

MINUTES OF A FULL MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 5th SEPTEMBER 2011 IN MATFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Present

Chairman M Mackenzie presided, Cllrs R Carter, C Woodley, I McEwen, B Stanley, P Randall, and R Dafter. Clerk M. Powell. One member of the public.

Apologies for absence

Cllrs J Barsley and Mrs A Downes 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 the planning meeting of 23rd August

The minutes were confirmed as accurate and then duly signed by the Chairman

Public Question Time

None

Planning Applications.

11/02401/House/SJM Pine Cottage Maidstone Road Matfield

Ground Floor pitched roof rear extension

Recommendation-Approval

11/02506/House/CW1

1 Moatlands Granary Watermans Lane Paddock Wood

Single storey garden room

Recommendation-Approval

11/02476/FUL/TA1

Blue Boys Cafe Hastings Road Matfield

Retrospective change of use of restaurant car park (A3) to a hand car wash (Sui Generis) for a period of 2 years.

Recommendation-Refusal

The signage, large container on site and overall appearance is not enhancing the AONB within which it sits

Decisions taken by TWBC

11/01920 /LBC/CW1

Brenchley Manor Brenchley Road Brenchley

Alterations to kitchen outbuildings and demolition and replacement of existing conservatory

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

11/01986 House/SJM

3 Brattles Grange Cottages Tibbs Court Lane

Brenchley

Detached car port and store

Recommendation-Refusal Decision-Approval

11/02009/LBC/SE2

Matfield House, Matfield

Alterations to front railings

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

Decisions by Clerk**Matfield Green**

A request had been received to use the Green for Brenchley and Matfield Community Association for a re-staging of the games and events cancelled at the Matfield fete on 9th October. The Clerk has given permission subject to the Cricket Club not using it and suitable insurance being held. Cllr Woodley declared an interest as he was part of that Association and took no part in the discussion.

Meetings Attended**Youth Group**

Cllr Woodley reported that the scheduled meeting had again been cancelled which was unfortunate as several items needed to be sorted out. The grant application for the youth group was somewhat late but its completion and hand delivery was promised on the following day Tuesday 6th.

Matters Arising**TCHG**

TCHG will visit the PC at 7.00pm before the planning meeting of 20th September.

War Memorial

A quote from L J Marsh & Son has been verbally received to install kerb stones along the eastern edge of Brenchley War memorial land. It extends to some 26m and needs to be double height for part of that. The quote is for £1250.00 plus VAT. It was discussed and felt reasonable and the Clerk was asked to place the order with the company.

Correspondence**Playground**

The Clerk reported that a safety report from Playsafety Ltd had been received which was satisfactory. The only issues were minor and had been attended to prior to the report arriving.

Resident

A letter had been received from the son of a resident of Matfield Green proposing again a transfer of land to the PC in exchange for the charge we hold on their property. The Council had already resolved not to accept this offer. The Clerk suggested he write to advise the decision with copies to the Solicitors on both sides; the Council accepted this suggestion.

Matfield Pavilion

An enquiry has been received to use the Pavilion from The Teapot Club which is about to be formed as a mums, toddlers/ babies group. The group is forming via St Luke's Church. It was agreed in principle that this was acceptable and exactly the use the Council hoped the pavilion would be put to. The Clerk was asked to check with its insurance company about whether users such as this would be covered and if not what would be the additional premium. It was agreed that a booking process is required for future use including fees, rules etc and any diary requires liaison with the Cricket Club, Guides, Youth Group etc. It was suggested that details could be displayed on the web site. The Council agreed to consider fees etc once this was known.

Matfield Green

A request has been received to use the Green for a wedding reception on 5th May 2012. Use of the Pavilion has not been requested. This was agreed in principle but the Clerk was asked to obtain clarification as to any marquees etc.

Allotments

An email has been received from an allotment holder who believes he has been the target of vandalism in retribution for his contacting the police to advise of youths causing damage and litter around Matfield Hall. He asks if the allotments could have a higher climb-proof gate installed. The PC considered the issue but felt the proposition was impractical and likely to be expensive.

Other Matters as maybe previously notified**Cinderhill Ponies**

As reported ponies are grazing on the old football pitch. Jane Frostick of KHWP has been in discussion with the owner and a meeting is proposed. It was felt that the principle of allowing this grazing could set a precedent and the Clerk was asked to communicate with TWBC to advise them and ask them to prevent further use of this nature.

Accounts for Payment

M Powell	Salary and expenses	£1823.66
Post Office	Tax and NI	£561.79
Playsafety Ltd	Playground inspection	£104.40
Audit Commission	Audit Fees	£480.00
E.On	Electricity	£24.97
C A Forward and Son	Repairs to fence and posts/ chains	£422.40
Small Loads Ltd	Bark for playground	£330.00
B Harvey	Spreading bark	£30.00

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th September in Matfield Village Hall preceded as above at 7.00 with a visit from TCHG.