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A G E N D A

To All Members of the Council, Press and Public

There will be a meeting of the **Environment Committee** on **Monday 9 October 2017** at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade ME5 9RU 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 Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying** (7.31)
Members are required to declare any interests, dispensations, predetermination or lobbying on items on this agenda. Members are reminded that changes to the Register of Interests should be notified to the Clerk.
 - 3 **Minutes of the Meetings 4 & 18 September 2017.** (7.33)
To consider the minutes (previously circulated) and if in order sign as a true record.
 4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes** (7.35)
 - 4.1 Minute 3028/4.2 Development Wildfell Close. Awaiting Planning Officer's report.
 - 4.2 Minute 3028/4.6 Ancient Woodland and TPOs. The issue will be taken by Maidstone KALC to the next MBC liaison meeting.
 - 4.3 Minute 3028/4.6 Highway issue Helen Whately MPs. Awaiting response on action taken by Helen Whately MP.
 - 4.4 Minute 3030/7.2 Milestone Chatham Road. Sandling Residents Association has been contacted about undertaking the project to refurbish the milestone.
 - 4.5 Minute 3030/7.3 Daffodil planting. Daffodils have been distributed for planting.
 - 4.6 Minute 3030/7.4 Dog Waste bins. MBC Officer attending November meeting.
 - 4.7 Minute 3030/10.1 Safer Crossing Point Grovewood Drive North survey results. Expected Oct/Nov.
 - 4.8 Minute 3030/11.1 Boxley Road, Walderslade, KCC site visit. Awaiting date and details of maintenance work. UKPower has to do its own maintenance first.
 - 4.9 Any other matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda.
 5. **Pre-application consultation - INFORMATION** (7.45)
To receive a pre-application from Kitewood, land at Impton Lane. See report (page 3).
- To adjourn to allow members of the public to address the meeting** (8.05)
6. **Planning Applications for Consideration - DECISION** (8.15)
To receive and decide on responses to planning applications. See reports (page 3 -4).
 7. **Planning Decisions, Appeals and Appeals Decisions - INFORMATION** (8.25)
 - 7.1 Councillors to report on their attendance at MBC Planning Committee; 28 September meeting - 2 dwellings north of Forge Lane, Boxley MBC refused; Unit 33, Lordswood Industrial Area, Lords Wood MBC refused. 5 October meeting 17/501471 Stem School Grove Green, an appeal has now been made by the applicant due to non-determination.

- 7.2 Review of recent decisions that did not correspond with BPC responses. Deferred to next meeting.
8. **Highways and Byways - DECISION** (8:30)
 8.1 Traffic Speeds, Boxley Road/Beechen Bank Road. See report (page 4).
 8.2 KCC Highways Parish and Town Council Tracker Survey. See report (page 4).
 8.3 Chatham road design, Sandling. See report (page 5).
9. **Maidstone Local Plan - INFORMATION** (8.40)
 To receive any report on the MPs call in.
10. **Policy and Procedures - REVIEW** (8.45)
 None scheduled for review.
11. **Members Reports - INFORMATION** (8.46)
 To receive any reports or notification of issues from members.
12. **Planning for the right homes in the right places: consultation proposals** (8.54)
 Electronic copy sent to members. See report (page 5)
13. **Volunteer Groups - INFORMATION** (9.05)
 To receive any reports.
14. **Matters for Information – INFORMATION** (9.10)
 14.1 Programmed tree works on highway verges. See report (page 5).
 14.2 Tonbridge and Malling BC Local Plan. See report (page 5).
15. **Budget 2018/2019** (9.14)
 Draft budget submitted for members views (page 6).
16. **Next Meeting** (9.20)
 Next Environment Committee meeting 13 November 2017 at Beechen Hall commencing at 7:30pm. Items for the agenda must be with the parish office no later than 4 November.

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.

17. **Enforcement and Section 106 updates from MBC** (9.21)
 To receive any reports on outstanding issues.

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 Clerk to Boxley Parish Council

Date: 6 November 2017

In accordance with policy the meeting should close no later than 9:30pm but the Chairman has devolved powers to extend it by 30 minutes.

Items to be returned to agenda: Sept 2017 Minute 3011/8.3 Changes to the design of Chatham Road. Nov 2017 Minute 3011/8.3 Junction 3 of the M2 KCC Strategic Planning for improvements. Minute 3031/15.1 MC/17/2341 Proposed development Darland Farm. February 2018 T&MBC Local Plan update.

March 2018 Minute 3030/7.1 Lidsing Road. Request for road painted chevrons at all its junctions. August 2018 Minute 3028/4.6 Speed Reduction Walderslade Woods Road.

17/504407/TPO – TPO Application for 2no. Hornbeam – reduce crown by no more than 40%. Reducing the height of tree ensuring it's no lower than 12m, leaving a radial crown spread where possible of no less than 3m at 9 Brownelow Copse, Walderslade, ME5 9JQ. *Deadline 12 October 2017.*

17/504748/TPO – TPO Application for 1 x Goat willow (*Salix caprea*) – Section fell to near ground level and poison the stump with ecoplugs or grind the stump at 9 Quinion Close, Boxley, Chatham, Kent, ME5 9JS. *Deadline 11 October 2017.*

Item 7 Planning Decisions, Appeals and Appeals Decisions - INFORMATION

7.2 Recent Environment Committee decisions that did not correspond with BPC responses. Deferred to next meeting.

Item 8 Highways and Byways - INFORMATION

8.1 Traffic Speeds, Boxley Road/Beechen Bank Road. A resident has contacted the parish office "would the parish support a request for a speed camera at the bottom of Beechen Bank, the speed of cars in and out of Walderslade Village appears to be growing alarmingly and we need some action."

