

MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING ON TUESDAY 21st JUNE 2011 IN BRECHLEY MEMORIAL HALL

Present

Vice Chairman P Randall presided, Cllrs R Dafter, B Stanley, R Carter, C Woodley, Mrs C Cornford, and M Powell-Clerk. Four members of the public.

Apologies for absence

Chairman M Mackenzie and Cllrs I McEwen and J Barsley 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 meeting of 6th June

The minutes were duly approved and signed by the Chairman.

Public Question Time

The owner of Parkwood Farm together with his Architect asked if they could give a brief overview of their application to build a new house which was accepted. The PC asked several questions regarding design and construction which were duly answered. The PC then resumed consideration of the planning items.

Planning Applications.

11/01352/LBC/SJM Crooke Cottage Crook Road Brechley
Rear ground and first floor extension

Recommendation-Refusal

Recommend refusal on the grounds that without a hipped end the structure is unsympathetic to the existing building

11/01557/House/SE2 2 Weald View Pearsons Green Road Brechley
Erection of a conservatory

Recommendation-Approval

11/01574/House/SE2 1 Weald View Pearsons Green Road Brechley
Detached garage

Recommendation-Approval

11/01545/FUL/EM2 Parkwood Farm Cryals Road Matfield
Erection of detached house and garage

Recommendation-Refusal

The application was discussed, it was agreed to recommend refusal and Cllr Randall agreed to prepare a response in detail.

11/01546/House/SE2 Orchard Cottage, Maidstone Road Matfield
Conversion of roof space to 1st floor accommodation

Recommendation-Approval

Decisions by TWBC

11/01097/LBC/TA1 Little Portebello Windmill Hill Brenchley
 Replacing and repositioning of boiler and altering internal layout
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

11/01066/House/CW1 Tawsden Orchard, Spout Lane Brenchley
 Single storey rear extension
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

Meetings Attended**KALC**

Cllr Woodley had been nominated for the position of Chairman of and has subsequently accepted the role.

Matters Arising**Pavilion**

L J Marsh Ltd has quoted £780 plus VAT to repair and recover the path leading into the pavilion. This will involve lifting up as much of the old crumbling surface as necessary to ensure a long lived job. Brenchley Drives quoted £500 plus VAT to fill the holes, spray with tar and cover in tarmac. It was agreed that due to the known quality of their past work L J Marsh should be given the job.

CHW

The concrete blocks have been removed and J P Miles has mowed the football pitch. He together with both Matfield and Paddock Wood Fire stations now have keys to the height barrier.

War Memorial

Now that major works are nearing completion on the property at the bottom of Holly Bank a quotation for the supply of a single or double row of kerbstones is being sought prior to backfilling and possible ragstone boulders.

Correspondence

A resident of Matfield Green had expressed concern regarding posts outside Lees Cottage. He was of the belief that the land was common land. The Clerk reported he had had a conversation with the owner who had agreed to remove the last two posts which would improve the parking available but prevent drivers parking on his drive. It was agreed that the principle of some posts were acceptable as the PC had spent a considerable sum improving this verge and the posts did not distract from that. Cllr Woodley agreed to advise the resident of the PC's thoughts on the issue.

Other Matters as maybe previously notified**Core Strategy**

Cllr Woodley presented a review of TWBC Core strategy which was discussed. It was agreed that the PC should respond, that Cllr Woodley would compose it for sending by the Clerk.

Matfield Pavilion

Cllr Barsley raised the issue of the footpath map and finger post which had both fallen over due to rotted posts. The Clerk advised he had fixed the map to the pavilion as previously requested but a little more work was required. The Clerk had asked Forwards and Son to attend to the finger posts as soon as they could to coincide with the replacement of other broken posts.

Footpath

Cllr Barsley reported that the gate was still missing on WT225 from Bramble Reed Lane. The Clerk had previously advised KCC footpaths but agreed to chase them.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be 4th July in Matfield Village Hall