

MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING ON TUESDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2011 IN BRENCHLEY MEMORIAL HALL

Present

Vice Chairman P Randall presided, Cllrs J Barsley, R Dafter, I McEwen, C Woodley, Mrs C Cornford, M Powell-Clerk. One member of the public.

Apologies for absence

Cllrs B Stanley and R Carter for family commitments, Cllr M Mackenzie for a prior appointment.

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.

Minutes

Confirm minutes of the planning meeting of 19th October 2010

The minutes were duly approved and signed by the Chairman.

It was discussed and agreed that in future prior meetings minutes should be approved at the first opportunity rather than waiting to the next similar meeting.

Public Question Time

A resident made comment on the proposed pig farm in Crittenden Road and asked the PC to take into account a lack of water which was only available locally by a private supply pipe which the site did not have.

Planning Applications.

10/04146/House/CW1

Hodges Oast Dundle Road Matfield

Alteration to existing cat slide roof to form pitched roof to match adjacent granary

Recommendation-Approval

Subject to the planning officer being happy with the relationship of the conservatory which was in harmony with the catslide roof

10/02351/LBC/CT1

Matfield House The Green Matfield

revised details of buttressing to wall

Recommendation-Approval

11/00120/FUL/TA1

Swingle Mead Brenchley Road Matfield

Four bedroom house (replacement)

Recommendation-Refusal

We consider the proposal too large for the size of the plot and overly dominant when seen from the surrounding AONB

11/00069/FUL/SJM

OS Plots 3100 & 3600 Crittenden Road Matfield

Erection of two buildings for agricultural use

Recommendation-Approval

We are concerned that no provision for manure removal is detailed which could lead to contamination of the water course. There is also no water supply to the site which would be essential for the rearing of livestock

11/00030/LBC/SJM

Standings Cross Maidstone Road Matfield

Replacement of windows to front elevation, boiler room door & framed ledged and braced door to outbuilding

Recommendation-Approval

11/00241/House/CW1

Lees Cottage The Green Matfield

New front porch, single storey rear extension and new first floor en-suite window

Recommendation-Refusal

We consider this to be an unsympathetic addition to the existing structure with excessive fenestration

Decisions taken by TWBC

10/02574/FUL/SJM

Chillmill Farm Fairmans Lane Brenchley

Dwelling for agricultural worker (revised application of 03/01307)

Recommendation-Approval Decision Approval

10/04084/LBC/SE2

Matfield House The Green Matfield

Alterations to front railings

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Refusal

Decisions Taken by Clerk out of meeting

Street Lighting

The lamp outside 34 Chestnut Avenue has been regularly failing. The lamp in question is an old mercury vapour lamp soon to be outlawed. Upon inspection the housing is cracked allowing water ingress which blows the lamp. The Clerk has given instructions to our maintenance company to replace the lamp with a modern sodium lamp at £218 which will in fact save some 40% in energy consumption.

Matters Arising

Bus shelter

The seat in the bus shelter at Markets Heath was rotten, vandalised and has been removed. AJ Knight of Matfield has quoted £235 for its replacement. It was agreed to proceed and the Clerk was asked to place the order with Mr Knight.

Correspondence

A request by "Love Matfield" to use the pavilion for a tea party on the occasion of the Royal Wedding on 29th April. This was agreed as acceptable.

Other Matters as maybe previously notified

Youth Engagement

Consideration was given to allowing use of the pavilion by youths as a recreational facility, the use of the land alongside the village hall for installation of a goalpost or similar and the equipping of the hall with Wi-Fi to allow free internet access. It was discussed and agreed that it was acceptable for the pavilion to be used but only with appropriate adult supervision, such adults probably needing CRB checking. Use of Matfield Hall car park was not acceptable as damage had occurred in the past with balls landing on the roof causing considerable damage. It was acceptable to allow a temporary goal arrangement on the Green but well away from the cricket square. However before this alternative sites should be explored such as the land alongside the Matfield Hall. The Clerk agreed to survey the site.

Container and Portacabin at Cinderhill Wood

The current owner of the buildings wants to sell and requires some £600 which is the offer he has received from local residents. The Clerk has been in touch with the legal department of TWBC who as the landowners are now in the process of writing to demand removal of the said buildings. We as a PC are in the same situation and can advise the owner (The Club) that we require their removal and it is his responsibility to do so. There would be no gain to him selling the buildings as the responsibility does not, it would appear, transfer. It was agreed to acquire the buildings at the best price possible

to ensure their future use was acceptable and that the PC would have the ability to determine their removal as they thought appropriate.

Petteridge Right of Way.

The matter was discussed briefly as to whether the PC needed to continue to have the use of this ROW. Cllr Woodley agreed to continue dialog with the residents who are in the process of building in the vicinity and further consideration would be given at another meeting.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 7th March in Matfield Village Hall at 7.30pm.