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To All Members of the Council, press and public.

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There will be a meeting of the **Environment Committee** on **Monday 18th June 2012** at **Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade** commencing at 7.30 pm when it is proposed to transact the following business;

1. **Apologies and absences** (7.30)
To receive and accept apologies for absence.
2. **Declaration of Interest or Lobbying.** (7.31)
Members are required to declare any interests or lobbying on items in this agenda.
3. **Minutes of the Meetings of 14th and 21st May 2012.** (7:32)
To consider the minutes of the meetings and if in order to sign as a true record (already circulated).
4. **Matters Arising From Minutes.** (7.35)
 - 4.1 Minute 2407/4.2 marker at Cossington Lane. Work to install this has been delayed but is currently underway.
 - 4.2 Minute 2407/4.4 PRow Round Wood valley. KCC has requested that a formal application be submitted. The parish office will complete and submit.
 - 4.3 Minute 2407/4.5 Lidsing Road. Request for additional signage etc. has been submitted.
 - 4.4 Minute 2408/8.1 Noise pollution, Walderslade. Remedial work is going to be undertaken on the unit causing the problem on 23rd June.

To adjourn to allow members of the public to address the meeting.

5. **Planning Applications and Appeals for Consideration.** (7.55)
To consider planning applications. Members' are reminded to consider possible section 106 requests or to suggest any conditions.
MA/12/0711 - Erection of a single storey rear extension at 27 Restharrow Road 12/06/12.
No comments have been received from residents.

MA/12/0529 Amended Plan – submission of a pre-development tree survey and report.
Erection of 2 storey classroom block for Invicta Grammar School and new 3 storey classroom block for Valley Park School 22/6/12.

MA/12/0609 erection of a two-storey rear extension and installation of first floor window to the side elevation at 16 Trotwood Close, Walderslade 22/06/12.

MA/12/0761 single storey front extension at 14 Dogwood Close, Lordswood 21/06/12.

Consideration on how to reply to applications – to learn from the Hillah application.

6. **Planning applications and appeals decisions.** (8.05)
 - 6.1 Planning rota – members will be asked to indicate whether they would be willing to attend Maidstone Planning Committee meetings.
 - 6.2 MBC Planning Committee 7th June, change of use of existing buildings at White Cottage, Grange Lane – County Scouts site, to ratify Clerk's decision, after contacting Cllr Perry, not to attend as this was supported by the Parish Council and was reported on a technicality.

7. **Walderslade Woods and Volunteer Group** (8.08)
To receive a report/update on the Group's activities.
8. **Highways and Byways.** (8.16)
- 8.1 Deferred from last meeting. Request from two Councillors that a letter is sent to KCC to move the start of 40mph speed limit to north of Grange Lane.
- 8.2 Update on Walderslade Woods road/A2045. The following was copied to the parish office, it is County Councillor Paul Carter's response to a residents e-mail to KCC.
"In response to your recent contact with John Burr, I can advise you that I have committed £15,000 of my Member Highway Fund to a scheme to address a number of the safety concerns you have raised in your e-mail.
- Design work is currently underway, and whilst the scheme is not yet finalised, I can advise you that it the possibility of installing a series of traffic islands close to each of the five side junctions is being investigated. The traffic islands will provide some protection to turning vehicles and also narrow the main road at these locations to prevent overtaking. One of the islands may also accommodate an informal crossing point.*
- Whilst physical measures can assist in this location, ultimately drivers must be responsible for their behaviour on the highway and the County Council has developed a number of innovative solutions to help raise awareness of road safety.*
- All of the points you have raised have been passed to the design engineer so that they can be considered as part of the design process."*
9. **Policy and procedures review.** (8.22)
Review of the yellow laminated Planning Material Considerations list available to members at meetings. Are they still fit for purpose?
10. **Matters for information.** (8.28)
10.1 MBC Planning Viewpoint May 2012 – supplied to Environment Committee members.
11. **Neighbourhood Development Plans.** (8.30)
Members requested an update/reminder of the current situation. Members drafted NDPs sometime ago and the Clerk has booked the 20th June as working from home in order to produce a written document for members to see what was discussed. This will be an agenda item on the 9th July and once members views are received on the document discussions will be opened with MBC about progressing the situation. The MBC officer responsible for NDPs is on leave so it has not been possible to be briefed on how MBC will be progressing the work, MBC will help Parish Council's with information etc.
12. **KCC Preparation of Kent County Council's Minerals and Waste Local Plan** (8.36)
This consultation deals with the Preferred Options stage consultation and using the 'search facility' provided on computers and by checking the maps enclosed in documents no impact on Boxley Parish could be found. This consultation does not deal with household waste.
13. **Next Meeting.** (8.39)
Next environment meetings 2nd (after Parish Council meeting) and 9th July 2012 (full) at Beechen Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.

In view of the confidential nature (personal details and data) on the Enforcement item about to be transacted, it is advisable that the public and press will be excluded from the meeting for the duration of or part of the item.

14. **Enforcement and Section 106 updates from MBC.** (8.40)
No updates had been received at the time of the agenda being prepared.

Clerk to Boxley Parish Council.

Items to be returned to agenda: Minute 2368/5.1 Walderslade Woods road/A2045 – work to obtain speed reduction –KHS awaiting plans (04/12).