**Minutes of the Boxley Parish Council Environment Committee Meeting held at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade on 5 August 2024, commencing at 7.30pm.**

**Present**: B Hinder – Chairman, I Davies, C Sheppard, J Akehurst, M Cox and P Mclean along with Mrs D Baylis (Parish Clerk)

1. **Apologies and absences**

Cllrs H Bryant, A Brindle and M Beckwith – apologies accepted.

2 **Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**

None.

1. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 June 2024**

Agreed.

It was proposed by Cllr Mclean seconded by Cllr Sheppard and all agreed to exclude members of the public from the Confidential section.

1. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None.

**Public Session at the discretion of the Chairman. Parishioners may address the meeting with regard to any item on the Agenda (time limited to 3 minutes per person). Items not on the Agenda must be submitted to the Clerk in advance of the meeting. Non-parishioners are only able to address the meeting at the invitation of the Chairman.**

1. **Planning Applications for Consideration – DECISION**

**24/502798/FULL Warehouse associated with Karebear Kennels Land At Woodside Cottage, Old Lidsing Road, Lidsing, ME7 3NH**

Change of use of existing warehouse from B8 Use to flexible commercial use (class E and B2 Use), including insertion of new door, creation of wheelchair access and associated parking.

**Boxley Parish Council** have no material planning reasons to object to this application.

**24/503110/SUB Chiplime House Beddow Way Aylesford Kent**

Submission of details pursuant to condition 4 - Archaeological Field Evaluation , Subject to 24/500661/FULL

**Boxley Parish Council** have no material planning reasons to object to this application.

**24/503035/SUB Container Cobtree Manor Park Forstal Road Aylesford Kent**

Submission Of Details Pursant To Condition 4 - Ecology Enhancement Subject to 24/501322/FULL

**Boxley Parish Council** have no material planning reasons to object to this application.

**24/503003/NMAMD 22 Goldstone Walk Boxley Kent ME5 9QB**

Non material amendment to 22/504933/FULL: Erection of one detached 4-bedroom house with garage and parking (revised scheme to 19/501025/FULL). - Revised window positions are required to achieve the new internal layout. As a self-build, the CIL has been amended to reflect this.

**Boxley Parish Council** have no material planning reasons to object to this application.

**24/502925/FULL Swiss Cottage Boxley Road Walderslade Kent ME5 9JE**

Construction of new dwelling following demolition of existing house and garage

**Boxley Parish Council** have no material planning reasons to object to this application but would like to see high standards of sustainability in the maximum use of renewables to warrant the demolition of the existing house. Boxley Parish Council supports the views of the neighbour with their loss of privacy concerns and would like a planning condition imposed to ensure all side windows are frosted glass.

2**4/502731/TPOA 22 Whatman Drive Maidstone Kent ME14 5FZ**

Tree Preservation Order application: (1 of 1954) - T1 Lime. Reduce height 8m leaving finished height 16m. Reduce side all orientations 1m finished width 4m. T2 Ash. Reduce height 8m leaving finished height 16m. Reduce width all orientations 1m finished width 4m. Cut North facing limbs near guttering 2m from house.

**Boxley Parish Council** defer to the views of the Tree Officer.

1. **Ratifications**

It was proposed by Cllr C Sheppard, seconded by Cllr I Davies and all agreed that the planning responses made out of meeting be ratified.

1. **Planning Decisions, Appeals and Appeals Decisions**

Report noted.

Cllr Cox reported on the Restharrow application which had gone to MBC’s Planning Committee. The only issue not resolved was the increase in ground level.

1. **Highways and Byways – DECISION**
   1. **Highways Improvement Plan.**

The plan was gone through in detail and items prioritised prior to submission to KCC for review.

The double yellow lines on the bend of Brownlow Copse would be added again.

* 1. **Junction 3 of the M2/Bluebell Hill**

No update for this Agenda.

* 1. **A249 Bearsted Road Major Infrastructure Project**.

Report noted.

* 1. **Lower Thames Crossing update**

Report noted.

* 1. **Boxley Village**

The speed survey results are in and would be circulated to members shortly. Permission was given for the Clerk to share the results with the interested Boxley resident.

* 1. **Any Highways issues raised at the meeting**

The Clerk raised an issue from the Sandling Village Facebook page regarding groups of cyclists cycling the wrong way up Old Chatham Road. There is a cycle lane but it was agreed that maybe better signage was needed. The Clerk would report the issue to KCC as a safety concern.

1. **Policy and Procedure – Review**

None on this Agenda.

1. **Task List**

Noted.

1. **Members and Officer’s Reports**

The East Kent Recycling skip lorries are again causing a nuisance in Impton Lane. They are also now parking trailers and transferring skips on Lodge Lane opposite the entrance to Vinters Valley Lodge. The Clerk would report this again to Environmental Services and MBC.

1. **Residents’ Concerns**

The issue of nuisance motor and quad bikes in Cuckoo Wood was discussed. It had been reported to the Police and the Community Beat Officer had been informed. It was agreed that the Clerk would get in touch with the land owner to see if any deterrents could be installed.

1. **Bulb Planting**

It was proposed by Cllr Mclean, seconded by Cllr I Davies and all agreed that the scheme would be run again this year with a budget of £100 being set.

1. **Volunteer Groups**

No reports received.

1. **Items for Next Agenda**

None put forward at this meeting.

1. **Next Meeting**

Next Environment Committee meeting 9 September 2024.

**In view of the confidential nature of the item about to be transacted, it is advised that the public and press will be excluded from the meeting for the duration of the following items**.

1. **Enforcement and CIL/Section 106 updates from MBC**

Noted

1. **Boarley Lane Verge**

The Clerk would chase for an update.

Meeting closed at 20.47

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman ……………………………………………….. Date ………………………………………………………..