

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON TUESDAY 21st
AUGUST 2007 IN BRENCHLEY MEMORIAL HALL**

Present

Chairman M Mackenzie presided, Vice Chairman J Barsley, Cllrs, P Randall, F Playfoot, R Berry, B Stanley and Mrs M.A. Edmeads. M Powell-Clerk.

Apologies for absence

Cllrs A Lee for poor health and D Jolley for family commitments.

Pecuniary and Personal Interests.

Members were reminded to declare any interest, as defined by the Council's Code of Conduct, on any matter appearing on the agenda.

Confirm minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the planning meeting of 22nd May were agreed and duly signed.

Public question time.

One member of the public attended but although asked no questions provided some clarification when a planning application was being discussed.

Planning Applications.

TW/07/02700/FUL/CLC 12 Church Close Brenchley

Side extension

Recommendation- Approval

TW/07/01597/LBC/TW2 Whitethorn Cottage Brenchley Road Matfield

New staircase access to attic and conversion of end bays to residential

Recommendation-Approval

Subject to Conservation Officers approval and satisfactory means of escape in the event of fire. Glazing bars to match existing.

TW/07/02531/FUL/CLC Petteridge Oast Petteridge Lane Matfield

Variation of 07/02387 for additional roof light and new window

Recommendation- Approval

TW/07/02732/FUL/CP3 Glebe House Brenchley Road Brenchley

Loft extension including new gable and dormer extension.

Recommendation-Refusal

The plans are exceedingly difficult to interpret, as are the unannotated photographs. The Council considers this an entirely inappropriate development and considers there must be a better solution to the applicant's accommodation needs.

TW/07/02717/FUL/CLC Lordships House Marle Place Road Brenchley

Revised boundary wall retrospective following refusal of 07/00145

Recommendation-Refusal

Our comments from 07/00145 remain unchanged. The new application fails to address the reasons the Borough gave for the original application i.e. Refused by reasons of location, height, design and materials, it has a detrimental impact on the rural character of the lane, the AONB and the Kent Special Landscape area.

Decisions taken by TWBC

TW/07/01865/FUL/BS1 Bassets Farm Hastings Road Matfield

Change of Use to part commercial and open storage

Recommendation- Refusal, Decision- Refusal

TW/07/01911/FUL/BS1 Sissons Brenchley Road Matfield

Single and two storey extensions

Recommendation-Refusal, Decision- Approval

Appeals**TW/06/03074/FUL/TW2**

The Stables, Dundale Road Matfield

2off Wind Turbines

Recommendation-Approval, Decision–Refusal, Appeal Decision-Approval

Other Planning**TW/07/01600/FUL/CLC**

Poulhurst Bungalow Furnace Lane Brenchley

Change of use of land to residential and new access and drive

Cllr N Fairre has requested the above application be heard by Committee due to a concern over over-intensive development. The Planning Officer concerned however, has recommended approval.

Meetings Attended by Councillors

Cllr M Mackenzie together with Cllr J Barsley and the Clerk attended a meeting with Mrs Sheila Wheeler and Mr Robert Cottrill to discuss an email detailing apparent disparities with what the PC thought were agreed plans for housing sites and those of TWBC.

Decisions taken by Clerk out of meeting

The Clerk was asked to invoice TWBC for the expenses incurred by the PC in the registration of the land upon which the Matfield War Memorial is situated. After discussions with Mr Turner of TWBC legal department it transpired that the registration of land was a voluntary process instigated by a central Government wish that all land was registered. There are benefits to the Council from this particularly in regard to squatters and any others who wish to make claim to the land. The Clerk has, on the evidence researched, accepted that the PC was not under instructions from TWBC to proceed and the invoice has been cancelled.

Matters Arising**Brenchley War Memorial**

Mr Maw has been written to try and progress the work on Brenchley War Memorial. The last communication from Burlite Ltd, the chosen contractor, was that work should have been started in April. Mr Maw has also been asked if he would get an alternative up to date quote from Burslems Ltd who originally provided one but at a higher figure. A reply has been received from Mr Maw who has spoken to Burlite Ltd who still assures him they will finish the work by Armistice Day. Mr Maw recommends we still remain with this contractor because of the likely difficulties in changing. The Council discussed this and agreed this recommendation.

Footpaths

A letter from KCC regarding WT293 and 294 asking for comments on a revised proposal to divert part of these routes. The Council was in agreement that the new proposals were acceptable but it was decided to ask the views of Mrs J Perry before replying.

Jubilee Seat

Following a telephone conversation Zurich have agreed to waive the requirement of a crime number which is a condition of the policy and will pay the claim less the excess of £250 once an invoice is received.

Correspondence**KCC Annual Plan**

A copy of the annual plan plus a CD containing the same information. The Clerk was asked to distribute copies of this.

Cre8tive

An invitation to order a pantomime production of Dick Whittington in a village hall for next January or February as a “fund raising” venture. The Council decided to decline the invitation as previous attempts to hold pantomimes had been a financial failure.

Kent Wildlife Trust

A letter of thanks for the Council's recent donation

Parish News

Issue 326 was circulated.

Action with Rural Communities in Kent

Rural Opinion Survey 2007 was noted.

TWBC

An invitation to visit Allington Energy from Waste Incinerator on 2nd October was received. Several Councillors volunteered but as it was limited to two places Cllrs Barsley and Randall were elected and the Clerk was asked to enquire if other places were available.

Accounts for payment

Hospice in the Weald Donation in return for a drawing produced to present to Rebekah Peacey on the occasion of her 100th birthday. £50.00

Other Matters as maybe Notified

Training

Cllr Mackenzie discussed that standards training was available on 25th September and advised he intended to attend. The Clerk advised he was already booked on a course as was Cllr Jolley.

Exempt item

The Clerk was asked to leave the room and issues of performance and salary were discussed by the Council following an annual review. Details of this are recorded separately.

Date of next meeting

A full meeting will be held in Matfield Village Hall on Monday 3rd September at 7.30pm. This will be preceded by a meeting of the Affordable Housing sub committee together with representatives of TWBC at 6.30pm