

## MINUTES OF A FULL MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2009 IN MATFIELD VILLAGE HALL

### **Present**

Chairman M Mackenzie presided, Vice Chairman J Barsley, B Stanley, R Carter, I McEwen, P Randall, Mrs C Cornford and Clerk M Powell. One member of the public. Borough Councillor M Callow also attended

### **Apologies for absence**

Cllr C Treble for personal reasons.

### **Declaration of Interests**

Members were reminded that if a member has a ***prejudicial*** interest in an agenda item, this should be declared at the start of the meeting.

***Personal*** interests may be declared at this point or, alternatively, can be declared at the time a specific item is being discussed if that member wishes to speak on the item in which s/he has a personal interest. In case of doubt about such an interest Councillors are advised to contact the Monitoring Officer before the meeting or declare the interest anyway.

### **Public Question Time**

None

### **Planning Applications.**

#### **09/00149/FUL/CLC**

Ashlynn Maidstone Road Matfield

Erection of detached double garage and additional vehicular access to front of property

#### **Recommendation-Approval**

Not withstanding the recommendations of KCC we as a PC have no objections.

#### **09/00203/FUL/SJM**

Hodge Cottage The Green Matfield

Demolition of existing garage and erection of new garage and store

#### **Recommendation-Approval**

#### **09/00389/FUL/SEP**

Hurstview, Maidstone Road Matfield

Two storey side/rear extension, orangery to rear and loft conversion

#### **Recommendation-Approval**

#### **09/00323/FUL/TA1**

The Coppice Chantlers Hill Paddock Wood

Retrospective Change of use into self contained flatlet

#### **Recommendation-Neutral**

#### **09/00420/FUL/SJM**

Orchards Fairmans Lane, Brenchley

Single storey extension

#### **Recommendation-Approval**

#### **09/00084/FUL/TA1**

Mouse Trap Farm, Churn Lane Horsmonden

Retrospective Mobile Home for farm/fishery worker

Whilst not strictly in our Parish we have been asked for comments. The Clerk was asked to enquire as to why we were being asked

### **Decisions taken by TWBC**

#### **08/03397/FUL/TA1**

A Berry and Son Petteridge Lane Matfield

Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of site to create office units and change of use of existing building to office units

#### **Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval**

**08/04080/FUL/TA1**

Moatlands Manor, Watermans Lane

Brenchley

Change of use from golf clubhouse to single dwelling. Resiting of two tennis courts and removal of existing gravel parking area

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

**08/04166/FUL/CLC**

Lees Court The Green Matfield

Demolition of conservatory/garden room and outbuilding. Erection of single storey extension and alterations to adjacent single storey roofs to form lantern light

Recommendation-Refusal Decision-Refusal

**08/04158/FUL/CLC**

Newfield Crittenden Road Matfield

Single storey rear/side extension

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

**09/00055/FUL/TA1**

Woodlands Farm, Short Lane Brenchley

Two-storey side extension with single storey conservatory a first floor side extension and a single storey rear extension

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Refusal

**Decisions taken by Clerk out of meeting****Resignation**

The vacancy for Cllr Playfoot has been advertised on the notice boards.

**Fly Tipping**

Following advice of fly-tipping opposite St Luke's Church the Clerk has advised the Police who have replied that residents could contact the Police but they would receive an incident number, not a crime number as requested. The PC asked the Clerk to write to the Chief Constable with the view that this must be taken as a crime.

**Web Site**

In order to facilitate the transfer of ownership of the web site domain from the designer Rob Walker to BPC the Clerk has paid the first years fee of £57.12 plus VAT. Cllr McEwen reported that the use of the web site was growing and it was gratifying to see that from an initial 300 hits a month it had exceeded 1000 in January.

**Other Meetings Attended****Parish Chairmen**

Cllrs Mackenzie and Randall attended a Parish Chairmen's meeting at the Town Hall on 24<sup>th</sup> February. The Head of Finance gave a report forecasting a £500,000 shortfall next year. It was thought that the Amenity lorry facility might change, perhaps by moving the days or reducing the time spent at each location. He reported that there was no change to the discretionary rate relief scheme and that all Community based buildings such as village halls were exempt. Ward walks were planned for May.

**Affordable Housing**

Councillors attended a presentation on Affordable Housing by Town and Country Housing Group, which was attended by over 100 members of the public. It was considered a great success. Cllr Mackenzie reported that he had a comments book and the general feeling was positive. Also he reiterated that we as a Council have an input into the Section 106 exception agreement when it came to potential applicants if insufficient numbers came forward. Applicants would be measured by their connections with the Parish and then by their needs status. The Clerk was asked to contact Sarah Lewis to get a copy of the list of interested people.

**Brenchley School**

Cllr Mackenzie had attended a meeting of the School. The staff were working to improve things and figures suggested this was happening.

**Matters Arising****Councillor resignation**

With the resignation of Cllr Playfoot being confirmed the PC has advertised the fact. If ten residents claim a poll they must do it in writing to TWBC within 14 days of the notification excluding Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. Thereafter the PC can co-opt others if possible.

**Post Office**

It was reported that the owner appeared committed to renting at an affordable rent the shop etc. Both a local pub and some private volunteers had expressed an interest in running both the shop and Teashop.

**Correspondence****ACRK**

An invitation to renew our subscription for £35.00 was accepted

**TWBC**

A copy of a National census of local authority Councillors was distributed.

**KCC**

Brochures regarding the Love Food, Hate Waste campaign were distributed.

**West Kent Mediation**

Brochures and an annual newsletter from West Kent Mediation were distributed.

**Accounts for Payment**

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| Action with Rural Communities in Kent | Subscription        | £35.00   |
| M Powell                              | Salary and expenses | £1233.88 |
| Post Office Ltd                       | Tax & NI            | £319.71  |

**Other Matters as maybe previously notified****Keith Price**

Cllr Barsley reported that sadly Keith Price had passed away. His funeral would be on the 10th March at St Luke's Church. Without his support in fundraising over many years it was unlikely the Matfield Village hall would ever have been built. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of condolence to his widow on behalf of the Council.

**Cinderhill Wood**

Several complaints had been received from local residents about the amount of lighting on the site which not only was an annoyance because of the quantity of light but the fact it seemed to be on most of the night. The Clerk was asked to contact the Landscape Officer

**Public Lavatories.**

Cllr McEwen reported he was due to attend a meeting with TWBC to discuss the matter of closure. The choices seemed limited as TWBC were determined to rid themselves of the costs. The Clerk was asked to research the issue of raising the precept next year

**Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be a full meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March in Matfield Village Hall at 7.30 pm.