

**Minutes of the Environment Committee on Monday 1 April 2019 at Tyland Barn,  
Sandling ME14 3BD commencing at 8.25 pm.**

Councillors present: Mrs W Hinder (Chair), Mrs A Brindle, Mr I Davies, Mr B Hinder, Mrs Pat Huntingford, Mr J Willmott and Mrs P Bowdery (Clerk).

1. **Apologies and absences**  
Cllrs Clarke, Constable and Hollands
2. **Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**  
None declared.

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

3. **Planning Applications for Consideration**

**Ratifications**

19/501011/TPOA. TPO Application to reduce branch canopy of one English Oak overhanging driveway by up to 3m to growth points at The Maidstone Studios, Vinters Business Park, New Cut Road, Maidstone. **Ratified** the Clerk's decision, after consulting members, *defer to the views of the landscape officer, however it is considered that such a tree makes a valuable contribution to the visual amenity of an area, especially in a new development, and as such the parish council would prefer not to have work undertaken because of the inconvenience of overshadowing.*

**Decisions**

19/501147/FULL – Creation of first floor side extension above existing garage and conservatory. Insertion of front Velux rooflight and first floor rear Juliet balcony. Internal alterations at 18 Tollgate Way, Sandling, Maidstone, ME14 3DF.

*The parish council has no material planning reason to object. It is concerned about possible overlooking and loss of privacy to neighbouring property due to windows on first floor north side.*

19/501077/FULL – Proposed single storey rear extension, reduced levels for proposed patio and steps to rear garden at 7 Longwood, Walderslade, Chatham, Kent, ME5 9JG. *The parish council has no material planning reason to object but has concerns about water runoff as a result of additional hard landscaping.*

19/500848/ - Amendment to plots 73 – 77 previously approved under 17/500388/FULL for the construction of 7 dwellings (resulting in two additional dwellings). At Land to the west of New Cut Road, Maidstone Kent ME14 5NZ.

*Wished to see refused and reported to the Planning Committee for the following reasons:*

- *This is overdevelopment of the site with extra housing being crammed in.*
- *There will be a loss of 2 visitor car parking spaces to the detriment of the development. More visitor car parking spaces were added in 2017 (17/500388) and this proposal is contrary to that permission.*

19/501283/FULL Erection of first floor and roof side extension. 28 Lombardy Drive Maidstone Kent ME14 5TB.

*Wished to see refused for the following reasons:*

- *It is out of keeping with the street scene with no other properties having high level dormers.*
- *It is considered on overdevelopment of the property due to its height and bulk and contrary to MBC extensions policy as it is overpowering the original property. There is also concern that there will be a loss of privacy to the adjacent property.*

19/501078/FULL – Erection of two storey rear extension, conversion of loft into habitable space with the insertion of dormers and internal alterations at Walesden, Chatham Road, Sandling Maidstone.

*The parish council has no material planning reason to object but has concerns that the introduction of a window to the side may have an impact on the privacy of the adjacent property.*

19/500987/TPOA - TPO Application to crown lift one Oak Tree to give ground clearance of 5m over the garden boundary and cut back branches to give a clearance of 4m from the property. at 6 Wildfell Close, Walderslade ME5 9RU.

*Defer to the views of the Landscape Officer however there are grave concerns that the cutting back is excessive and in the long term will damage the tree.*

19/501286/FULL – Erection of a two-storey outbuilding with 3 bay opening for use as garage, shed/store and first floor home office, with the creation of a turning circle to improve access at Pollyfields Farm, Scragged Oak, Detling Maidstone.

*As the access and egress is in the Parish of Detling, Boxley PC defers to the views of Detling PC.*

19/501388/FULL- Erection of a front porch. Highmill, Tyland Lane, Sandling, Maidstone Kent. Deadline 16 April 2019.

*Defer to the next meeting.*

4. **Next Meeting**

Next Environment Committee meeting 8 April 2019 at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, ME5 9RU commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

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