

MINUTES OF A FULL MEETING ON MONDAY 2nd APRIL 2012 IN BRENCHLEY MEMORIAL HALL

Present

Chairman M Mackenzie presided, Vice Chairman P Randall Cllrs B Stanley, I McEwen, C Woodley, J Barsley, R Carter, R Dafter. Borough Cllr A McDermott. Clerk M. Powell. Two members of the public.

Apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs A Downes for being unwell, Cllr Woodley for family commitments and Brg Cllr Mrs J March for a prior 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 20th March

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

Public Question Time

A member of the public being a near neighbour of the applicant for 12/00690 made a statement that she felt the building proposed was far too large both for the siter and use proposed and questioned the lack of information as to what was meant by describing the building as temporary.

Planning Applications.

12/00600/LBC/CP3 Matfield House, The Green Matfield

Removal and replacement of single storey extension, associated works and internal alterations

Recommendation-Approval

12/00690/FUL/CP4 OS Plots 4800 & 6900 Pearsons Green Road Brenchley

Single storey temporary farm workers building

Recommendation-Refusal

Recommend refusal on the grounds there is not a definition of "temporary" accommodation and without this the structure could exist for an excessive time.

12/00776/House/GM2 Barley Cottage Crook Road Brenchley

Erect replacement uPVC conservatory to rear

Recommendation-Approval

12/00655/House/CLC 11 Pixot Hill Brenchley

Erection of single storey extension to rear and part two storey part single storey extension to side/front

Recommendation-Refusal

Inadequate information to allow a decision. Also concerned it is over development of the existing site.

Decisions taken by TWBC

12/00101/House/CW1 Field House 14 Broad Oak Brenchley

Single storey rear extension, side extension at first floor level over existing double garage and porch to front elevation. First floor rear windows to be replaced to match front elevation and conservation style roof light to store room roof

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

12/00289/House/SE2 Long Barn Crook Road Brenchley
Greenhouse

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

12/00292/CEU/TA1 Ryde House Short Lane Brenchley
Lawful Development Certificate- Non Compliance with an agricultural occupancy condition for in excess of 10 years

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval**Matters Arising****Signposts/ Notice board**

Following the signpost at Brenchley having been replaced, a quote has been received for either restoration or replacement of the signposts at Blind Lane and Coppers Lane. It was discussed and agreed to refurbish both at £200 plus letters as required for Blind Lane and £447.50 for Coppers Lane. It was also agreed to refurbish the Brenchley notice board for £150 and a maximum of £250 for the Matfield board.

Roundabout

The PC usually provides a financial statement for publication and Cllr Carter has provided a draft for consideration and approval. This was considered and agreed.

Election

A reminder was given regarding the deadline of April 4th for election papers to be delivered to TWBC. Cllr Barsley advised his intention not to stand. The Chairman stated that the PC had three Cllrs not standing and all had made a major contribution and thanked them all. Cllr Barsley had served over 20 years and his local knowledge and skills would be very much missed.

CAB

With the continued determination by TWBCAB to remove the Paddock Wood branch local volunteers have decided to try and offer a similar service independently. They have a need for start up funds as any application for a grant from TWBC is too late for this year. TWBC may be able to loan the group some funds. It had been previously agreed that a donation would be made of £2000 ring-fenced for the benefit of Paddock Wood and surrounds. The PC resolved to commit this money to the new group "CAC" and the Clerk was asked to write to CAB advising them of the PC's decision not to provide funds and of their unhappiness of the closure. Brg Cllr A McDermott agreed to find out when TWBC would reduce their grant to CAB and if any of the money can be diverted to CAC.

Parish Plan.

The issue of whether the PC felt a Parish Plan appropriate had been previously discussed in light of the Localism Act. It would be a huge undertaking by volunteers and not the PC. Cllr Barsley asked if anyone had seen a previous plan prepared in 1988 of which he had a copy. Although produced nearly 24 years ago it was unlikely it had ever been referred to since and a new version was unlikely to produce any real benefit despite there being a substantial cost implication. The Clerk was asked to research other PCs to see if they had produced one and if they saw a positive return from it.

Meetings Attended**Matfield Pavilion Group**

Cllr Mc Ewen reported of a meeting of the MPG together with a brief analysis of comments received from the informal consultation. Some 32 replies had been received which by a significant majority expressed their opinion was that the pavilion should be rebuilt on its current site. The PC agreed to accept the majority view. The Sport England grant application had been finally submitted. The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to Cllr McEwen for the many hours spent in compiling the bid which was agreed unanimously.

Correspondence**Resident**

An email offering congratulations on the work completed on Brenchley Memorial land and a request to attend to the notice board in Brenchley

First Response

Following the request for support for the provision of a defibrillation kit to be held by a local volunteer it was agreed that in principle the PC would contribute up to £1700 towards the purchase of a kit. However more research was needed to ensure ownership would remain with the PC and not be lost if the volunteer left the area or another took over.

Urgent Business as may be previously notified.**Affordable Housing**

Cllr McDermott advised that the Affordable Housing project was unlikely to get to the Planning Committee before their May meeting. The Clerk was asked to contact Jane Lynch at TWBC to enquire as to the reason for the delay.

National Policy Framework.

The Clerk was asked to contact Jim Kehoe at TWBC to see if he could provide an Officer to brief the PC on this framework policy.

Accounts for Payment

M Powell	Salary and expenses	£1224.48
Post Office	Tax and NI	£442.51
E.On	Electricity	£24.97
TMS	Stationary	£33.36
Jakk	Restoration of Brenchley signpost	£720.00
KCC	Annual management charge & woodland grant	£4075.00

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 17th April in Brenchley Memorial Hall. Because of the elections it is proposed to bring forward the next Finance meeting from 8th May to before the next planning meeting on 17th April. This was agreed.