

**MINUTES OF A FULL MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY
4th APRIL 2011 IN BRENCHLEY MEMORIAL HALL**

Present

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

Apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs C Cornford and M Mackenzie 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.

Minutes

Approve Minutes of the full meeting of 7th March

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

Public Question Time

None

Planning Applications.

11/00503/FUL/CP3 August Pitts Farm Churn Lane Horsmonden

Retrospective Change of use of agricultural land to site 11 mobile homes (seasonal occupancy) for key farm workers

Recommendation-Approval

Recommend approval subject to recommendations of Rural Planning Ltd and that a satisfactory investigation is completed into sewage disposal on the site

11/00547/House/SE2 The Cottage, the Green, Matfield

Single Storey extension

Recommendation- Refusal

Recommend refusal as the materials used is totally out of keeping within a conservation area and that the extension will interfere with the visual amenity of the area.

11/00354/House/SE2 The Cottage, the Green, Matfield

Minor alterations to door and window

Recommendation-Approval

11/00589/FUL/CLC Cowden Horsmonden Road Brenchley

Double Garage

Unable to make a recommendation as the site plans 11/005859 and 11/00590 differ in respect of the barn situated in the NW corner of Cowden Mill Barn

11/00590/FUL/SE2 Cowden Horsmonden Road Brenchley

Removal of condition 2 of planning permission 00/00913, the building shall not be used other than for a purpose incidental to the enjoyment of Cowden; change of use of redundant farm buildings to ancillary residential use.

Recommendation-Approval

11/00654/House/CW1 Foxden Gedges Hill Matfield

Detached garage with storeroom

Recommendation-Approval**11/00753/LBC/CW1**

Portebello Holly Bank Brenchley

Paint front and north elevations to match existing

Would defer our recommendation without further information on the conservation officer's consideration of the paint material being used. Without reassurance the paint specified is suitable for old rendering we would be unable to recommend approval.

11/00780/House/EW1

Mon Del Windmill Hill Brenchley

Two storey side and single storey front extensions

Recommendation-Approval

We would prefer to see the ridge line subservient to the main building

11/00784/House/SJM

The Wagon Lodge Fairmans Lane Brenchley

Garage block with room in roof space

Recommendation- Refusal

We consider this over-intensification of the site and disproportionately large compared to the rest of the site

11/00812/TPO/DMD

Little Oak Windmill Hill Brenchley

Blue Cedar Cut back 2 boughs & 1 branch overhanging house by 2-4 ft. Group of western cedar reduce height by 20% and prune lateral branches by 6 to 18 inches

Recommendation-Neutral**11/00738/House/SE2**

Corsica Nursery Brenchley Road Matfield

Single storey rear extension including adaption of existing outbuilding to form annexe

Recommendation- Refusal

We object on similar grounds to the last application for a separate building development. The design is poor and gives rise to considerable massing of the development. The structure lends itself to future separation as a stand-alone property. It is still outside the limits of built development

Decisions taken by TWBC**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 Decision-Approval

11/00120/FUL/TA1

Swingle Mead Brenchley Road Matfield

Four bedroom house (replacement)

Recommendation-Refusal Decision-Refusal**Meetings Attended****Colts Hill**

Cllr Randal attended a meeting of the Colts Hill steering group. Work is expected shortly on installation of interactive traffic signs to improve safety at the junction of Crittenden Road and Colts Hill.

KALC

Cllrs Randall, Stanley and Woodley attended a meeting of KALC where Lee Colyer of TWBC presented the annual budget.

Cllrs Dafter and Mrs Cornford attended a meeting at Matfield Pavilion which was also attended by some of the young adults of the area. The atmosphere was good and representatives of the Cricket Club were happy that the Pavilion could be used for youth entertainment provided that adult supervision was in place and that the youngsters respected the pavilion, its interior appearance and the facilities it provided.

Matters Arising **Matfield Green**

The mesh laying has been completed. The kerbs need back filling with tarmac and the Clerk has approached LJ Marsh of Pembury to provide a price, who quote £440 plus VAT. The PC agreed this was acceptable and asked the Clerk to instruct the contractors.

