

MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING ON TUESDAY 20th MARCH 2012 IN MATFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Present

Vice Chairman P Randall presided, Cllrs I McEwen, J Barsley, B Stanley, C Woodley and Mrs A Downes. Borough Cllrs A McDermott, Mrs J March. Clerk M Powell.

Apologies for absence

Cllrs R Dafter and R Carter 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 were advised to contact the Monitoring Officer before the meeting or declare the interest anyway.

Minutes

Approve Minutes of the full meeting of 5th March 2012

The Minutes were agreed as accurate and duly signed by the Vice Chairman

Public Question Time

None

Planning Applications.

12/00527/House/SE2 Tylers Crook, Crook Road, Brenchley

Single and two storey rear extensions

Recommendation Refusal

On the grounds of over intensification of the site and the impact on the neighbours

12/00564/House/CLC Shenley, Maidstone Road, Matfield

Amendment to condition 2 to increase height of new roof to meet height of existing roof to 11/02894 for revised porch. Relocation of garage and two storey rear extension

Recommendation-Approval

12/00575/FUL/TA1 Blue Boys Cafe Hastings Road Brenchley

Extension and regularisation of the existing mixed use comprising restaurant/cafe (Class3) and hot food takeaway (Class5)

Recommendation-Approval

12/00319/LBC/SE2 Mile Oak Cottage Mile Oak Road Brenchley

Demolition of existing rear extension and replace with a two storey extension with ground floor windows to north, south and west elevations, first floor window to west elevation and minor internal alterations

Recommendation Refusal

On the grounds the design is of such low quality it should be refused even if the building were not listed.

Decisions by TWBC

11/03438/LBC/TA1 Little Portebello Windmill Hill Brenchley

Repair works to inglenook, removing ceiling and replacing lintel

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

11/03668/FULK/TA1 Blue Boys Cafe Hastings Road Matfield
 Retrospective-Change of use of restaurant car park to hand car wash (sui-generis)
Recommendation-Refusal Decision-Refusal

12/00036/House/SE2 The Oast Crittenden Road Matfield
 Extension of time of 08/03916. two single storey extensions and single storey link
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

Parish Plan

The meeting was attended by Borough Cllr Jane March who provided an insight into the work entailed in a Parish Plan as undertaken by Horsmonden. The principle of such a plan was to demonstrate that the PC was not merely reactive to the public voice but was prepared to engage in its planning in response to numerous questionnaires and workshops. Workshops were held by locals who had an interest in the locality and their results were brought back for analysis. Residents were asked what they would like to improve within the area. These questions were designed to quantify statistics on various opinions, desires and aspirations of local residents. Funding was needed dependent on the detail went into and the depth and content of the subsequent publication to record the views. Analysis of all inputs also added to costs but some grants were possibly available. It was agreed that the PC would need some time to consider the implications of entering into such a strategy and the subject would be reviewed sometime in the future but probably after the election. A vote of thanks to Borough Cllr Mrs J March for all her hard work was proposed and unanimously agreed.

Policy Framework review

Cllr Woodley presented a view in light of the Localism Bill as to the proposals contained within the Act. It was important to appreciate that "Localism" was different to "De-centralisation". Much was dependent on the General Power of Competence which the PC could not have until certified as a Quality Council. The question raised was how much more responsibility did the PC want to take on and what were its ambitions for the future.

Meetings Attended **Matfield Pavilion**

An informal consultation regarding possible plans for the new pavilion with the public had been held on Saturday 17th March. It was well attended by circa 50 residents many of whom completed a questionnaire soliciting their views on the proposals. An analysis of the views expressed would be presented at a later meeting.

Elections

The Clerk attended an election briefing at the Town Hall hosted by CE William Benson. Nomination papers and notes will be distributed. It should be noted that the deadline for nomination papers to be delivered to the Town Hall is noon on Wednesday 4th April but not before publication of notice of the election which will be no later than 27th March.

CPRE

Cllr Randall had attended a meeting of CRPE and had received a talk on how to influence the Local Plan.

Matters Arising

Brenchley Playground

The fence and dwarf wall have now been repaired.

Brenchley Memorial

The boulders provided free of charge by Ardulla Ltd have been laid on the corner of the memorial.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be Monday April 2nd in Brenchley Memorial Hall