an incongruous addition within the site and would have a detrimental impact to the street scene and is therefore not compliant with Policies DM1 and DM9 of the adopted Maidstone Borough Plan Oct 2017, the Councils Residential Extension guidelines and the NPPF.
3. No site notice has been erected and only the immediate neighbours have received notifications. This does not allow for proper consultation.

If the Case Officer is minded to approval then Boxley Parish Council would like this application referred to the MBC Planning Committee for determination.

22/505737/TPOA 2 Olivine Close Walderslade Kent ME5 9NQ

TPO Application to Fell One Hornbeam Tree to ground level

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

6. Ratifications

It was proposed by Cllr I Davies, seconded by Cllr Sheppard and all agreed that with the exception of the Aldi submission the planning comments agreed out of meeting be ratified.

7. Planning Decisions, Appeals and Appeals Decisions

Noted.

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

The new format received from KCC was looked at. The only item missing was the warning signs for the end of Harp Farm Road but these had been referred for action on safety grounds.

Cllr Dengate has asked for the Gleaming Wood Drive/Lordswood Lane junction to be put on the HIP. It was agreed that there were issues with this junction and the Clerk was asked to add it to the HIP. Action Clerk.

8.2 Junction 3 of the M2.

No further updates.

8.3 A249 Bearsted Road Major Infrastructure Project.

No further updates.

8.4 To consider any issues raised at the meeting.

Cllr Asseter bought up the continued flooding on Boarley Lane under the motorway bridge. It was agreed that the Clerk would report this to KCC Highways and ask for the maintenance records. Action Clerk.

8.5 Double Yellow Line designs

The Impton Lane/Celastine Close design was approved. The design for Grovewood Drive South needed the proposed lines extended. The Clerk was asked to put this comment back to KCC highways. Action Clerk.

9. Policy and Procedure – Review

None on this Agenda.

10. Task List

Noted.

11. Members and Officer's Reports

- 11.1 Cllr Sheppard reported that East Lodge has been put up for sale. Vinters Valley Trust have written to the Estate Agent and Land Registry to notify them that some of the garden belongs to the Trust and not the property and fencing it off was part of an unresolved land grab.

12. Residents' Concerns**13. Consultations**

None on this agenda.

14. Making the Parish Tour an Annual Parish Inspection

It was proposed by Cllr Sheppard, seconded by Cllr Asseter and all agreed to make the bi-annual parish tour an annual parish inspection with spouses invited and a budget of £600.

15. Environment Committee Budget 2023-2024

The budget was agreed with amendments.

16. Volunteer Groups

No updates.

17. Items for Next Agenda

Lidsing development/MBC Local Plan Review update.

18. Next Meeting

Next Environment Committee meeting 23 January 2023.

In view of the confidential nature of the item about to be transacted, it is advised that the public and press will be excluded from the meeting for the duration of the following items.

19. Enforcement and CIL/Section 106 updates from MBC

It was proposed by Cllr I Davies, seconded by Cllr Sheppard and all agreed that the current CIL fund of £1,527 be used to fund the replacement hedge around part of Beechen Hall.

20. Lidsing Garden Development

No update at this time.

Meeting closed at 21:05

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman Date