

Minutes of the Boxley Parish Council Environment Committee Meeting held at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade on 8 April 2024, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: B Hinder – Chairman, I Davies, C Sheppard, A Brindle, S Mayes, J Akehurst, H Bryant, M Beckwith and P Mclean along with Mrs D Baylis (Parish Clerk)

1. **Apologies and absences**
Cllrs P Huntingford – apologies accepted.
2. **Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**
Cllr Mclean – Item 13. Regarding Jonquil as his property is mentioned.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 March 2024**
Agreed.

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

4. **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.

No members of the public were present.

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

24/500661/FULL Chiplime House, Beddow Way, Aylesford

Division of the existing site to form new separate compound with the erection of 2no. warehouses including new access, gates and parking.

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

24/501248/FULL St Mary and All Saints Church, The Street, Boxley, ME14 3DX

Installation of new guard railing adjacent to South wall of churchyard to provide protection from falling.

Boxley Parish Council wish to see this application approved.

24/501290/FULL Runsell Grange, Yelstead Lane, Boxley, ME14 3EJ

Stationing of mobile home for the use as an annexe to the existing dwelling for dependent family member.

Boxley Parish Council object to this application for the following reasons:

1. It would be an incongruous addition to an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.
2. It is in an elevated position and therefore highly visible.
3. If plumbed in it will not constitute a temporary building.

24/501366/TPOA 71 Franklin Drive Weaving Maidstone Kent ME14 5SY

Tree Preservation Order application: Removal of dead tree trunk.

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

24/501277/LAWPRO Avalon Boxley Road Walderslade Kent ME5 9JE

Lawful Development Certificate for proposed existing garage to be demolished and erection of a single storey outbuilding for a family garden room.

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

6. Ratifications

It was proposed by Cllr B Hinder, seconded by Cllr A Brindle and all agreed that the ratification of the planning response made out of meeting be made.

7. Planning Decisions, Appeals and Appeals Decisions

Noted.

8. Highways and Byways – DECISION

8.1 Highways Improvement Plan.

Cllr Brindle asked the Clerk to chase up the flooding between Boxley Village and Sandy Lane caused by the installation of a berm further up the hill. This is causing flooding to the driveways to Park House and adjacent properties.

8.2 Junction 3 of the M2/Bluebell Hill

No update

8.3 A249 Bearsted Road Major Infrastructure Project.

Dates have still not been released for specific work on specific dates.

8.4 Boxley Village

Correspondence had been received from several residents following the installation of temporary traffic lights asking if these could be made permanent. The Clerk was asked to look at the cost of commissioning a survey of all residents to see if they would be for or against the proposal.

8.5 Joint Parishes Traffic Working Group

There is a meeting on the 16 April. This will look at lanes. Pilgrims Way is one of those being discussed. BPC representatives Cllrs B Hinder and A Brindle are unable to attend. Cllr C Sheppard said that he would go as the BPC representative.

8.6 Public Rights of Way

It was proposed by Cllr B Hinder, seconded by Cllr I Davies and all agreed to make representation of no objection to the proposed changes to footpath KH9.

8.7 Any Highways issues raised at the meeting

None.

9. Policy and Procedure – Review

9.1 Street Maintenance Policy

Agreed with no changes

9.2 Parking Policy

Agreed with no changes

9.3 Planning Advice Leaflet

Agreed with no changes

It was proposed by Cllr C Sheppard, seconded by Cllr H Bryant and all agreed to adopt all policies put forward.

10. **Task List**

Cllr H Bryant said that the Community Beat officer had spoken to one of the dog owners reported by residents as having a dangerous/out of control dog and advised him to keep the dog under control when in public spaces and walk it with a muzzle.

11. **Benches for WDJ0**

The Clerk was asked to put an article on the website to state that the Parish Council were keen to assist residents in remembering loved ones and happy to consider requests for memorial benches.

It was agreed to allow the European School of Osteopathy to replace the benches on Boxley Village Green with memorial ones for the founder of the school who had died. Benches to be man made timber.

12. **Members and Officer's Reports**

None.

13. **Residents' Concerns**

Save Our Buses Group

The Clerk was asked to obtain more information and the relevance to BPC.

Whitehead Monkton Litter Picking

It was proposed by Cllr C Sheppard, seconded by Cllr B Hinder and agreed with one abstention to provide litter picking equipment for the group. The Clerk was asked to ensure that BPC were sent photographs of the groups activities for the BPC website.

Bearsted Road Safety

This was part of the Joint Parishes Working Group's agenda and a speed reduction was a proposal they were putting forward for this road as part of a wider programme.

Jonquil – Weaving Street

This is a very narrow site. The Clerk was asked to report the matter to the Planning Department at MBC for action.

It was agreed that all planning applications permitted of this nature should have a Traffic Management Plan as part of their approval.

The Clerk was asked to contact the residents and notify them of the actions being taken.

14. **Consultations**

None on this Agenda.

15. **Volunteer Groups**

No reports received.

16. **Items for Next Agenda**

None put forward at this meeting.

17. **Next Meeting**

Next Environment Committee meeting 13 May 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.

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

No CIL received.

19. **Lidsing Garden Development**

The Inspectors feedback questionnaire was gone though and filled in. Clerk to submit responses

20. **Siting of Caravans in the AONB**

Report noted

21. **Bell Lane**

Cllr Hinder requested the Committee's approval to approach MBC for an update. This was agreed by all.

Meeting closed at 20.44.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman Date