

MINUTES OF A FULL MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 1st DECEMBER 2008 IN BRENCHLEY MEMORIAL HALL

Present

Chairman M Mackenzie presided, Vice Chairman J Barsley, Cllrs C Treble, F Playfoot, R Carter, I McEwen, P Randall, B Stanley, and Clerk M Powell. Three members of the public attended.

Apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs C Cornford and Borough Cllr M Callow for family commitments. Borough Councillor Mrs S Slade was unable to attend.

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

Mrs R Bishop attended due to her planning application being considered, explained that she needed to move into more efficient accommodation and asked the PC that if they had any questions she was available to answer them.

Confirm minutes of previous full meeting of the 3rd November

The minutes were duly approved and signed by the Chairman.

Planning Applications.

08/03507/FUL/ARJ

Little Dunks Farm Cuckoo Lane Brenchley

Construction of a 40x20m equestrian arena, change of use from agricultural to equestrian and erection of timber stables.

Recommendation-Approval

08/03795/FUL/CT2

Primrose Hill Brenchley Road Brenchley

Erection of two detached dwellings, garages and associated works and creation of new access

Cllr R Carter declared a personal and prejudicial interest in this application and left the room. Cllrs M Mackenzie and B Stanley declared a personal interest and whilst they remained in the room took no part in the discussion.

Recommendation- Refusal

Two houses would significantly change the nature of the area contrary to EN1. However 1 house on plot 1 would be acceptable.

Decisions taken by TWBC

08/03107/FUL/SJM

Cowden Horsmonden Road Brenchley

Detached sheep barn/lambing shed

Recommendation- Approval Decision- Approval

Decisions taken by Clerk out of meeting

None

Other Meetings Attended

This PC meeting had been preceded by a visit from TWBC Planning Department represented by Rob Cottrill, Director of Planning and Development and Andrew Taylor, Development Control Manager with a view to explaining some of their decisions

regarding planning applications, which differed from our recommendations. All Councillors agreed that the visit was well worthwhile and informative.

Report of the Finance sub committee meeting

The Finance Committee had considered the budget and precept, which was presented by Cllr Carter and the Clerk. Generally all Cllrs were in favour of the proposals with a few changes. A precept of £46000 for 2009-10 was proposed and it was agreed to consider this and confirm this at the first meeting in January. It was agreed that TWBC should be advised in advance of our intentions, subject to final confirmation.

Matters Arising

A quotation from Messrs Cornfords has been received for the supply of 4 new softwood single glazed windows for the Matfield Pavilion including shutters and decoration £4760 plus VAT. Cllr Treble reported he had had a verbal quotation from Mr D Wilkins for a similar specification but in hardwood for £4200. It was agreed this would be acceptable subject to a written quotation and a reference from a previous customer. Cllr Treble agreed to pass this on.

Correspondence

St Lukes Church

A request for financial support had been received. Although the PC agreed that the Church played an important part in the community and in principle a donation would be considered, concern was expressed that any support may be short lived if the problems continued. Cllrs Barsley and Carter agreed to contact Mr Roly Franks to discuss the issue and report back to the PC.

Samaritans

A request for financial support had been received. The PC considered this and agreed that the organisation provided a lot of valuable advice and assistance and a donation of £250 was agreed.

Brenchley Surgery/Pharmacy

A reply had been received from Greg Clarke in response to our concerns over the proposals to change the way Doctors Pharmacies were to operate. Although non committal it would appear that the Brenchley surgery is sufficiently far away from others to allow it to continue as is.

Accounts for payment

M Powell	Salary and expenses	£1588.70
Post Office Ltd	Tax and NI	£319.71
Mr R Walker	Web design	£400.00

Other Matters as maybe previously notified

Brenchley School

Concerns had been received regarding the perceived poor performance of the school in recent months. The Chairman said he had spoken to KCC and there had been an interim inspection. A new Head had been there for a year and came highly recommended. There is a new Chairman of the board of Governors but they are short of Governors. It was generally agreed a PC presence on the board was desirable and after discussion it was agreed that Cllr Mackenzie would be well suited to apply.

Brenchley Charities.

Cllr Playfoot raised the question about the level of expenditure this year. It was proposed and agreed that a sum of approximately £200 should be spent.

Viewing Point

Cllr Playfoot raised the issue that a seat back on one of the seats on the viewing point was broken. It was discussed and agreed that Mr Noakes should be contacted by the Clerk and asked to repair it.

Parking

Cllr Stanley raised the issue that parking was becoming a problem in Brenchley, particularly with vehicles parking on the pavement. The Clerk was asked to advise the PCSO by email of the issue.

Fly Tipping.

Fly Tipping had been seen in Dundale Road and the Clerk was asked to advise TWBC

Exempt Items

It was proposed and agreed that, pursuant to section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds it may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act by virtue of the attached report.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be a planning meeting on Tuesday 16th December in Brenchley Memorial Hall at 7.30 pm.