

BOXFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Boxford Parish Council Virtual Extra Ordinary Meeting Held on Monday 23rd November 2020 7pm Hosted on Webex

Present:

Cllr. P. Thompson (Chair)
Cllr. J. Wilcox
Cllr. P. Harris
Cllr. P. Kidling
Cllr. J. Minchin
S Youldon – Clerk

Apologies:

Cllr. M. Hayes-Newington (Vice Chair)
Cllr. J. Cole (Hungerford & Kintbury Ward)
Cllr. C. Rowles (Hungerford & Kintbury Ward)
Cllr. D. Benneyworth (Hungerford & Kintbury Ward)

	Action
Declarations of Interest: There were no declarations of interest.	Resolved
Matters Arising	
Planning application received for comment - 20/02472/FUL – Coxedd Farm, Westbrook, RG20 8DL Proposal: Full planning permission for the conversion of the existing southern barn into a C3 residential dwelling, with associated residential curtilage, parking and landscaping, together with the demolition and removal of the northern barn and smaller ancillary buildings elsewhere within the site. Councillors reviewed the plans and raised several concerns in regard to the change of use of the land and what the longer-term plans are to house the cattle. Some concern was raised that a further application could follow to create a new cattle barn to replace this one. Also, all agreed that further consideration should be made for surface water, there is frequent surface water at this end of Westbrook, all agreed these needs to be acknowledged and addresses appropriately. Further concerns were raised on the design the property – it was agreed that this is a sensitive site beside the river and within the AONB so the conversion should be a sympathetic one. The proposal seemed harsh and of an industrial rather than agricultural nature. Councillors believed that the proposal should include more traditional materials to keep in line with the nature and history of parish. The Rambler Association comment on the website was noted, all agreed that the minor relocation of the footpath slightly further up the field would be of benefit. Cllr. Thompson and Clerk to discuss with neighbouring properties to check if they have any further input on the design that the PC should consider (i.e. overlooking windows etc). Clerk to report back to WBC. Upon further information being received Councillors could then consider an Objection or No Objection response.	PT SY
Any Other Business	
Village playground: The Village Hall Committee had asked if the PC could assist with the purchase of the new swings on their behalf. Cllr. Wilcox agreed to discuss options with Committee and keep PC informed. Planning application for comment: 20/02680/FULD Land to the Rear of Alder House, Westbrook (Plot 4 Knapps Farm) - proposed full permission for the erection of a single detached dwelling with garage, together with access and landscaping. Request for comment had been received too late to discuss in full at the meeting, Councillors agreed to look up plans and feedback to Clerk. Deadline for response 11 th December.	JW All

Meeting Closed at 7.40pm

The 2021 meetings will be held: 5th January; 2nd March; 4th May; 6th July; 7th September; 2nd November.

Signed: *S Youldon* – Clerk, 25th November 2020