

MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING ON TUESDAY 17th AUGUST 2010 IN BRENCHLEY MEMORIAL HALL

Present

Chairman M Mackenzie presided, Vice Chairman P Randall, Cllrs J Barsley, R Carter, R Dafter, I McEwen, C Woodley, Clerk M Powell. Two members of the public

Apologies for absence

Cllrs B Stanley and Mrs C Cornford 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 previous planning meeting of 20th July

The minutes were duly approved and signed by the Chairman

Public Question Time

A resident expressed concern over a planning application on Bluebell Farm and asked if the Council was aware of several issues relating to the site. The Council replied that her comments would be considered when the application was discussed.

Planning Applications.

10/02346/House/SJM Matfield House The Green Matfield

Provision of buttresses to safeguard boundary wall which is currently unstable

Recommendation-Approval

Subject to there being no Highways visibility/safety issues, the conservation officers approval and an undertaking to maintain the verge which will become difficult for normal mowing.

10/01825/FUL/CT2

OS Plots 4800 & 6900 Pearsons Green Road

Brenchley

Erection of a dwelling on farm land to be used as an agricultural workers home

Recommendation-Refusal

We consider there is an insufficient case for a house at all and the design is inappropriate for the use described. Local opinion is such that there is a flood risk and that the stated topography of the site is incorrect. Crop spraying is normally done as far from housing as possible, not as close as possible.

10/02331/FUL/TA1

Moatlands Manor Watermans Lane Paddock Wood

Conversion of existing stable block to form 3 private dwellings

Recommendation-Approval

10/02549/FUL/TAS1

A Berry and Son Petteridge lane Matfield

Erection of 2 no detached houses and garages

Recommendation-Approval

Decisions taken by TWBC

10/01875/House/SEP

The Stable Block, Little Dunks Farm Cuckoo Lane

Brenchley

Erection of detached stables and waste clamp

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

10/02029/LBC/SEP

Masters The Green Matfield

Outhouse, Replace all existing windows with double glazed windows

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

10/02211/House/CW1

Burlam Brenchley Road Matfield

Single storey rear extension, replacement garage, vertical tile hanging to sw elevation

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

Decisions by Clerk out of meeting

Matfield Pond

The Clerk reported that the water in the pond has fallen to particularly low levels endangering the pond life and that he had turned on the water supply to top the pond up. The level will be reviewed daily until it is considered acceptable.

Matters Arising

Local Development Framework

The Framework was discussed and it was evident that many of the potential sites previously identified in the last Housing Needs Survey had been omitted. The Clerk was asked to write a response expressing concern about these omissions and also that the questionnaire stated that any sites not considered at this stage would be ineligible for consideration at a later stage. This was considered unacceptable. The Council also agreed its individual responses to the plots shown in both Matfield and Brenchley.

Correspondence

KALC

Issue 349 of Parish News was distributed.

Other Matters as maybe previously notified

Strategy Meeting

Consideration was given to the format of the proposed meeting on the 21st September. It was agreed that the scheduled planning meeting on that date would proceed if sufficient applications warranted it but it would be abbreviated as much as possible. An informal discussion about future issues would then be held and Cllr Woodley agreed to produce a working document providing some ideas for consideration.

Potholes

Cllr Barsley asked the Clerk about progress on potholes especially around Matfield Green and Maycotts Lane. The Clerk reported he had had a telephone call from KCC Highways and they agreed this location was a priority. The contractors had been repeatedly chased to resolve the issue. It was hoped repairs would be started within the next week.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 6th September in Matfield Village Hall at 7.30pm