

## **MINUTES OF A FULL MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2012 IN MATFIELD VILLAGE HALL**

### **Present**

Chairman M Mackenzie presided, Cllrs C Woodley, J Barsley, I McEwen, B Stanley, R Dafter, R Carter, and Mrs A Downes. Clerk M. Powell. Representation from the Courier newspaper. Borough Cllr A McDermott

### **Apologies for absence**

Cllr P Randall for family commitments. Borough Cllr Mrs J March for attending another meeting.

### **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 meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> February**

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

### **Public Question Time**

The meeting was attended by Mrs Sadie Overy, a Community Responder who is a volunteer to be a fast response facility in the case of an emergency call out by local residents. She carries a de-fibrillator unit and a first aid kit and can act quickly in the case of a 999 call within a radius of 3 miles. The lack of these kits may mean a sharing of them which could restrict her ability to respond quickly. She is soliciting donations to provide more. The PC agreed to consider this at a later meeting but could provide publicity via its web-site.

### **Planning Applications.**

#### **12/00370/House/GM2**

Paydon, Petteridge Lane, Matfield

Removal of garage and shed. Erection of timber workshop

#### **Recommendation-Refusal**

Insufficient information provided on usage to allow an opinion

#### **12/00510/House/SE2**

Owthorpe, Hatmill Lane, Brenchley

Outdoor swimming pool and pump room

#### **Recommendation-Approval**

### **Decisions taken by TWBC**

#### **11/02359/FUL/TA1**

Bassetts, Hastings Road Brenchley

Erection of barn for agricultural storage, land management equipment and hay storage

#### **Recommendation-Refusal Decision-Refusal**

### **Decisions by Clerk**

#### **Brenchley Memorial**

Cllrs Randall and Stanley have spent some time attending to overgrowing vegetation behind Brenchley War Memorial. Further work is required before the growing season starts in earnest and the Clerk is looking for a gardener who can spend a few hours on it.

#### **Fingerposts**

The Clerk has been visited by a specialist company from Hellingly who restore heritage style fingerposts. They quote £600 to refurbish using the existing fingers. It was agreed to proceed on the most cost efficient basis.

**Matters Arising****Jubilee Celebrations**

Love Matfield Society has been advised of the grant of £700 and they advise a similar amount has already been raised. Brenchley is planning a 1950,s style party for a similar amount.

**Petteridge Clear up day**

The planned volunteers' day to start work on clearing the Petteridge playing field went ahead with about 20 volunteers and staff from KHWP. Several trees were felled and quantities of rubble and old iron moved.

**Matfield Pavilion Report**

Cllr Woodley reported on the position so far. It was felt that if the Cricket Club were strongly against moving the location the consultation process could founder. However at this stage both options would be kept open and included in the informal public consultation which was scheduled between 10 am and noon on the 17<sup>th</sup> March in Matfield Village Hall. Cllr carter felt that although overall spending limits had been discussed it was important that a more detailed budget be formalised. This was agreed and he together with the MPG would formulate such a document. Cllr Woodley also showed the latest version of the plans which met with approval and the PC agreed that they were sufficient to taker to a pre planning meeting with TWBC. The Policy document prepared by Cllr McEwen for the sport England bid had been reviewed and approved and he was thanked for an excellent document and for the work that had gone into it.

**Meetings Attended****KALC**

Cllr Woodley attended a KALC meeting of training on emergency planning. He reported that there was no legal requirement for the PC to have an emergency plan but the Government was trying to get all interested parties involved in local arrangements. Although there is no budget for this project KCC will provide training if the PC want to be involved. There was a real concern that a plan could be formulated but it would need maintaining which could involve more work than was available from Cllrs.

**Matfield Village Hall**

Cllr Barsley reported that due to the ever increasing level of vandalism the hall committee were considering a CCTV installation. They were also considering some solar panels on the southern roof elevation. He had also attended a session of "restorative justice" with three youths who had been caught breaking windows. Their excuse was little to do in Matfield as the youth group appeared to have collapsed. The youths agreed to apologise in person to the aggrieved parties but were unable to do so on a Friday because they went to football training on Fridays.

**Correspondence****Matfield WI**

Matfield WI have asked for money to buy a tent they can hire out. This was felt impractical but if the WI wished to buy a tent and take responsibility for it the PC would consider making a small grant.

**Brenchley Historical Society**

Brenchley Historical Society has asked for money to start digitising some of their records. This was felt to be a good idea and Cllr Woodley would enquire what was needed.

**Tree adjacent to Brenchley Scout Hut**

A report from Tamillek has been received who were approached to give advice and a cost for remedial work. Their report had been considered and it was agreed that the PC would spend up to £250 in consultation with Cllr Randall.

**Resident**

A copy of an email sent to TWBC supporting the Affordable Housing proposal and expressing disappointment in the view taken by Cllrs, despite the location being the preferred site for many months and supporting the proposed development.

**Love Matfield Society**

An email expressing disappointment that the chosen date for the APM clashes with a pre-arranged date for a fund raising event in Matfield Hall and that because of this clash Brenchley will be used as the venue for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row.

### **CAB**

The Chairman had attended a discussion with the CAB. There was to be no reprieve for the Paddock Wood branch who would continue to work with their outreach programmes. The P/Wood branch had 1650 appointments last year but the Wesley Centre would be vacated in March despite being obliged to continue paying rent for the next 2 ½ years. The PC expressed its disgust at the decision and the attitude of the bureaux management.

### **Urgent Business**

None

### **Accounts for Payment**

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| M Powell    | Salary and expenses                   | £1203.31 |
| Post Office | Tax and NI                            | £442.71  |
| E.On        | Electricity                           | £24.97   |
| KALC        | Training                              | £72.00   |
| KCC         | Repayment of DEFRA Grant to KHWP      | £3100.00 |
| KCC         | Work at Petteridge                    | £3798.28 |
| I McEwen    | Expenses of domain & web site hosting | £90.12   |
| HMY         | 1 <sup>st</sup> Tranche 6%            | £1620.00 |

### **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March in Matfield Village Hall.