**Minutes of the Boxley Parish Council Environment Committee Meeting held at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade on 10 March 2024, commencing at 7.30pm.**

**Present**: Cllrs P Mclean, I Davies, H Bryant, J Akehurst and A Adams along with Mrs D Baylis (Parish Clerk) and Cllr V Jones BEM

1. **Apologies and absences**

Cllrs M Beckwith, B Hinder, A Brindle and M Cox

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

1. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 9 December 2024**

Agreed.

1. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**

**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.**

No members of the public were present.

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

**25/500740/FULL 2 Saddlers Close, Weavering, ME14 5TF**

Demolition of conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension.

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

**25/500779/FULL Well House, Tyland Lane, Sandling, ME14 3BR**

Erection of first floor rear extension

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

**25/500831/TPOA 8 Bellgrove Court, Boxley, Kent, ME5 8PQ**

Tree preservation order application to reduce one Hornbeam to a height of 9m

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

**25/500803/SUB 19 Abigail Crescent, Walderslade, Kent, ME5 9DZ**

Submission of details pursuant to condition 2 – (noise management plan) subject to 24/504705/FULL

**Boxley Parish Council object** to this application. The noise management plan is inadequate and does not cover the requirements set out in the granted planning permission.

**25/500665/FULL Sheraton Grove, Grove Green Road, Weavering, Kent, ME14 5JT**

Erection of a single storey front extension.

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

1. **Ratifications**

It was proposed by Cllr Akehurst, seconded by Cllr Mclean and agreed to ratify the planning responses made out of meeting.

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

Report noted.

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

The TRO’s were noted. Tyland Lane is on a separate budget and will be on a separate TRO.

* 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**

No update for this Agenda.

* 1. **Lower Thames Crossing update**

The planning permission has been submitted and comments are invited.

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

A229 improvement proposals. It was proposed by Cllr P Mclean, seconded by Cllr H Bryant and all agreed that Cllr Akehurst would work with the Clerk on the response.

1. **Lidsing**

The 2 consultations in Bredhurst had about 130 attendees over the 2 days. This was an informal consultation and the focus was on traffic calming for Bredhurst and Boxley. There was the potential to make Bredhurst a Cul de sac by shutting Forge Lane and Dun Street. Cllr Jones would draft a response and circulate to members for comment. The submission date was the 23rd March.

1. **Boxley and Boxley Abbey Conservation Areas**

The Clerk would draft a response plus a pros and cons of a conservation area that would be circulated on a flyer to all Boxley residents for their comments.

1. **Sandling**

The Clerk and Cllr Akehurst would draft the road proposals into a document for submission to KCC for action. BPC would offer to pay for the work to be done..

1. **Members and Officer’s Reports**

All raised under Agenda items.

1. **Residents’ Concerns**

None on this Agenda.

1. **Volunteer Groups**

No reports received.

1. **Items for Next Agenda**

The A229 would be a standing Agenda item on all future Agendas.

1. **Next Meeting**

Next Environment Committee meeting 14 April 2025.

**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

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

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