**Minutes of the Boxley Parish Council Woodland Management Committee Meeting held at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade on 25 September 2024**

**Councillors Present**: Cllrs H Bryant (from item 8), I Davies, M Cox, A Brindle with Rob Burrows and Derek Price from the Walderslade Woodlands Group, Cllrs C Sheppard, B Hinder, A Adams and the Clerk, Mrs D Baylis

In Cllr Bryant’s absence Cllr A Brindle was acting Chairman.

1. **Apologies and absences**

Cllr V Jones

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

None.

3 **Minutes of the meeting held on the 17 July 2024**

Agreed

4. **Impton Lane Open Space**

It was proposed by Cllr I Davies, seconded by Cllr M Cox and all agreed to accept quotation 832 for the Tree Survey at a cost of £540.

5. **Weavering Diamond Jubilee Orchard**

It was proposed by Cllr A Brindle, seconded by Cllr I Davies and all agreed to accept quotation 833 for the Tree Survey at a cost of £540.

6. **Franklin Drive**

It was proposed by Cllr M Cox, seconded by Cllr I Davies and all agreed to accept quotation 834 for the Tree Survey at a cost of £360.

7. **Beechen Hall**

It was proposed by Cllr I Davies, seconded by Cllr M Cox and all agreed to accept quotation 835 for the necessary tree work at Beechen Hall. It was agreed to add the coppicing of the sweet chestnut outside the office to the work list to be done.

8. **Walderslade Woodlands**

The Clerk reported that quotations were being sought for the container base. The container was being ordered. The UTV being looked at would be bought to the hall for a demonstration. Once a date has been organised members would be notified so that they can attend.

Rob Burrows reported that the group is working through the list of trees requiring work in the tree report. Derek Price reported that he had produced an up to date list of trees that would require a contractor to do the work. The recommended timescales were 3 month for Red and 3-6 months for Amber. The group were three quarters of the way through the red list. The Red list had 67 trees listed many of which were multi stemmed.

Rob Burrows asked about the investment of the funds received from KCC. These funds could now be invested as the Grant Agreement amendment had been done by Kent County Council and the Trust was being formally dissolved at the meeting following this one. Various options had been looked at by the Long Term Investment Working Group that would produce a regular income for the woodland.

Rob Burrows also asked about the possibility of purchasing land owned by Kitewood and the land at Impton Lane.

Kent County Council have marked up lots of trees alongside Walderslade Woods Road and several other areas. There is no schedule yet for when these works will be carried out.

6. **Items for next Agenda**

None put forward

7. **Next Meeting**

19 February 2025 (unless requested earlier)

Noted.

Meeting closed at 19.12

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

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