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

**Present**: B Hinder – Chairman, M Beckwith, I Davies, S Mayes, C Sheppard, P Mclean and H Bryant along with Mrs D Baylis (Parish Clerk)

1. **Apologies and absences**

Cllrs P Huntingford and A Brindle – apologies accepted.

2 **Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**

None.

1. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 November 2023**

Agreed.

1. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Minute 3786 Item 8.6 The Clerk had received replies from MP’s Helen Whately and Tracey Crouch. Helen Whately was going to look into the issue. Tracey Crouch had been involved in meetings between the litter picking group and Medway Council from the start and said that as it was a ultimately a Council decision and beyond her influence. She also believed that Medway Council would rue their decision.

**Public Session at the discretion of the Chairman. Parishioners may address the meeting with regard to any item on the Agenda (time limited to 3 minutes per person). Items not on the Agenda must be submitted to the Clerk in advance of the meeting. Non-parishioners are only able to address the meeting at the invitation of the Chairman.**

No members of the public were present.

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

**23/504760/FULL Dingley Dell, 4 Shenley Grove, Sandling, ME14 3BP**

Removal of existing porch and replace with erection of a single storey side extension.

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

Revised details added to the following application:

**Application No: 23/501878/FULL**

**Location: St Andrews Chapel Boarley Lane Sandling Kent ME14 3BU**

Proposal: Repairs and alterations to allow the use of the property as a residential

dwelling, including alterations to fenestration, erection of a timber framed, covered

walkway extension with external lime-stabilised earth acoustic barrier wall, linking to anew flat roof double garage incorporating new services plant, photovoltaics and air source heat pump, associated landscaping and boundary treatments, including new photovoltaic array, and demolition of external privy. (Revised scheme to

21/504575/FULL).

**Boxley Parish Council** fully support this application and all the good work SPAB have done on the restoration of this building.

**23/504950/FULL Linden Lea Weavering Street Weavering ME14 5JR**

Erection of front porch and loft conversion, including raising of roof height and insertion of obscure glazed Juliet balcony and 8no. rooflights.

**Boxley Parish Council** have no material planning reasons to object to this application but have some concerns over the light pollution that will be caused from the installation of 8 roof lights.

1. **Ratifications**

None.

1. **Planning Decisions, Appeals and Appeals Decisions**

Noted.

1. **Highways and Byways – DECISION**
   1. **Highways Improvement Plan.**

It was agreed to add the installation of signs warning of how narrow The street in Boxley village gets at the Penenden Heath roundabout before vehicles turn into Boxley Road. The is following a report from a resident that a car transporter lorry had got stuck in the village opposite the Kings Arms on 31 October. The driver was following his sat nav and had no idea of how narrow the road became.

The other concern raised by a resident was not in the Parish. The Clerk was asked to contact the resident and advise them to report the issue to Maidstone Borough Council.

* 1. **Junction 3 of the M2/Bluebell Hill**

No further updates.

* 1. **A249 Bearsted Road Major Infrastructure Project**.

The works would start with the new road into Newnham Court shopping village. The works in the crematorium had been completed.

* 1. **Boxley Village Society**

A report had been sent in. The resurfacing work has been completed and some of the white lines re-installed including the ‘ghost’ chicane in the middle of the village by the speed cushion.

The bin put out on the pavement with ’20 mph’ signs on to prevent vehicles driving on the pavement had been removed at the request of a KCC highways rep following the receipt of 2 complaints.

* 1. **Lower Thames Crossing**

No update

* 1. **Any Highways issues raised at the meeting**

A resident had written in about the condition of part of the path by Weavering Village hall. It becomes unlevel and hard to navigate. The Clerk was asked to get the Parish Caretaker to look at the path and see if that was something he could fix. Cllr Mclean would also help with the work which was estimated at a 3mx1m stretch.

1. **Policy and Procedure – Review**

None on this Agenda.

1. **Task List**

The Clerk was asked to contact the footpaths officer about a motorbike inhibitor for the restricted byway off Impton Lane. Cllr Hinder had taken some photographs and a suitable location would be just past the transformer.

The Clerk was asked to write to Grove Green hall to see if the bike racks could be repaired or relocated.

No response had been received from the resident at Autumn Glade regarding their parking issues.

The Clerk was asked to chase for a date for the installation of the Yew Tree cottage footpath motorbike inhibitors.

White vans were still in Tesco carpark but not in the same part so are no longer causing a noise nuisance to the residents who made the complaint. It was felt that this was now for Tesco to manage. It was agreed to keep an eye on the situation.

Cllr Sheppard said that the installation of double yellow lines in Grovewood Drive South was having absolutely no effect on the parking habits of parents. Cllr Hinder would send him the contact details for Parking Services at MBC. If contacted they will come out and issue tickets.

Following a report from Cllr Bryant it was agreed to write to East Kent recycling and ask them to stop using Impton Lane for storing skips and their skip trailer. It was also agreed to report this to the Environment Agency. There had been a fly tip in Impton Lane.

The Clerk was asked to add a number column to the list to make identification of items easier.

1. **Members and Officer’s Reports**

None

1. **Residents’ Concerns**

Covered under 8.1.

1. **Playground for Sandling**

No further update.

1. **Consultations**

None on this Agenda

1. **Volunteer Groups**

No reports received.

1. **Items for Next Agenda**

None put forward.

1. **Next Meeting**

Next Environment Committee meeting 11 December 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**.

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

No CIL received.

Meeting closed at 20.35.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman ……………………………………………….. Date ………………………………………………………..