The resident has suggested one camera to cover both approached by it being turned around periodically to face the other way. Members' views are sought.

8.2 (KALC e-mail 22/9/2017) KCC Highways Parish and Town Council Tracker Survey. A volunteer is sought to do the survey.

"Dear Representative,

I would welcome your help in providing me with your feedback on the Highways and Transportation service we deliver in your community.

The survey questions focus on satisfaction with the condition of roads, pavements, street lighting, drainage and vegetation clearance plus issues relating to highway safety.

This survey helps me to make informed decisions on future operations and strategic priorities and I do hope that you will be able to invest a little of your time to let me know what matters most to our residents and elected representatives.

Your survey answers are important to us. **Please read the Privacy Notice and then complete the Consent Form** regarding how we may share or use the information you provide us with.

If however you wish to report a particular local highways issue then this can be done via the fault reporting page on the KCC website (via: <http://www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem>) or via your *Parish Portal*. For comments or suggestions regarding local highway matters, then please speak with your local District Highway Manager or Highway Steward contact.

In order to get a rounded perspective, the survey is also being conducted with County Members along with a representative sample of around 1,200 Kent residents across the County (via a door-to-door survey starting **Monday 5th October**).

The survey results for last year are published on Kent County Council's website. You can find the report via going to www.kent.gov.uk > 'About the Council' > 'Strategies and policies' > 'Transport and Highway Policies'. Or, alternatively you can open the following link [here](#).

There are a number of ways you can take part in the survey:

- *Paper copy* - please return to Iain Norman, Highways, Transportation & Waste, 1st floor, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX.
- *Word document* - a questionnaire can be sent to you via email (please email: iain.norman@kent.gov.uk). This document can be made available in alternative formats (i.e. large font, braille etc.) and can be explained in a range of languages – please contact Iain Norman.

Email - Iain Norman can email you the list of the survey questions which you can answer by return of email.

Please note the closure date for this survey is: **Friday 1st December**"

8.3 Chatham road, Sandling new road design. A copy of the finalised road/pedestrian/cycle design has been requested and it is understood that the scheme is going to be handed over to the contractor on 16 October. An electronic copy of the scheme has been requested to that it can be placed on the website etc. A request has been made that the parish council is be kept informed of the programming and what closures are planned and that early notice is received. KCC has been reminded that the Kent Wildlife Trust's headquarters is at Tyland Barn and it programmes open days, school educational/study days etc. and that the only other access into the village will be via Boarley Lane which is not really suitable for large coaches. The plan is not yet ready to circulate as the officer (Gary Peak) is tweaking a few things and getting new costs. A copy will be supplied as soon as it is agreed.

Item 12 Planning for the right homes in the right places: consultation proposals

To consider the consultation document and decide on any response. Clerk's comment: The Government is proposing some radical changes to ensure that houses are built. Due to the complexity of the proposals and the potential impact if passed members were supplied with an electronic copy of the consultation document and some notes that might help them start to consider what response they wish to see. Please note whilst I have tried to base the comments on things members have said at previous meetings I am not putting these comments forward as suggested responses but rather as the starting point for discussion and agreement of a response.

Due to the Clerk's leave and the response deadline date of 9 November members are faced with two options:

- Decide on a response at the meeting.
- Leave the response until after the Clerk has returned; give any initial thoughts or guidance at the meeting, provide any further thoughts via e-mail to the Clerk ccing in all members and on her return the Clerk will amalgamate the replies and send out a quick draft for members to agree.

You must read the consultation document before the meeting.

Item 14 Matters for Information – INFORMATION

- 14.1 Programmed tree works on highway verges. KCC has notified the parish council that tree surgery (not felling) will be undertaken on individual trees in: Saracen Fields, Walderslade (18/10/2017); Birch Drive, Lordswood (20/11/2017) and Clarence Court, Weaving (20/11/2017).
- 14.2 Tonbridge and Malling Local Plan. The results of last year's consultation were reported to the Council's Planning and Transportation Advisory Board on 25th July 2017. The Local Plan, which will be the subject of a further round of consultations early in 2018, is now being drafted.

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Environment Committee Draft budget 2018/2019

Note: Working doc 2017
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			Last Year (16/17)		Current Year (17/18)			Next Year (18/19)			Notes
			Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual YTD	Forecast total	Suggested	Agreed	Carried Forward	
Environment											
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4801	Seat - Timber Tops	(new code)	0	0	3000	830	830	0			
4802	Highway Projects	(new code)	0	0	40000	0	40000	0			None suggested as this was requested as a one-off payment
4800	Street Maintenance		5300	1288	15000	-96	1000	?			Despite requests no large scale projects have yet to be suggested to take to committee. Currently waiting for Community Payback Service to start.

