**Minutes of the Boxley Parish Council Environment Committee Meeting held at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade on 9 September 2024, commencing at 7.30pm.**

**Present**: Cllrs B Hinder – Chairman, I Davies, C Sheppard, J Akehurst, A Brindle, M Beckwith and P Mclean along with Mrs D Baylis (Parish Clerk) and Cllr V Jones BEM

1. **Apologies and absences**

Cllrs H Bryant and M Cox – apologies accepted.

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

None.

1. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 5 August 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**

Minute 3882 Item 13. Bulb Planting. The Clerk reported that the bulbs had been purchased and the notice sent out. 2 requests had been received within the first 2 hours.

**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**

**24/503367/ADV The Running Horse, Chatham Road, Sandling, ME14 3AG**

Installation of 1 x replacement header to existing totem sign, 1 x new welcome panel fitted to existing posts, and one set of individual welcome letters.

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

**24/502920/FULL Newnham Court Equine Clinic, Newnham Court Farm, Bearsted Road, Weavering, ME14 5EL**

Change of use of equine hospital to Flexible E Class to enable other veterinary and associated uses.

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

**24/503624/TPOA Alexandra Hospital Impton Lane Walderslade Kent ME5 9PG**

TPO Application: To complete works as instructed on Report On Safety Inspection Of Trees (received 29.08.2024).

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

**24/503570/FULL 5 Travertine Road Boxley Kent ME5 9LQ**

Conversion of garage to form study and W.C.

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

**24/502560/FULL 10 Birch Drive Boxley Kent ME5 8YU**

Repositioning of garden boundary with 5ft fence panels, demolition of existing boundary wall and fence.

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

1. **Ratifications**

There were no ratifications on this Agenda.

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

Report noted.

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

The plan has been submitted and BPC’s KCC rep has requested a meeting. The Clerk would arrange this. Cllrs B Hinder, A Brindle and C Sheppard would attend.

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

No update for this Agenda.

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

Report noted.

* 1. **Boxley Village**

The speed survey results had been circulated to members. The Clerk was asked to get an executive summary of the results from the survey company, as it was felt that the ‘Dashboard’ summary provided was not enough.

* 1. **Lower Thames Crossing update**

A Series of community events are being held throughout September and October. Information has been circulated to Councillors and will be sent out on Community Alert and put on the website.

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

Parking in Boxley Village was discussed with no conclusion on a solution reached. It would be added to the Task List for future discussion.

1. **Parish Council Environment Network**

It was agreed that BPC would be open and forthcoming and provide information if needed with no active involvement in attending the meetings.

1. **Policy and Procedure – Review**

None on this Agenda.

1. **Task List**

Noted.

1. **Members and Officer’s Reports**

Cllr Sheppard reported that the school parking in Grovewood Drive South was still causing a lot of issues during school pick up and drop off times. The daytime parking did not seem as prevalent. The Clerk would contact Charlie Reynolds at MBC and ask for enforcement officers to attend.

Cllr Hinder thanked those Councillors who had volunteered to help with the Macmillan Coffee morning being held at Beechen Hall on the 27th September.

Cllr Jones reported that in her capacity as a Borough Cllr, she had already arranged to have the weeds cleared along the length of Old Chatham Road, Sandling and the cycle lane signage will be changed.

1. **Residents’ Concerns**

None on this Agenda

1. **Volunteer Groups**

No reports received.

1. **Items for Next Agenda**

None put forward at this meeting.

1. **Next Meeting**

Next Environment Committee meeting 14 October 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 gave a verbal update received from Sir Paul Carter who will try to attend the next Parish Council meeting.

1. **KCC Transport Consultation**

The KCC transport plan consultation needs a response by the 8 October 2024. Cllrs Hinder and Brindle will meet with the Clerk to do BPC’s response.

Meeting closed at 20.40

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

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