

Minutes of the Boxley Parish Council Environment Committee Meeting held at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade on 13 March 2023, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: B Hinder – Chairman, C Sheppard, P Mclean, M Beckwith, A Asseter and I Davies along with Mrs D Baylis (Parish Clerk) and 8 members of the public

1. **Apologies and absences**
Cllrs P Huntingford – apologies accepted.
2. **Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**
None.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 February 2023**
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 were from the Boxley Village society and had attended to present ideas for measures to improve pedestrian safety in Boxley village. Due to illness the Clerk had not managed to get additional information and prices on ideas put forward during their attendance at the meeting held on 6 February but would have the information ready for the next meeting. It was agreed that the Parish Council would contact NU-VENTURE busses and ask for passenger number data. Action Clerk. There is a review of satellite routes planned for 2025. It was agreed that the Clerk would arrange for a private speed survey/traffic count to be carried out as soon as possible ahead of the Stage 2 Hearings in May. Action: Clerk

5. **Planning Applications for Consideration – DECISION**
None for this Agenda
Cllr Hinder reported that Bredhurst Industrial Estate in Westfield Sole Road had just made a planning application for 6 additional units.
6. **Ratifications**
None on this Agenda.
7. **Planning Decisions, Appeals and Appeals Decisions**
Noted.
8. **Highways and Byways - DECISION**
 - 8.1 **Highways Improvement Plan.**
No update
 - 8.2 **Junction 3 of the M2/Bluebell Hill**
There was now a 2 year delay on the Lower Thames Crossing project. The cost of the project was now an issue, there was increasing pressure from environmental groups and an issue with the road using the principles of smart motorways, the building of which is now discontinued.
 - 8.3 **A249 Bearsted Road Major Infrastructure Project.**
Work had been carried out overnight to remove the necessary trees and work was scheduled to start late April/early May. A complaint has been received from a resident about the lack of notice for the work and this comment would be passed onto KCC.

8.4 Any Highways issues raised at the meeting

The condition of the road surface of Impton Lane has been reported by several residents to the Parish Council. It was agreed to report the condition of the road to KCC. Action Clerk.

Cllr Hinder reported that the byway off Impton Lane was a prime target for fly tipping. The Clerk was asked to contact Henry Clerk of KCC to ask about the installation of motorbike inhibitors. Action Clerk.

9. Policy and Procedure – Review

None on this Agenda.

10. Task List

Clerk was asked to chase MBC regarding the total amount of CIL as the total Cllr Hinder had was different. Action Clerk.

The Clerk was asked to add the provision of a playground for Sandling to the list and to the next Agenda. Action Clerk.

The Clerk was asked to chase National Highways for the information on the maintenance works records for Boarley Lane. Action Clerk.

11. Members and Officer's Reports

None.

12. Residents' Concerns

None on this Agenda.

13. Consultations

None on this agenda.

14. Volunteer Groups

No updates.

15. Items for Next Agenda

Playground provision for Sandling.

16. Next Meeting

Next Environment Committee meeting 3 April 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.

17. Enforcement and CIL/Section 106 updates from MBC

No update.

18. Lidsing Garden Development

The Stage 2 Hearings had been scheduled for 15-18 May, 23-26 May and 5-9 June. Cllrs Hinder, Sheppard and Brindle had been registered to speak for Boxley Parish residents at the hearings.

Meeting closed at 20.34.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman Date