C A Forward has been instructed to repair the posts and chain around the Green. However due to holiday they will not be able to attend to it until May

Litter Picking

The event on consecutive Saturdays was considered a success. Some 15 volunteers from Matfield and 20 from Brenchley cleared in excess of 40 sacks of rubbish together with a quantity of tyres, wheels and broken televisions etc.

Petteridge Playing Ground

As requested the Clerk has written to the residents whose garage building has obstructed the right of way into Petteridge playground to advise that the PC still wish to retain the ability to use the right of way.

Correspondence

Horticultural Society

A request to use the green for their annual flower show on 16th July. As usual they propose to erect a marquee which would be used by the Church in the evening and the Star for a charity event on the Saturday. This was agreed as acceptable subject to the usual conditions of litter, insurance etc.

Other Matters as maybe previously notified

High Sherriff of Kent

The Clerk was asked to write to Mrs G Warner on behalf of the Council congratulating her installation as High Sherriff.

Affordable Housing Opening Ceremony

A date needs to be chosen for the opening ceremony. TCHG have give suggested alternatives as Mon 13th, Wed 15th and Thurs 16th June. It was agreed that the 15th or 16th would be appropriate and allow TCHG to make the decision.

Petteridge Playground

A report from Cllr Woodley was received. Ten responses to the questionnaire had been received which was considered reasonable together with four offers of help. Suggestions on future use included play equipment, family space – perhaps for barbecues, etc., adventure playground – ramps for bikes, swings, etc., a more permanent, safe structure for kids to play in, raised-beds for growing food, which kids are then taught how to cook, some bench seats and a robust shelter in a corner, turn 'The Field' into a 'Mini Park', with a large grassed area in the middle, a small wooded area along the bottom and an area for "Children's Junk".

He proposed various next steps should include a notice in *Roundabout* about the outcome, clearance of the site, the development of an outline management plan, with KHWP. Boundaries needed defining; dead trees needed felling with TPO's sought on the remaining Oaks. Funding sources would need to be explored

Cllr Woodley was thanked for his efforts and it was agreed budgets would be considered in September.

Parish Annual Meeting

Consideration was given to items for the inclusion in Roundabout. The new Leader of TWBC Cllr R Atwood had been invited and it was agreed to invite the new Borough Councillor once they had been elected. Cllr Woodley had previously agreed to give a short presentation on the future planning the PC was considering and Tonbridge Film Makers were going to present their film made during the year on the Parish.

Jack Verral Garden and the old cross

The intention was to partially sink the cross head into the ground but the Clerk has had difficulty in finding a suitable and affordable tradesperson. Efforts are continuing.

Potholes

Some potholes have been attended to and others have been marked as awaiting repair. It was generally agreed that the service from Highways had improved this year.

Damaged Road Signs

The fingerpost on the triangle around the tree in Brenchley has rotted away around the base and has been removed for repair by Ringway Signs on behalf of KCC. The Clerk was asked to contact Highways to get them to confirm they had the signpost, that they intended its repair and an estimated timescale.

Drainage

It has been reported effluent is running down Gedges Hill. The Clerk has contacted SWA who do not have any sewers on the hill and therefore TWBC environmental health has been notified who will attend to locate the problem.

Waste Bin for Cinderhill Wood

Following several requests for a litter bin in Cinderhill Wood an answer has been received from the Cleaner Borough Dept which states they are unable to help. They do not have any bins suitable for a woodland environment and normally only consider installing bins where they will get maximum use. Emptying the bin would entail costs. Cllr Barsley raised the point that a bin was required by the entrance and that the council emptied the wheelie bin there on a regular basis.

Accounts for Payment

M Powell	Salary and expenses	£1437.67
Post Office	Tax & NI	£330.90
P Randall	Meeting Expenses	£4.40
E.On	Electricity	£24.97
Star Inn	Youth meeting food	£80.00
Urban Forestry	Mesh laying and kerbs	£3354.98
Hy-Tex Ltd	Mesh and pin supply	£3429.00

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th April in Brenchley Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.