

**Minutes of the Environment Committee on Monday 3 June 2013, at the European School of Osteopathy commencing at 8.29 p.m.**

Councillors present: Mr P Dengate (Chairman), Mrs P Brooks, Mr Ivor Davies, Mr A Springate, and Mrs M Waller together with Cllr Vic Davies, the Clerk and two members of the public.

**1. Declaration of Interests or Lobbying.**

There were no declarations.

**2. Apologies and absences**

Cllr D Holmes (work), Cllrs B and W Hinder (holiday) and Cllr Spain (unwell).

The meeting was not adjourned as no member of the public wished to speak.

Cllr Vic Davies notified members that he had been approached by a resident about the installation of a bin. He was advised to refer the resident to the MBC website and for them to contact the parish office if they had any problems.

**3. Planning Applications and Appeals for Consideration**

The following decisions were **ratified**:

3.1 Street Trading Consent application by Mrs Lynn Kehily to sell hot and cold food food/drinks in St. Michaels Close, Aylesford Industrial Park. *Do not wish to object.*

3.2 MA/13/0323 An application for listed building consent for conversion of existing first floor en-suite w.c. to shower room and installation of new w.c. at first floor level, removal of existing timber balustrade to mezzanine level and replacement with glazed screen, removal of existing stairs to mezzanine and replacement of two new spiral stairs to afford mezzanine and roof void access to create additional bedroom and installation of five conservation roof lights to the south elevation at 2 Weaving Manor, Weaving Street.

*Do not wish to object but have concerns that the proposed internal alterations will affect the overall character of the interior of the property. However the Parish Council respects the views of the listed buildings officer.*

3.3 MA/13/0533 Alterations to garage including reduction in depth to bring building within curtilage of dwelling house and erection of extension to front elevation at 1 Tollgate Way, Sandling. *Wished to see approved*

3.4 MA/13/0553 Listed building consent is sought for the insertion of 3 conservation roof lights to north sloping roof and 1 to the east facing slope together with the insertion of a window to the front western elevation and partitions on the first and second floors to create 2 bedrooms and a bathroom at Barn Cottage, Boxley Road, Boxley. *Do not wish to object but defer to the views of the listed buildings officer.*

3.5 MA/13/0568 Installation of 3 roller shutter doors to the south elevation and 2 to east elevation at Unit GG and HH, St Michaels Close, Aylesford. *Do not wish to object.*

3.6 MA/13/0595 Erection of single storey oak-framed orangery extension at Abbey Farm, Boarley Lane, Sandling. *Do not wish to object.*

3.7 MA/13/0617 Listed Building Consent for the erection of single storey oak-framed orangery extension at Abbey Farm, Boarley Lane, Sandling. *Do not wish to object.*

3.8 MA/13/0661 An application for the prior approval of the local planning authority for the installation of a 15m monopole to replace existing monopole along with additional ground based cabinets and ancillary development at Land South of J7 M20, Sittingbourne Road. *Do not wish to comment.*

3.9 MA/13/0685 – Erection of a rear conservatory at Auchlinsky, Tyland Lane, Sandling, Maidstone, Kent. *Do not wish to object.*

3.10 TA/0045/13 Boxley Conservation Area notification to fell a yew tree at St Marys and All Saints Church, The Street, Boxley. *Do not wish to object.*

3.11 TA/0053/13 - Tree preservation Order application: TPO No.1 1969 an application for consent to crown lift one Hornbeam tree up to 5 metres above ground level, reduce height by 20% to 10 meters above ground level and thin canopy by 15%, focusing on dead wood and conflicting branches at 25 Goldstone Walk, Walderslade. *Unable to comment due to lack of information and defer to Landscape Officer’s view.*

3.12 TA/0057/13 – Tree Preservation Order application No 1 of 1969 an application for consent to fell one sweet chestnut tree at 7 Goldstone Walk, Walderslade. *Do not wish to object and defer to Landscape Officer’s view.*

3.13 Cllr Springate notified members that he felt this was not the response agreed by members. It was **agreed** that the Clerk would consult the notes of the meeting and e-mail members. The deadline for response would also be checked. **Action; parish office.**

TA/0060/13 – Conservation area notification: Grove Green conservation area notification of intention to fell one Cedrus Deodara and Robinia Frisia at Grove Green Cottage, Grove Green. *Do not wish to object and defer to Landscape Officer’s view.*

3.14 MA/12/2314 Next Application at Eclipse Park: It was **noted** that the application had been referral to the 6 June MBC Planning Committee as it was controversial and contrary to the Maidstone Boroughwide Local Plan. The recommendation for refusal included reference to the MBC interim policy on the adjacent Newnham Park which included retail provision. After discussion it was **agreed** that the parish council would not send a representative to the meeting and that there was no need to notify the Planning Committee Chairman of this.

4. **Next Meeting.**

Next Environment meeting 10 June 2013 at Beechen Hall commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 8.49 pm.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings

Chairman.....Date.....