

**Minutes of the Boxley Parish Council Environment Committee Meeting held at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade on 11 April 2023, commencing at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** B Hinder – Chairman, C Sheppard, P Mclean, M Beckwith and I Davies along with Mrs D Baylis (Parish Clerk) and 3 members of the public.

1. **Apologies and absences**  
Cllrs P Huntingford, A Aseter – apologies accepted.
2. **Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**  
None.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 April 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 for updates to the ideas presented for measures to improve highway safety in Boxley village. The Clerk had contacted Nu-Venture busses but not had a reply yet. The response from KCC regarding a Lorry Watch was regarded as extremely disappointing. The Clerk was going to look into the suggested bollards for the pavements. The traffic survey was booked for the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

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

**23/501363/LAWPRO 23 Granary Close Weaving Maidstone Kent ME14 5UB**

Lawful Development Certificate for proposed single storey side extension and part conversion of garage.

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

**23/501368/FULL Woodbridge, Weaving Street, Weaving, ME14 5JJ**

Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension with 3no. rooflights. (Resubmission of 22/501703/FULL).

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

6. **Ratifications**

The planning response made out of meeting was ratified.

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

Noted.

8. **Highways and Byways - DECISION**

8.1 **Highways Improvement Plan.**

The Clerk reported that all items bar one had now been removed from the HIP and put into historical. In spite of offering to fund some projects everything else on the list had been turned down. The Clerk was asked to generate a report to be presented to the MBC Joint Transport Board as an Agenda item to point out how the HIP system was not working. Action Clerk.

8.2 **Junction 3 of the M2/Bluebell Hill**

No update.

- 8.3 **A249 Bearsted Road Major Infrastructure Project.**  
Cllr Hinder has been trying to get a specific start date for the work.
- 8.4 **Lorry Watch for Boxley Village**  
Covered under public session.
- 8.5 **Any Highways issues raised at the meeting**  
There had been no further meetings or action regarding the joint venture started with Bearsted and Thurnham Parish Councils. Cllr Hinder would contact Cllr Springett and see if another meeting was planned.
9. **Policy and Procedure – Review**  
None on this Agenda.
10. **Task List**  
Noted.
11. **Members and Officer’s Reports**  
None.
12. **Residents’ Concerns**  
It was proposed by Cllr Hinder, seconded by Cllr Sheppard and all agreed to put in a motorbike inhibitor at the entrance to the footpath adjacent to Yew Tree Cottage, Boxley Road, Walderslade subject to quotations and permissions.
13. **Playground for Sandling**  
It was agreed that the Clerk will write to the landowners and see if they would donate or sell a corner of the plot of land for the development of a playground.
14. **Consultations**  
None on this agenda.
15. **Volunteer Groups**  
No updates.
16. **Items for Next Agenda**
17. **Next Meeting**  
Next Environment Committee meeting 2 May 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.**

18. **Enforcement and CIL/Section 106 updates from MBC**  
No CIL received.  
The Enforcement case for the Wildfell Close development and the closure of the footpath has been reopened.
19. **Lidsing Garden Development**  
No updates.

Meeting closed at 20.22.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman ..... Date .....