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Environment Committee Supplementary Agenda 9 October 2023

5. **Planing Applications**

23/504515/TPOA 6 Cinnabar Close, Walderslade, ME5 9PF

Tree Preservation Order Application: Oak (T1) – prune secondary branches to achieve 5m ground clearance. Thin canopy by 10%. Remove dead wood. Prune to clear street light by 2m.

23/504311/FULL Vinters Park Crematorium, Bearsted Road, Weaving, ME14 5LG

Erection of an open walkway linked extension. Conversion of an existing Agricultural building into a café and florists.

23/504172/LAWPRO Amber House Cossington Road Boxley Kent ME5 9JB

Lawful Development for the Proposed erection of a gazebo, a front open porch and a new dormer side extension.

8.4 **Report from Greg Nicholls our KCC Highways rep.**

I have some news for you, no rush on deciding whether the parish agrees, but would be handy to have a decision before November.

We have approval to:

- Install a sign by Forge Lane (co located with a SLOW) warning drivers of the bend and road narrows. This would be a double warning sign. We did consider this location for 20 roundels, but thought a SLOW would have more impact.
- Install the same signage as above but by the church, so drivers are warned in both directions of the hazard.
- Install some 20 roundels just up from the church.

I have the funding to cover all of this, so not to worry on that front too.

13. **Residents Concerns**

13.1 Hello there Boxley, Please can you assist?

We in Autumn Glade note that there is a new dropped kerb and driveway being installed at 3 Autumn Glade, but we can't find any planning permission for the installation to take place, and no consultation has taken place with the residents on the street. Kent County Council attended yesterday and painted up the road, foot path and front garden with what appears to be a full intention to install the new dropped kerb and driveway.

This new driveway will remove parking from the street which we all share, and currently there is a parking crisis taking place due to the number of cars in the street. We are already having to park up on Badger Road on some days due to the

number of vehicles, and the houses on Badger Road are now having driveways installed which means we will have to park on the Green grassed areas on Badger, and I know the Parish Council is keen to keep the green areas neat and tidy. Please note that Boxley Parish Council has historically installed wooden bollards at the bottom of Autumn Glade removing approximately seven parking spots from the road.

Things are now getting fractious in the street due to parking being removed by others, and that irritation is now being shared by Badger Road as they are having to suffer us parking outside their houses.

Reply received from MBC Planning Enforcement

Planning permission is not required for a crossover onto a non-classified road (only needs a license from KCC) although any other hardstanding, when installed, should if over 5m sq. be either, porous or drain within the property.

As no breach of planning legislation has occurred at this time, we will not be opening an investigation at this time.

This does not prevent a further report being made If, when the surfacing is put in place it appears that it may require planning permission.

Further reply from resident

Many thanks for your prompt response. It's much appreciated.

Since KCC are putting in driveways willy nilly and not taking into account the knock on effect to other residents, I have a plan for making more parking around the two streets of Badger Road (Top side applicable to Boxley Parish Council rather than Medway) and also Autumn Glade. Whom would I speak to regarding the plans I've drawn up on paper so I could start to push this forward. I have the support of all my neighbours in this matter as we are all agreed that parking availability is a huge problem for us. Would it be KCC or Boxley? Would Boxley endorse a sensible solution and assist with pushing the solution through with KCC?

- 13.2 Message: Hello, I have recently discovered there are no provisions for cyclists to secure their bicycles at Grove Green, Tesco and shopping parade. I and many other cyclists want to be able to cycle to do shopping, visit doctors, chemist etc. and secure their bicycle close enough to transport items - and secure to a proper cycle rack in order to satisfy cycle insurance. \r\nPlease can I ask what the opinion of Boxley Parish Council on this is? Also, if it agrees that there should be cycle racks here in order to assist your environmental and congestion plans, what steps will Boxley Parish council take to introduce these, or at least increase pressure for Tesco to do this?

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