

**Minutes of the Environment Committee on Monday 8 June 2020 held by
Conference call due to the Covid-19 Pandemic following on from the Parish
Council Meeting commencing at 7.30 pm.**

Present: Cllr B Hinder – Chair, Cllrs A Brindle, Mr I Davies, Mrs P Huntingford, J Willmott, D Hollands and L Clarke together with Mrs D Baylis, Clerk.

1. **Apologies and absences**
None all present
2. **Election of Environment Committee Chairman**
After discussion Cllr Hinder agreed to remain as the Environment Committee Chair.
3. **Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**
None
4. **Minutes of the Meetings held on 2 March and 9 March 2020**
The minutes were agreed and would be signed when possible.
5. **Matters Arising from the Minutes**
 - 4.1 Minute 3330/4.1 Junction 3 M2. Cllr Hinder reported that this was now on MBC's Joint Traffic Board Agenda to be discussed and updates provided at this month's meeting.
 - 4.2 Any other matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda. **None.**

To adjourn to allow members of the public to address the meeting.

No members of the public had joined the meeting.

6. **Planning Applications for Consideration – Decision**

20/502038/FULL Popesfield, Bearsted Road, Weaving, Kent
Variation of Condition 19 of planning permission 18/506656/FULL (Primary School and Special Educational Needs Secondary School) to include provision of a controlled pedestrian crossing point on Bearsted Road until such time that the upgrade works as part of the A249 Bearsted Road Improvement Scheme relevant to this development have been completed.
Boxley Parish Council Response: Boxley Parish Council have no material planning reason to object to this application.
Cllr Hinder reported that the schools would not be opening in September and the pupils due to start would go to other academies until the school opened.
It was noted that the number of pupils registered to start in September was well below those projected and confirmed the PC's view that there was no demand for a primary school in this locality. There is a concern that pupils would come from further afield and lead to an increase in traffic movements causing additional traffic issues.
Cllr Hinder would go to the Parish Office to draft a response to Mr Blythin's email with the Clerk.

20/502199/TPOA 7 Silvertree Close, Boxley, ME5 9ST
Tree preservation order application: five trees from Walderslade Woods, branches overhanging back garden, trim branches over the boundary.
Boxley Parish Council Response: Boxley Parish Council defer to the views of the Tree Officer

20/502258/FULL 33 Alexandra Glen, Walderslade, ME5 9EB
Erection of a two storey side extension (resubmission of 19/502258/FULL)
Boxley Parish Council Response: Boxley Parish Council have no material planning reason to object to this application

20/502230/TPOA 8 Abigail Crescent, Walderslade, ME5 9DZ

TPO application to reduce height of one Beech tree from 12m to 6m and reduce the height of one oak tree from 15m to 7.5m.

Boxley Parish Council Response: Boxley Parish Council defer to the views of the Tree Officer

20/502314/TPOA 2 Wildfell Close, Walderslade, ME5 9RU

TPO application for 1x (T2) Hornbeam – reduce lateral branches away from house to leave 2 meters clearance.

Boxley Parish Council Response: Boxley Parish Council defer to the views of the Tree Officer

20/502315/TPOA 2 Wildfell Close, Walderslade, ME5 9RU

TPO application for 1x (T3) Sweet Chestnut, crown lift by removal of lowest branches to create clearance no house/porch of 1-2 meters and over footpath/road by 3 meters.

Boxley Parish Council Response: Boxley Parish Council defer to the views of the Tree Officer

7. Ratifications

The planning responses made out of meeting by the Clerk after consulting members were ratified.

The Clerk was asked to send the Gibraltar Farm response by recorded delivery to ensure it was received as she had experienced problems getting the response uploaded and was getting no reply from Medway Council’s planning department.

8. Items for Next Agenda

Requests for items to be included on the agenda to be submitted no later than 27 January 2020. **Noted.**

Cllr Hinder asked for the Lidsing Road junction to be added. The Clerk was asked to request that rumble strips and a stop sign be added to the junction design.

9. Next Meeting

Next Environment Committee meeting 13 July 2020, venue to be confirmed, to start at 7.30pm

Meeting closed 8.45 pm.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman Date