

MINUTES OF A FULL MEETING ON MONDAY 4th OCTOBER 2010 IN BRENCHLEY MEMORIAL HALL

Present

Chairman M Mackenzie presided, Vice Chairman P Randal, Cllrs R Carter, I McEwen, R Dafter, B Stanley, C Woodley, Mrs C Cornford and Clerk M. Powell.

Apologies for absence

Cllr J Barsley 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 the full meeting of 6th September

The minutes were agreed as being correct and duly signed by the Chairman.

Public Question Time

None

Planning Applications.

10/02574/FUL/SJM Chillmill Farm Fairmans Lane Brenchley
Dwelling for agricultural worker (revised application of 03/01307)
Recommendation-Approval

10/029880/FUL/CLC Old Palace High Street Brenchley
New gates in existing undercroft
Recommendation-Approval

10/02996/FUL/SEP Primrose Hill Brenchley Road Brenchley
Demolition of existing garages. Construction of double garage and associated landscaping
Recommendation-Approval

10/03038/FUL/SE2 Lees Court The Green Matfield
Demolition of conservatory and single storey side addition; construction of single storey side and rear extension with associated internal alterations
Recommendation-Approval

10/02898/House/SJM The Platters, High Street Brenchley
New garage
Recommendation-Approval

Planning Decisions

10/02021/FUL/CW1 Extension of time-1 Garden Cottages Maidstone Road Matfield
Attic conversion including new 2 1/2 storey entrance porch & access stair with secondary external escape stair, replacement roof & fenestration to existing conservatory, new veranda, removal of porch, conversion of outbuilding for home office, realign driveway 07/01955 refers
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

10/02340/FUL/SJM Saxbys Horsmonden Road Brenchley

Two storey extension providing self contained granny annex

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

10/02331/FUL/TA1

Moatlands Manor Watermans Lane Paddock Wood

Conversion of existing stable block to form 3 private dwellings

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

10/02572/TPO/DMD

The Platters High Street Brenchley

Trees-Silver Birch -reduce crown by 30% Reduce branch overhanging property on east side by further 10%

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

Meetings Attended

Finance Sub Committee

The Finance sub-committee reported on a meeting held to examine the accounts year to date. Cllr Carter reported that everything was within budget as far as can be expected and the accounts were satisfactory giving no cause for concern. It was agreed that the building society account held for the war memorial fund should be closed and the balance deposited in the normal PC current account.

Decisions by Clerk out of meeting

Jack Verrall Garden and Brenchley playground.

A local handyman has been asked advice and pricing of properly bedding the memorial cross in the garden. Various options were discussed and the PC agreed it would prefer that the cross was dug into the ground with the base approximately level and the head raised.

He has also been asked for a price to implement the recommendations of the ROSPA report on the Brenchley playground.

Matfield Beacon

The plaque commemorating the first lighting of the beacon in 2002 to mark the Queens Jubilee has been reinstalled on the pillar of the beacon with tamper resistant screws. The plaque has been re-polished as much as is practical to try and remove the damage caused by its attempted theft without losing too much of the wax blacking. The carved recess for the plaque is too small and some further woodwork is ideally required to settle the plaque adequately. The Clerk was asked to research the second plaque stolen which dated from the Millenium to see if the original could be duplicated.

Matters Arising

SE in Bloom

Cllr Woodley reported that he and the Vice Chairman had discussed a solution which was to purchase bulbs for planting around the villages. He had contacted the local businesses who had all agreed to contribute £10 each towards the project and volunteers would be sought for the actual planting once the purchase had been made. This was agreed unanimously.

Village of the year Award

The PC has been awarded a total of £500.00 Various options were discussed and it was agreed that a bench should be purchased for installation on the Green. A design from William Wallace was considered acceptable which together with a plaque would cost less than the budget and the Clerk was asked to obtain a firm price for purchase and installation. The PC wished it recorded that Mrs Cornford was thanked for her hard work without which the award would not have been won.

Correspondence

KCC

Advice that an organisation called Touch will be visiting households in the area to give advice and undertake energy consumption surveys. Prior to the visits selected properties will receive a postcard advising this and to encourage people to sign up to the scheme.

Affordable Housing

Lawson Queay Chartered Surveyors have given an invitation to attend a site meeting at the Matfield site in late October or early November to view the progress which by then should be well on track. Also advice that the public consultation event scheduled for Brenchley is likely to be delayed until November. The Clerk was asked to arrange a mutually convenient date for the public consultation towards the end of the month together with a date for the site visit.

Resident

An email has been received from a resident criticising the decision to reduce the amenity vehicle service in the belief that it was the PC who have made the decision. Although this has been replied to it was also noted by the resident that the PC felt it was a reasonable decision.

Minerals and Waste Development Framework

Cllr Woodley reported he had received the consultation CD and would read through it and report back at a later date.

Accounts for Payment

M Powell	Salary and expenses	£1205.34
Post Office	Tax and NI	£320.01
E.ON	Electricity	£24.97
Playsafety	ROSPA Inspections 2009 & 2010	£202.28
CA Forwards	Repairs to posts on green	£129.25
Bexhill Tree Surgeons	Tree removal behind pavilion	£352.50
Mrs C Cornford	Frames for Village of the Year	£62.94
TMS	Computer installation and setup	£440.63

Monies received

TWBC

The second half year precept has been received of £27,500

The grant for repairs to the war memorial has been received of £3077.50

Other Matters as may be previously notified

Matfield Pavilion

A discussion was had concerning a possible redevelopment of the pavilion to incorporate some commercial activity. It was generally agreed that this would only be acceptable if some of the users of it such as the Guides could be found alternative accommodation. Mrs Cornford and R Dafter were holding a meeting the following week with the Guides to consider the issues. Cllr Woodley expressed concern about such commercial use and could not support it without much more specific information on costs, practicalities and legalities. It was agreed that whatever the outcome the PC would not find it acceptable to incur any legal costs.

War Memorial

The rededication service on Sunday 14th was discussed with the invitations going out later in the week including an invitation to the reception afterwards in the Memorial Hall. The Clerk was asked to include as many of the local British Legion as possible. The question of the eroded names on the base of the memorial was considered. Bronze plaques to replace these in light of a conversation with Livingstone Art Founders thought to be circa £500 each. It was agreed in principle that this would be well spent and the budget had sufficient funds for such a project.

CHW

Cllr Mrs Cornford reminded the PC that there was a walk in Cinderhill Wood with volunteers from KHWP on Wednesday 13th October at 11am

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th October in Brenchley Memorial Hall.