

**Minutes of the Environment Committee on Monday 22 January 2018 at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade commencing at 9.25 pm.**

Councillors present: Mrs W Hinder (Chair), Mrs A Brindle, Ms L Clarke, Mr C Constable, Mr P Dengate, Mr Ivor Davies, Mr Bob Hinder and Mr D Hollands, together with the Clerk Mrs P Bowdery.

The Chair welcomed Cllr Brindle to the committee.

- 1 **Apologies and absences**  
None as all members were present
- 2 **Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**  
None.

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

3. **Planning Applications for Consideration**

18/500122/TPO application - 1 x Oak, 3 metre crown reduction, remove dead branches and clear epicormic growth, cut back branch overhanging roof of 26 Violet Close. 30 Violet Close Boxley Walderslade.

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

18/500069/FULL Part single/part two storey rear extension, two storey side extension and single store front extension. Broadview Grove Green Road Weaving.

*The parish council can see no material reason to object.*

18/500087/FULL Single storey front extension, part first floor and two storey side extension. 17 Galena Close Walderslade.

*The parish council can see no material reason to object.*

18/500193/TPO Application for 1 x Ash - remove limb over hanging property boundary due to excessive shading and low amenity value. 1 x Cherry - reduce crown and spread to approx. 20ft and 15ft respectively. 6 Gean Close Walderslade.

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

*Members raised concern about the inappropriate description of the Ash Tree which are considered to be extremely valuable trees.*

17/506545/FULL Conversion of basement and existing garage to additional living accommodation, erection of a double garage with playroom over, and erection of orangery on existing balcony. 16 Podkin Wood Walderslade.

Lengthy discussion took place as members felt that the development might have already taken place as a large imposing structure could be viewed from PRow KH32. A query was also raised about whether the current garage, which was being redeveloped, had planning permission and members asked for clarification to be sought on these issues. Concern was raised about over development of the site and adverse impact on the street scene from the rear and possibly also the front of the property.

The Clerk was asked to obtain the information and to agree with members the response. **Action: Clerk.**

18/500241/TPO Oak (T1) - Lift secondary branches to achieve ground 7m ground clearance. Thin canopy by 15% focusing on conflicting branches. Remove dead wood. Reasons for work - excessive shading and good forestry practice. 8 Travertine Road Walderslade.

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

4. **Next Meeting**

Next full environment meeting 5 February 2018 at Beechen Hall commencing at 7:30pm.

Meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman ..... Date .....

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