

MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING ON TUESDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2010 IN BRENCHELY MEMORIAL HALL

Present

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

Apologies for absence

None

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 planning meeting of 19th January

The minutes were duly approved and signed by the Chairman

Proposal of an exempt item

It was proposed and agreed to 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 final items 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

Public Question Time

No members of the public attended

Planning Applications.

10/00079/House/GM2 Chestnut Cottage Foxhole Lane Matfield
Construction of new single pitched roof garage and open sided log store to replace existing pre-cast concrete sectional garage

Recommendation-Approval

Cllr R Dafter declared an interest, as the applicant is a near neighbour. Whilst he remained in the room he took no part in the discussion

10/00275/FUL/CLC Town Farm Slaughterhouse High St Brenchley
Conversion of traditional building to single one bedroom dwelling (renewal of TW07/00166/FUL)

Recommendation-Approval

Decisions taken by TWBC

09/03979/House/ARJ Matfield House The Green Matfield
Erection of access ramp to east elevation

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

09/03929/House/TA1 Byways Brenchley Road Matfield
Single storey extension

Recommendation-Refusal Decision-Approval

Cllr Randall reported that at a Chairmans' meeting he had been advised that if we marked our recommendation with the desire for it to be decided by committee, TWBC would communicate with us if there were a difference of opinion. It was felt that this tactic should only be used where an application was of a major or controversial nature.

Decisions taken by Clerk

Hedges

Mr J Miles has been asked to cut the front hedge of the allotments and the playground as usual. The allotments have been done but the weather needs to improve and the ground firm to allow a tractor on the field without too much damage.

KALC

The NALC has published a new set of Standing Orders for Local Councils replacing the last set published in 2003. The Clerk has considered it appropriate and has ordered a copy at £25. It was agreed that these would be reviewed alongside the PC's own standing orders when they arrived.

Matters Arising

Allotments

Following trees being felled on the western boundary which were claimed as the property of a nearby resident the Clerk has spoken and apologised to that resident who will take no further action providing she has reassurance it will not happen again. The two allotment holders have been spoken to and they confirm this will be the case.

Correspondence

None

Accounts for payment

Direct Technical Services	Street lighting maintenance	£230.30
J P Miles	Hedge cutting Matfield Church	£205.63
BT	Telephone	£121.35
South East Water	Matfield Pond water	£84.01
Brenchley Memorial Charity	Hire of hall	£240.00

Other Matters as maybe previously notified

Affordable Housing

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr M Allwood of TCHG to remind him of his promise to start tree felling on the Matfield site before the nesting season began.

Enforcement

The Clerk was asked to contact the enforcement officer to enquire on an outstanding enforcement order in Matfield

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 2nd March at 7.30pm in Matfield Village Hall.

Exempt Item

The Clerk has had telephone conversations with KCC and TWBC regarding footpath proposals in Brenchley. KCC are insistent that a footpath is available up to the school. TCHG are only likely to propose a footpath that runs through the car park, as their grant application would not include the expense of diverting it through the playground. It was felt that it was prudent to allow TCHG to make their application without further comment but to propose an amendment to the footpath course once permission had been granted.