**Minutes of the Boxley Parish Council Environment Committee Meeting held at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade on 6 November 2023**

**Councillors Present**: B Hinder – Chairman, M Beckwith, P McClean, S Mayes, A Brindle, C Sheppard, H Bryant and I Davies along with the Clerk, Mrs D Baylis – Clerk

1. **Apologies and absences**

Cllrs P Huntingford

1. **Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**

None

**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.**

1. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 October 2023**

Agreed

1. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Minute 3786 Item 10. The Clerk was asked to chase up the installation of the motorbike inhibitor at Yew Tree cottages as a matter of urgency.

Minute 3785 item number 8.6. the Clerk has not yet sent the letters to Helen Whately and Tracey Crouch regarding the folding of the Lordswood and Walderslade Litter picking group.

Minute 3785 Item 8.6. the letter to the Walderslade and Lordswood Litter picking group thanking them for all their hard work has not yet been sent.

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

**23/504649/ADV 29A Forstal Cottages, Forstal Road, Aylesford, Maidstone, ME20 7AH**

Advertisement consent for 1 x fascia sign

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

1. The building is on the corner of a main road and narrow residential street and the sign would be very prominent and out of keeping with the street scene.

If the Case Officer is minded to approval Boxley Parish Council would like this application determined by the Planning Committee.

**23/504648/FULL 29A Forstal Cottages, Forstal Road, Aylesford, Maidstone, ME20 7AH**

Change of use of office (Class C1) into nail salon (Class E)

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

1. The current B&B has 3-4 car parking spaces and this is already inadequate for the usage of the building. The proposal creation of a nail bar with 12 nail stations and 10 full time staff plus clients would overwhelm local streets. The narrow residential road is one way and restricted to residents parking only which is insufficient for the current needs of residents. The main road is adjacent to an industrial estate and is unsuitable for parking due to the volume and nature of traffic accessing the industrial estate.
2. There is no bus service meaning that the business would be totally reliant on clients and staff using motor vehicles.
3. The plans do not state if the nail bar will be in addition to the B&B. If the B&B remains in operation then this will only exacerbate the parking problems.
4. Given the location we question the need for a nail bar and the viability of such a business.

If the Case Officer is minded to approval Boxley Parish Council would like this application determined by the Planning Committee.

**23/504729/TPOA 13 Forestdale Road Boxley Kent ME5 9NB**

Tree Preservation Order application : T1 Fell to ground level Cherry. The Cherry overhangs a public footpath with a significant lean over the path itself. There are 3 dead branches present on review and it appears to be struggling although not completely dead.

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

2**3/504847/SUB 6 Pilgrims View Boxley Maidstone Kent ME14 3DQ**

Submission of details pursuant to condition 6 (biodiversity enhancement scheme) of planning application 23/503811/FULL

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

1. **Ratifications**

None on this Agenda.

Meeting closed at 21.10

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

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