

Minutes of the Environment Committee on Monday 23 January 2017 at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade commencing at 8.42 pm.

Councillors present: Cllr Wendy Hinder (Chairman), Cllr Clarke, Cllr Ivor Davies, Cllr Dengate, Cllr Bob Hinder, Cllr Hollands and Cllr Robert Martins together with the Clerk, visiting councillors Brooks and Waller and 1 member of the public.

1 Apologies and absences

Cllr Radcliffe Godfrey (absent).

2 Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

None declared.

The meeting was not adjourned as no members of the public were present.

3 Planning Applications for Consideration

17/500042/FULL. Partial garage conversion to form new utility room. 3 Ash Tree Gardens Weaving. *Do not wish to object.*

17/500044/FULL. Creation of first floor side extension to include rooflights and rear dormer. 43 Timber Tops, Walderslade. *Do not wish to object.*

16/508698/TPO. TPO application for 1no mature multi-stem Willow - pollard at 8 metres from ground level; Ivy - to be severed at the base of the main stem and removed up to 1 metre from ground level, herbicide (Genoxone) is to be applied to the arising stump. The Malta Inn Sandling.

Cannot comment due to insufficient and inaccurate information in the paperwork. Content to leave to the Landscape Officer to decide.

17/500103/FULL Single storey side extension, first floor side extension and two storey rear extension. 13 Forestdale Road Walderslade.

Do not wish to object but have the following concerns. There is no provision for additional off road car parking. No available land to plant replacement trees. This is a potential overdevelopment of the site which will adversely impact on the street scene due to the design and bulk of the proposed extensions.

17/500133/TPO Application to fell and remove five Silver Birch trees and one Hornbeam. Longwood House 3 Longwood Walderslade. *Wish to object but do not wish to see the application reported to the Planning Committee. These trees are established on a slope within an area where water run off contributes to road flooding. If they are removed there are concerns about the impact on the street scene, soil erosion and water run off adding to localized flooding. If the officer is minded to approve then replacement trees should be planted.*

4 Next Meeting

Next full Environment Committee meeting 13 January 2017 at Beechen Hall Wildfell Close, Walderslade commencing at 7:30pm.

Cllr Bob Hinder asked that the Clerk be thanked for providing him with an excellent briefing note on Planning Enforcement issues relating to the parish which he will be taking to the next Maidstone KALC meeting to complain about the lack of action from MBC on dealing with planning breaches.

Meeting closed at 8.54pm.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman Date