

**MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON
TUESDAY 19th MAY 2009 IN MATFIELD VILLAGE HALL**

Present

Chairman M Mackenzie presided, Cllrs B Stanley, R Carter, I McEwen, P Randall and R Dafter. Clerk M Powell.

Apologies for absence

Vice Chairman J Barsley, Cllr Mrs C Cornford and C Treble for family commitments.

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.

Confirm minutes of previous full meeting of 21st April 2009 and the APM of 23rd April

The minutes were duly confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

Public Question Time

None

Planning Applications.

09/01221/FUL/CW1 Beechwood, Foxhole Lane Matfield
Construction of new double garage to replace existing.
Recommendation-Approval

09/01228/FUL/CW1 Beechwood, Foxhole Lane Matfield
Change of use from agricultural to residential
Recommendation-Refusal
On the basis of insufficient reasons for the change.

09/01289/TPO/DMD Little Oak Windmill Hill Brenchley
Fell 1 holly and 1 sycamore tree
Recommendation-Approval

09/01286/TPO/DMD Little Oak Windmill Hill Brenchley
Reduce hollies to 2m to form hedge. Raise Ash trees canopy over road to 5m Raise Cedar canopy to 6m
Recommendation-Neutral
We are concerned that the proposed action on the cedar would be unsightly and we leave to the decision of the tree officer

09/01264/FUL/CT2 Land adjacent Birch Close, Chestnut Lane Matfield
Removal of existing woodland and construct affordable housing 2No.3 bed houses, 2No. 2 bed houses, and 2No.1 bed maisonettes with new access road and parking area
Recommendation-Approval
With the following comments
Can we be assured the environmental survey is valid when the site is no longer dormant and we recommend that the blackthorn hedges and the privet to the rear are replaced by hawthorn for maintenance reasons.

09/01291/FUL/CLC Ragstones Cryals Road Brenchley

Single storey side extension, new car-port with changes to driveway and parking. New windows and façade cladding

Recommendation-Neutral

Neutral on the basis of uncertainty of the size of fenestration and the colour and extent of cladding in context with this building

09/01352/FUL/SJM

8 Pixot Hill Brenchley

Drop kerb to front of property

Recommendation-Approval

Decisions taken by TWBC

09/00788/FUL/SEP

Cryals Lodge Cryals Road Brenchley

Alterations, extension and addition of first floor balcony

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

09/00794/FUL/GM2

Childs Cottage Crook Road Brenchley

Alteration to roof to provide accommodation including two dormers, roof lights and a solar panel

Recommendation-Refusal Decision-Refusal

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09/00893/FUL/CW1

Becketts Grove Farm Sophurst Wood Lane Matfield

Retrospective-retention of a garden shed

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

09/00994/FUL/CLC

Ashlynn Maidstone Road Matfield

Detached double garage

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

Matters Arising

Jubilee Seat

The Clerk was asked to get a further quote for a simple bench seat. Mr Noakes can build a seat with two 6in wide slats some 5ft long and mount them on a new sleeper cut in half to provide the bench 2ft 6in high. The cost of this is estimated at between £130 and £150 depending on the hardwood chosen. A decision was delayed as to this proposal or a conventional bench pending the return of the Vice Chairman who sat originally on the Jubilee Committee.

Correspondence

None

Other urgent Matters as maybe previously notified

Geese

A resident has expressed alarm that a flock of goslings has been hatched, are walking freely on Matfield Green and may be at risk from waling on the road. The Council agreed to provide two warning signs.

Branches.

An hearing was planned to take place on the 17th June. The Clerk was asked to contact Karen Broom at TWBC to enquire if it was a formal hearing in which case the PC would register its interest in speaking.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 1st June at 7.30pm in Brenchley Memorial Hall.