

**MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING ON TUESDAY 21st APRIL 2009 IN
BRENCHLEY MEMORIAL HALL**

Present

Vice Chairman J Barsley presided, Cllrs B Stanley, R Carter, P Randall, Ray Dafter and Mrs C Cornford. Clerk M Powell.

Apologies for absence

Cllrs M Mackenzie and I McEwen for family commitments, 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.

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Acceptance of Office

Cllr Ray Dafter signed the acceptance of Office, which was witnessed by the Clerk and was given the Declaration of Interests form for later completion and return to the TWBC Monitoring Officer.

Confirm minutes of previous planning meeting of 17th March 2009

The minutes were duly approved and signed by the Vice Chairman

Public Question Time

None

Planning Applications.

09/00893/FUL/CW1 Becketts Grove Farm Sophurst Wood Lane Matfield
Retrospective-retention of a garden shed
Recommendation-Approval

09/0994/FUL/CLC Ashlynn Maidstone Road Matfield
Detached double garage
Recommendation-Approval

09/01013/FUL/CW1 Sunrise Chantlers Hill Paddock Wood
Conservatory to rear elevation
Recommendation-Approval

09/00978/CEU/JR Stable Studio, Kippings Cross Farm House,
Hastings Road Brenchley
Lawful development certificate. Garage area converted to form self contained studio flat
Recommendation-Refusal
Due to insufficient information on present usage and existing planning consents. The use of the 1st floor is also unclear.

09/0999/FUL & 01002/LBC/SEP Little Portebello Windmill Hill Brenchley New Driveway and alterations

Recommendation-Approval

Subject to Conservation Officers report and we express concern over the lack of vehicular turning space.

09/01062/FUL/TA1

Oast House Little Dunks Farm Cuckoo Lane

Brenchley

Erection of ancillary building to replace derelict barn

Recommendation-Refusal

Until information on usage is clarified.

Decisions taken by TWBC

09/00387/FUL/SEP

Hurstview, Maidstone Road Matfield

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

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

09/00323/FUL/TA1

The Coppice Chantlers Hill Paddock Wood

Retrospective Change of use into self contained flatlet

Recommendation-Neutral Decision-Refusal

09/00420/FUL/SJM

Orchards Fairmans Lane, Brenchley

Single storey extension

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

Decisions taken by Clerk out of meeting

Allotments

The annual rent for the allotments is due and accounts have been sent to all tenants. The rent has not been increased. The Clerk also took the opportunity to produce a satellite view of the allotments to produce a scale map, which has been enlarged and sent to all tenants. The Clerk was asked to review the rents taking into account the expenditure the PC incurred together with a review of the current water charges.

Meetings Attended

None

Matters Arising

Goose

The Goose that was reported as causing a nuisance at Matfield Pond has been captured and re-homed.

Cricket Club

The Clerk was asked to review the deeds for the Club to ascertain access to the rear. The drawing accompanying them appears to show the boundary is alongside the pavilion in line with the boundary of Lees Court and access is possible without using the land of Summerford Lane. The Clerk was asked to check with the Land registry on boundaries.

Correspondence

TWBC

A letter from Sheila Wheeler-Chief Executive thanking us for our letter of congratulations regarding their success in their Comprehensive Performance Assessment

Kent Men of Trees

An invitation to enter the Trees in the Village Competition 2009 had been received. The Clerk was asked to forward this to Cllr Treble

Kent Police

Advice that our letter of complaint to the Chief Constable regarding fly tipping had been passed to Chief Superintendent Mark Salisbury, Area Commander for a response.

KCC

Leaflets describing the Kent Karrier Dial-a-Ride Service were distributed.

Resident-Right of Way

Advice that the resident is still in negotiation with our ex solicitors in the matter of legal costs and also working on making an offer in the future. The resident also asked for a copy of the accounts as and when available. The Clerk was asked to reply advising when this is possible.

National Volunteer Week

Cllr Randall advised that w/c 1st of June was national volunteer week and needed to hear of any suggestions for recommending an award.

Accounts for payment

TMS	Stationary and PC equipment	£343.55
EDF	Electricity	£65.65
BT	Telephones	£148.43
Matfield Village Hall	Hire of Hall	£161.00

Other Matters as maybe previously notified**Jubilee Seat**

As previously notified the Jubilee Seat has been written off due to poor design and substandard materials. The Clerk had obtained a quote for £125 for a 200mm deep bench and was asked to obtain a quotation for a simple bench seat at least 300mm deep in quality hardwood.

Potholes

Cllrs had been asked if they knew of any potholes or walkways that needed repair for notification to Highways Dept. Reports were made of potholes in Dundale Road, including the fact that there is frequent fly tipping there, Longbrooks in its entirety, the rear of Matfield Green, the footpath running from Goshen Farm to Petteridge Lane and the fact that the end of the path where it dropped down via a steep bank onto Petteridge Lane became a mudslide in rainy weather. Also reported were the rotting boardwalks on the path from Summerford Lane down to the Wish pumping station.

Dropped Kerbs

A suggestion was made that we should apply to Highways to install dropped kerbs in Chestnut Lane and Birch Close to assist road crossing by the disabled etc. This was unanimously agreed.

Cricket Club

Windows have now been installed in the Pavilion. Cllr Mrs Cornford agreed to inspect them and the Clerk was authorised to release the cheque for payment subject to this inspection.

Annual Parish Meeting

Arrangements for the meeting were discussed with Cllr Barsley agreeing to Chair, Cllr Randall to present to presentation on Public Conveniences and Cllr Stanley to present the Charities account and ask for the vote of thanks. The PC also wished to record their thanks to Cllr McEwen for all his hard work in preparing the information and the presentation that Cllr Randall was going to give.

Cinderhill Wood

Cllr Barsley reported that a horse in Cinderhill Wood had been severely injured in a knife attack. The animal was in the care of a vet but its condition was not known. The Police were involved.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th May at 7.30pm in Matfield Village Hall.