

**Minutes of the Environment Committee on Monday 8 July 2019 at Beechen Hall,
Wildfell Close, Walderslade commencing at 8.10 pm.**

Present: Mrs W Hinder (Chairman), Mrs A Brindle, Mrs L Clarke. Mr J Constable, Mr I Davies, Mr B Hinder, Mr D Hollands, Mrs P Huntingford and Mr J Willmott, together with Mrs P Bowdery Clerk and Mrs D Baylis Clerk.

1 Apologies and absences

None as all members present.

2 Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying

None submitted.

3. Minutes of the Meetings 3 & 10 June 2019

The minutes were **agreed** and **signed** as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Minute 3268/4.2 Junction 3 M2. 10 MPs request for action on local infrastructure. Cllr B Hinder was awaiting the response from Helen Whately MP.

4.2 Minute 3268/4.3 Litter bin New Cut Road. MBC chased 26.06.19 for an update computer system shows 'closed' but no other information. Clerk was requested to contact MBC again. **Action: Clerk.**

4.3 Minute 3268/4.5 Land to rear of Tesco. Cllr B Hinder was awaiting the response from Helen Whately MP.

4.4 Any other matters arising from the minutes not on the agenda. **None.**

As no members of the public were present the meeting was not adjourned.

5. Planning Applications for Consideration

19/502829/FULL Adaptation of existing space to house cold storage facilities with new link extension to main building and creation of new opening to the East elevation. Vinters Park Crematorium Bearsted Road Weaving.

The Parish Council has no material planning reason to object.

19/502833/FULL Erection of a first floor extension over garage, study, storage and utility room to achieve a master bedroom with minor internal alterations. 2 Pilgrims View Boxley.

The Parish Council has no material planning reason to object.

19/503374/TPOA application to prune overhang (into garden of 14 Sandstone Rise) of one Conifer back to boundary. 4 Saracen Fields Walderslade.

Do not wish to object, defer to the views of the Landscape Officer.

19/502253/TPOA TPO Application. Crown Reduction to Height of Approx. 30ft and Width Approx. 16ft, Crown Thinning of 15% and Removal of Any Dead Wood. 4 Olivine Close Walderslade.

Do not wish to object, defer to the views of the Landscape Officer.

19/503425/TPOA TPO application to fell one Conifer and Fell two Cherry trees. 32 Lombardy Drive Maidstone.

Do not wish to object, defer to the views of the Landscape Officer.

19/502097/FULL Erection of detached double garage with pitched roof (resubmission of 18/506119/FULL). 22 Gleaners Close Weaving.

Having considered the Borough Council's previous reasons for refusal the parish council sees no significant alteration to the scale and height and no change of location to reduce the distance from the house. The parish council considers the Borough Council's previous refusal, on the grounds that the development will be harmful to the street scene and

obtrusive and incongruous in public views from Grovewood Drive South and Provender Way, to still be relevant. Therefore, the parish council objects to the development and requests that it is reported to the Planning Committee.

19/502219/ TPO application to fell ten Chestnut trees. 132 Sandling Lane Penenden Heath. *The parish council defers to the views of the Landscape Officer, however in the absence of a professional report members are unhappy that, with a lack of a demonstrable need, so many trees are to be felled. If permitted a condition that replacement indigenous trees are replanted on the property, and subjected to TPO coverage, is requested.*

6. **Planning Decisions, Appeals and Appeals Decisions**

18/506071/FULL Erection of first floor rear extension. APPEAL: DISMISSED 6 Golden Wood Close, Walderslade. BPC did not object. **Noted.**

7. **Highways and Byways**

7.1 Road naming on development on land west of Eclipse Park, Sittingbourne Road. **Ratified** the Clerk's decision, after consulting members, Heath Wood Drive.

7.2 M2 junction 5 improvements update. **Received** and **noted.**

7.3 Crash Data. Members' **received** and **noted** the information.

7.4 BPC wish list conversion to Highway Improvement Plan (HIP)/Infrastructure Spend Plan (ISP). After careful consideration members **agreed** an updated list and the residents would now be invited to add to the list. **Action: Clerk.**

Discussion took place concerning extra maintenance needed on vision splays at road junctions. It was **agreed** that action would be taken to encourage residents to contact KCC to report any road issues but especially overgrown vegetation at junctions. Advice on the difference responsibilities for local authority's is also to be provided. **Action: Office.**

All members to be provided with the KCC handouts concerning highway improvement requests and the production of Highway Improvement Plans. **Action: Clerk.**

Complaint received about parking on the verge on the Cossington Lane/Brownlow Copse junction causing damage. The Clerk was asked to find out the cost of installing bollards on the verge and to contact the Guides so that they can ask all parents not to park there. **Action: Clerk**

8. **Policy and Procedures**

None scheduled for review. **Noted.**

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

Cllr Bob Hinder's report on a recent appearance at the Maidstone Planning Committee was **received** and **noted.**

Members were notified of a possible movement of boundary fence line at East Lodge, New Cut Road. The Clerk was asked to liaise with Vinters Valley Trust. **Action: Clerk.**

10. **Volunteer Groups**

No reports submitted.

11. **Matters for Information**

MBC Local Plan briefing presentation. **Noted.**

Temporary Closure, due to overhead power lines work, of Byway KH64, and Public Footpath KH29, KH33, KH10 and KH9, Boxley closures. **Noted.**

12. **Items for Next Agenda**

Requests for items to be included on the agenda to be submitted no later than 5 August. **Noted.**

12.1 KCC Consultation. Members were asked to review the KCC consultation and notify the Clerk whether they consider it is something they wished to send comments in about. **Action: all councillors.**

12.2 Purchase of bulbs and wildflower seeds. Cllr Bob Hinder notified members that MBC will consider awarding a grant towards the purchase of wildflower seed, applications had to be made via the Borough Councillors.

13. **Next Meeting**

Next full Environment Committee meeting 12 August 2019 at Beechen Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

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

There were none.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for her outstanding service to the Parish Council over many years.

Meeting closed 9.14pm.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman Date