

**MINUTES OF A FULL MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON TUESDAY
3rd JANUARY 2012 IN MATFIELD VILLAGE HALL**

Present

Chairman M Mackenzie presided, Vice Chairman P Randall, Cllrs C Woodley, J Barsley, I McEwen, B Stanley, R Dafter, R Carter, and Mrs A Downes. Clerk M. Powell. Jane Frostick of KHWP and a representation from the Courier newspaper. Brg Cllr A McDermott

Apologies for absence

None

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

Confirm minutes of the full meeting of 5th December and the planning meeting of 20th December

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

Public Question Time

None

Planning Applications.

11/03733/House/CLC Monktons Windmill Hill Brenchley
First floor side and rear extension with windows on north and west elevations
Recommendation-Approval

11/03795/FUL/CLC St Luke's Church Maidstone Road Matfield
Double glazed doors to existing outer arched opening of north porch
Recommendation-Approval

11/03722/House/GM2 2 Brattles Grange Cottages Tibbs Court Lane Brenchley
Two storey and single storey side extension with windows to front side and rear elevations
Recommendation-Approval

Decisions taken by TWBC

11/03232/CEU/TA1 Blue Boys Cafe Hastings Road Matfield
Certificate of lawful development (existing) Use of site as A3 & A5 mixed use (sui generis)
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Refusal

11/03283/House/CLC 11 Pixot Hill Brenchley
Crossover for vehicular access onto parking spaces
Recommendation-Approval Decision- Approval

11/03455/LBC/CLC Town Farm Oast High Street Brenchley
Replacement of all windows for double glazed units. Replacement of all external doors
Recommendation-Approval Decision- Approval

11/03426/LBC/CP3 1 The White House High St Brenchley
Single storey extension with catslide roof over and conservation roof lights

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Refusal**Meetings Attended**

Cllr Barsley reported that although not attended he had a report from a meeting of Paddock Wood TC regarding the CAB threatened closure. It was believed that the CAB would still be liable for rent on the Paddock Wood site for two or three years so the actual savings were unlikely to be as much as announced.

Decisions by Clerk**Brenchley Car Park**

An estimate from C A Forward and Son has been received for £600 which has been forwarded to the driver of the vehicle involved.

Matters Arising**Affordable Housing**

The Clerk has spoken to TW who confirm they have received the application for the Brenchley proposal but have been obliged to ask for further information from the agents before they can validate the application and then process it further. A date for this is unknown. It was reported therefore that it was impractical to approach the booked users of the hall until such date is known.

Correspondence**Residents**

A letter from a resident who has recently completed a purchase of a Matfield property wishing to record his thanks to the PC on their consideration of his planning application.

A letter from a resident asking for specific replies to queries in relation to his objection to the Brenchley Affordable Housing proposal. The Clerk has replied and was asked to circulate this.

CPRE

An edition of Kentvoice- Autumn 2011 was circulated.

KCC

Consultation on KCC Household recycling Centre Service

An invitation has been received to offer the PC's opinion on proposals regarding the above. Cllr Woodley agreed to respond on behalf of the PC and the Clerk was asked to circulate the web site links to other Cllrs for their individual considerations.

Other Matters as maybe previously notified**Mowing Contract**

Advice on 2012 prices for the mowing contract from KCC has been received. The costs have risen by 3% from last year. The PC considered this and it was resolved to accept the offer less the amount for mowing the Jack Verral Garden, as this was now tended by Olive Stores.

Cinderhill Wood

Reports have been received that some petty vandalism is occurring under the height barrier and that some rough stabling has been assembled. The Chairman reported that he had advised Alison Childs of TWBC who are on the case and will look into it. It was also noted that some horses were also grazing on what was the football pitch which TWBC were also advised of.

Petteridge Playing Field & Woodland Management

A report from KHWP was presented by both Jane Frostick and Cllr Woodley. It had been agreed some time ago that the playing field was in need of work to improve its utility and the report highlighted ways of achieving this. Works included the felling of dead but still standing trees, clearing vegetation and rubbish and constructing play equipment using wood harvested from the site. The PC considered the report and it was agreed that it was acceptable for the works to proceed as outlined and spend up to a maximum of £5000 to

achieve this. Cllr McEwen raised the issue that maintenance need not go further than mowing once the project had reached a suitable point but volunteer maintenance of one day a year for general tidying would be sufficient. The point was also mooted as whether the PC's insurance would be sufficient once it managed the land and the Clerk was asked to make enquiries. Jane Frostick updated the PC on actions being taken regarding the woodland which was in line with the management plan. Several educational visits had been undertaken with students of Hadlow College. Work was also been done in the adjoining Snipe Wood where some landscaping was underway to provide for homes for displaced reptiles from other land.

Accounts for Payment

M Powell	Salary and expenses	£1233.51
Post Office	Tax and NI	£442.51
E.On	Electricity	£24.97
C Woodley	Expenses from Matfield clear up day	£28.45
KCC	2 nd ½ yearly mowing contract	£2103.62
TMS	Printing and laminating	£4.32
CPRE	Subscription	£29.00

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th January in Matfield Village Hall.