

Minutes of the Boxley Parish Council Environment Committee Meeting held at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade on 14 April 2024, commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllrs B Hinder, P Mclean, I Davies, H Bryant, I Davies and M Cox along with Mrs D Baylis (Parish Clerk) and Cllr V Jones BEM

- 1 **Apologies and absences**
Cllrs M Beckwith, A Brindle and J Akehurst
- 2 **Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 March 2025**
Agreed.
4. **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.

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

25/501345/SUB Park Cottage The Street Boxley Kent ME14 3DH

Submission of details pursuant to condition 4 - (external joinery - glazing bars, frames and mouldings) 6 - (Roof Light) 7- (enhancement of biodiversity) subject to 23/503192/FULL

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

25/501246/TPOA Sandhurst Grove Green Road Weaving Kent ME14 5JT

TPO application to reduce a group of Ash (T1,T2,T3 and T4) to a height of 12m and reduce lateral limbs overhanging neighbouring property to 4m. Reduce Leylandi group (T5 and T6) to a height of 9m.

Boxley Parish Council defer to the views of the tree officer.

25/501243/TPOA School Of Science And Technology Maidstone New Cut Road Maidstone Kent ME14 5GQ

TPO application to carry out various works to multiple trees - please see "photos" and "application form" for full summary of works

25/501254/TPOA Valley Invicta Academies Trust New Cut Road Maidstone Kent ME14 5GQ

TPO application to carry out various works to multiple trees - please see General Tree Assessment " for the summary of works to be done

Boxley Parish Council defer to the views of the tree officer

25/501221/FULL 10 Wagoners Close Weaving Kent ME14 5SG

Erection of a single storey side extension.

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

25/501168/FULL The Hive, Weaving Street, Wavering, Kent, ME14 5JH

Erection of a rear ground floor extension with internal/external alterations and changes to fenestration.

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

6. **Ratifications**

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

7. **Planning Decisions, Appeals and Appeals Decisions**

Report noted.

8. **Highways and Byways – DECISION**

8.1 **Highways Improvement Plan.**

Noted.

8.2 **Junction 3 of the M2/Bluebell Hill**

No update for this Agenda. The Clerk was asked to contact MP's for Boxley and Aylesford for any updates.

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

No update for this Agenda. The Clerk was asked to get an update on the scheme from Colin Shorter of MBC.

8.4 **Boxley Village**

It was proposed by Cllr P Mclean, seconded by Cllr H Bryant and all agreed to conduct the traffic survey again with the addition of Grange Lane. Survey to be carried out in term time only.

The conservation area consultation leaflet was looked at and the Clerk would amend this and circulate to members.

8.5 **Lower Thames Crossing update**

The planning permission has been granted.

8.6 **A229 Bluebell Hill Road Improvements**

Response submitted noted.

8.7 **Any Highways issues raised at the meeting**

Cllr Mclean reported that the mess left by the gas works on Grove Green Lane had been tidied up. Residents were reasonably happy with the repairs to the verge. Cllr Hinder reported that some pot holes around Boxley Road had been filled in but those on Boxley Road itself had not. The Clerk was asked to report.

9. **Lidsing**

The 2 consultations in Bredhurst had about 130 attendees over the 2 days. The consultation responses had been looked at. The preference was for a village green centre with a cricket pitch. The timescale of the infrastructure delivery was a big concern. Cllr Jones thought that if the current timescale for infrastructure was adhered to the impact on local roads would be ok. Of the proposed road closures in Bredhurst 22 were in favour of closing Forge Lane and Dun Street and 26 made no response. Of the responses 88 had been from Medway residents, 62 from Maidstone and 5 were unknown. Traffic calming measures for Harp Fram Road and Westfield Sole Road were being looked at.

10. **Sandling**

Report noted..

11. **Policy and Procedures Review**

It was proposed by Cllr I Davies, seconded by Cllr M Cox and all agreed to adopt the Street Maintenance and Parking Policies and the Planning Advice Leaflet.

12. **Task List**

Noted

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

It was agreed to support and collaborate with Borough Councillor Ron Burke regarding the Stem School Parking issues. It was felt that intensive monitoring for 2 weeks by parking enforcement officers would greatly improve matters.

14. **Residents' Concerns**

Van and Lorry parking Wildfell Close

The company had now moved their vehicles to Impton Lane. Clerk was asked to report again and ask for help from the Community Beat Officer, Ben Cox. It was proposed by Cllr M Cox, seconded by Cllr H Bryant and all agreed to add a request for single yellow lines with a waiting restriction on one side of Impton Lane to the HIP.

Speeding on Boxley Road

The Clerk would report this concern to the police. Cllr Brindle would also raise this at the upcoming Joint Parishes Traffic Group meeting.

15. **Volunteer Groups**

No reports received.

16. **Items for Next Agenda**

Cllr Bryant raised the issue of the lack of a footpath at one end of Impton Lane.

This would be added to the next meeting Agenda. The Clerk would report this to KCC as a safety concern and try and find if it was meant to be built as part of the original plans..

17. **Next Meeting**

Next Environment Committee meeting 12 May 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.

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

Noted

Meeting closed at 8.36 pm

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman Date