

Vice Chairman P Randall presided, Cllrs I McEwen, J Barsley, B Stanley, and C Woodley, Mrs A Downes. Borough Cllr J March. Clerk M Powell. Two members of the public.

Cllrs R Dafter and R Carter for family commitments, M Mackenzie for a prior meeting.

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 were advised to contact the Monitoring Officer before the meeting or declare the interest anyway.

Approve Minutes of the full meeting of 3rd October 2011
The minutes were agreed as accurate and duly signed by the Vice Chairman.

A member of the public made a brief statement about a planning application that was about to be discussed.

11/02894/House/CW1 Shenley Maidstone Road Matfield
Revised porch, relocation of garage and two storey extension
Recommendation-Approval

11/02919/LBC/GM2 Mill Cottage Windmill Hill Brenchley
Alterations, veranda and subterranean extension
Recommendation-Approval

11/02935/House/SE2	Summerfield Cottage Chantlers Hill Paddock Wood
Two storey side extension	
<i>Recommendation-Approval</i>	

Although the PC recommended approval it made the comments that it was unhappy with a flat roof dormer in a new build section and also about potential safety issues regarding the parking area which seems to oblige one to reverse either into it or reverse out onto the road

11/02941/FUL/SJM Ashdene Tong Road Brenchley
Demolition of existing house and garage and replacement with new dwelling house and garage
Recommendation-Refusal
Recommend refusal as the proposal does not enhance the AONB nor does it fit within the local environment

Decisions by TWBC

11/02401/House/SJM Pine Cottage Maidstone Road Matfield
Ground Floor pitched roof rear extension

Recommendation-Approval Decision -Approval

11/02506/House/CW1 1 Moatlands Granary Watermans Lane Paddock Wood
Single storey garden room

Recommendation-Approval Decision -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 Decision –Refusal

11/02587/House/CLC Rose Cottage Maidstone Road Matfield
Detached single garage

Recommendation-Refusal Decision -Approval

Meetings Attended

Finance

Report of the Finance Sub Committee

Although the sub-committee was inquorate both Cllrs who had reviewed the accounts were of the opinion that they were satisfied they were both accurate and acceptable and that spending was largely in line with the budget being half way through the year. The PC resolved to accept this opinion.

Pavilion

Report of the Matfield Pavilion Steering Committee

Minutes of their meeting were attached and Cllr Woodley reported on progress so far. He had been voted as Chairman of the sub- committee with Cllr Dafter being Vice Chair. The committee had formed its terms of reference and the PC was asked for their support of this which was duly agreed. Pre planning advice was being sought by the Clerk on design and the way the pavilion should sit within the context of the area. Mr Peter Bodman had been retained as technical advisor with the intention that once a design was agreed on, either from him or another he would be in a position to apply for permission and ensure progress was made in line with building regulations. Temporary accommodation for the Club was discussed and the outcome of a possible portacabin loan via the club was to be awaited.

Village of the year Competition

Cllr Mrs Downes reported that she and M Mackenzie had attended the Village of the Year awards at Dunkirk. The award went to Elam and it was noted that not as many villages had entered as had been hoped for.

Matters Arising

Pearsons Green Road

The Clerk had been asked to speak to P/W TC to hear their views on an application for the siting of a caravan in Pearsons Green Road. Their planning committee recommended refusal from a diminished attendance but it was thought quite possible it will in fact get approval.

Correspondence

Progress with Planning Policy

Cllr Woodley reported on the contents of a letter from TWBC regarding developments in planning policy. We had thought that a lower number of houses to be built was acceptable but until there are site specific allocations we will not know the full impact on the area. Attention was drawn to new consultation dates. Cllr Woodley was thanked for his work on the subject and the PC agreed to keep a watching brief as matters developed.

Residents

A copy of a letter of complaint about noise emanating from Matfield Hall during a party. Cllr Barsley reported the hall management committee were aware of the problem of noise, broken glass and a general mess that the hall had been left in. They were in the process of establishing if the deposit had been retained.

A letter from a resident of Petteridge Lane had been received expressing concern about safety for cyclists and pedestrians because sight lines of motorists are being blocked by overgrown verges and bushes on the south side of their property between themselves and Porters Wood. The Clerk was asked to advise KCC of the problem

Two separate letters from a resident of a caravan in Petteridge Lane had been received, one advising she is viewing a site in Cranbrook with Karen Broom and one that she intends to appeal against the latest refusal for change of use. She has had some conifers removed to improve light in the site and towards a neighbour. She feels this will enhance the site to counter some of the issues raised in the last refusal.

An email from a resident stating that there is a certain amount of dead wood falling from the cherry trees overhanging the children's garden in Brenchley playground requesting that a Mr Mark Woolger of Tamillek be allowed to trim the trees. This has been volunteered free of charge. The Clerk was asked to accept this kind offer.

Other Matters as maybe previously notified

Trees

It was noted that the willows by the pond that the PC had planned to have pruned appeared to be dead or dying. Cllr Randall agreed to visit but in times of inclement weather willows often retreated into a dormant phase and could well come back to life in the spring.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be 7th November in Matfield Village Hall