

**MINUTES OF A FULL MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON TUESDAY
6th APRIL 2010 IN BRENCHLEY MEMORIAL HALL**

Present

Chairman M Mackenzie presided, Cllrs R Dafter, B Stanley, C Woodley, Mrs C Cornford and Clerk M Powell.

Apologies for absence

Cllrs P Randall, J Barsley, R Carter for family commitments, Cllr I McEwen for being unwell.

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 2nd March 2010

The minutes were amended to reflect that Cllr Mrs Cornford was actually in attendance and then signed as correct by the Chairman

Public Question Time

None

Planning Applications.

10/00543/TELN56/GM2

Little Dunks Farm Cuckoo Lane Brenchley

Erection of 9m pole (7.6m above ground)

Recommendation-Approval

10/00359/GM2

2 The Cottage Petteridge Lane Matfield

Single storey front extension and 2-storey rear extension

Recommendation-Approval

10/00920/HOUSE & 00928/LBC/SJM

Honeycomb Cottage Marle Place Road

Brenchley

Two-storey extension

Recommendation-Approval

10/00823/LBC/GM2

Park Cottage High Street Brenchley

Removal and replacement of tile hanging with existing tiles and some similar tiles on north facing wall and incorporation of felt insulation behind and replacement of window flaunches with lime mortar as existing.

Recommendation-Approval

The Chairman declared an interest, as the applicant was a friend. Whilst he remained in the room he took no part in the discussion

Decisions taken by TWBC

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 Decision-Approval

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 Decision-Approval

10/00321/House & 00327/LBC/CLC 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-Refusal Decision-Refusal

10/00394/House/GM2

13 Church Close Brenchley

Extension of existing drive and associated landscaping

Recommendation-Refusal Decision-Refusal

Decisions taken by Clerk out of meeting

Gate

Following reports of noisy behaviour and broken bottles outside the Matfield convenience the Clerk has purchased a chain and padlock to secure the gate into the small area of land behind it. Messrs C A Forward and Co have been asked to repair the gate together with the broken posts around the green and pavilion.

Humphreys

Advice has been received from a neighbour that trade waste is being burnt in gardens, that trees are disappearing presumably because of wood burning stoves and that with wheelie bins being left out on the pavement and often overflowing, rats have been seen. TCHG have been advised.

Other Meetings Attended

Matfield Shop

Cllr Mrs Cornford reported on a brief meeting with the proprietors of the new Matfield shop and preparations were nearly complete for the launch on Thursday the 8th. Concern had been expressed that no Post Office sign was in evidence but it would appear that this was only erected once the business was operating. Cllr Mrs Cornford was writing to Mr P Wilkinson to chase this. The Courier, the BBC and Radio Kent had been invited.

Matters Arising

Standing Orders

The NALC standing orders have been received and as agreed previously need reviewing in comparison to our own. Cllr Woodley agreed to review the SO and confer with Cllr McEwen before making their recommendations.

Matfield Green

Quotes have been received from J P Miles and Co and Greenacres Landscape Services to repair the verge at the rear of the green. There is a wide disparity with the quotes based on different types of approach to the problem. The Clerk was asked to investigate further and report.

Electricity

We currently use EDF who charge 10.69p/kWh but have decided to add a standing charge of £78.84/qtr. EON quote 10.5p/kWh with no standing charges at present. Our last bill from EDF included £65.21p of energy charges, which has been paid and £78.84p of standing charges, which has not. It was agreed to transfer our business to EON providing the Clerk found nothing in terms of short-term problems with the new agreement.

Jefferson

The Clerk was asked to enquire if the newly built fishing lodge at the junction of Foxhole Lane and Romford Road is within our Parish and to find out if planning permission has been granted. From a conversation with TWBC the location is within the Parish of Pembury and that the owner has been invited to submit a retrospective planning application.

Correspondence

War Memorial

A request and invoice from Messrs Burlite for a further stage payment of £2838.90 plus VAT. The original grant of £3077.50 from 2006 has been confirmed as still available.

A meeting on 22nd March between Mr T Maw, Alan Legg of TWBC and Messrs Burlite is reported as having gone well. Burlite attended with 3 men, 2 vans and some scaffolding to take some final dimensions. The promised installation of the cross is 19th April. The Clerk has had a conversation with Mr Newton of Burlite and the balance is principally the cost of scaffolding and fitting the cross. He also advises that the column of the memorial is loose in its juggle (socket) and he will stabilise this by drilling an oblique hole through it and inserting a stainless steel pin. Thereafter the cross will be cut off in pieces, the method of fixing ascertained and the new cross machined to suit. He does advise that the new cross will look very much lighter in colour than the existing but with time it will weather to match. The PC discussed this and agreed that we would pay this instalment to Messrs Burlite on the day that they remove the cross from the column in preparation for the new installation and invite them to provide a sign whilst work was in progress advising they were the responsible contractors.

Love where we live awards

A poster and press release has been received.

Residents

A letter has been received from a resident in Colts Hill welcoming measures to improve safety and suggesting various signage and road markings. The Clerk was asked to reply. A letter has been received from a resident who is in the process of appealing against a decision to refuse their retrospective application for a commercial operation in Palmers Green Lane advising that they have complained to Alex King of bias from TWBC and requesting a copy of the Parish Charter, which has been supplied.

Accounts for Payment

M Powell	Salary and expenses	£1297.18
Post Office Ltd	Tax & NI	£320.01
Burlite Ltd	Part payment for memorial restoration	£3335.71
Penumbra Blinds	Donation towards community shop	£587.50
KALC	Literature-Standing Orders	£25.00
B Stanley	Reimbursement for signage	£27.76

Other Matters as maybe previously notified

Publication of Budget

A request via a third party has been received asking for a wider publication of our budget and a suggestion that the monthly article for Roundabout is published in B&M News. It was agreed that the monthly report was published in Roundabout and the web site should contain a synopsis of the budget.

Speed Signs

Concern has been expressed about the new 50mph signs on the B2016. It was thought inappropriate to comment further as most of the signs were considered prominent due to being new and not using existing posts etc.

Annual Parish Meeting

The APM is scheduled for 29th August. The Chairman is due to meet William Benson and Roy Bullock to plan the agenda and their input and there is a possibility that Mr MacDonald, the new candidate for Borough Councillor will be in attendance.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be a planning meeting on Tuesday 20th April in Brenchley Memorial Hall