

**MINUTES OF A FULL MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 6th
JUNE 2012 IN BRENCHLEY MEMORIAL HALL**

Present

Cllr B Stanley took the Chair, Cllrs T De Guingand, I McEwen, R Berry, Mrs G Warner, Mrs N Marriot, Clerk M Powell. Two members of the public.

To accept apologies for absence

Cllrs M Mackenzie and P Randall both for family commitments

RESOLVED: - to accept these apologies.

To approve minutes of the last meeting

Approve minutes of the full meeting of 8th May

RESOLVED: - to accept these minutes as accurate. They were then duly signed by the Chairman.

To record declaration of Interests on any item on the Agenda

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.

No interests were declared.

To adjourn to allow public participation- questions and comments

No members of the public wished to speak.

To consider the following planning applications.

12/01342/FUL/CP3 August Pitts Farm, Churn Lane, Horsmonden

Extension to fruit packing facilities to include packing area, cold stores, offices and staff facilities plus new access and landscaping

AGREED: - due to the size and complexity of the application the PC would seek an extension of time in which to better consider it.

12/01495/FUL/CLC Poulhurst Lodge, Furnace Lane Brenchley

Detached double garage

RESOLVED:-To make a recommendation to approve.

12/01438/House/GM2 Matfield Grange Cottage Sophurst Lane Matfield

Single and two storey rear extension and link to garage

RESOLVED:-To make a recommendation to approve.

Decisions taken by Planning Sub-Committee

12/00796/FUL/SE2 Cowden Horsmonden Road Brenchley

Amendment to 00/00913 to include enlarged garden to incorporate retained wall and drainage, retained farm track to farmhouse, services/bins/Klargester emptying. Pillars to be lowered and changed to wooden farm style gates, and removal of condition 2 to allow property to be converted and cold store to be occupied as separate residential unit

RESOLVED:-To make a recommendation to approve.

12/01329/House/CLC Friars Oast Maidstone Road Matfield

Window to rear elevation, metal flue for wood-burning stove, overhauling works to roof and replacement garden building

RESOLVED:-To make a recommendation to approve.

Decisions taken by TWBC

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 Decision-Approval

12/00600/LBC/CP3 Matfield House, The Green Matfield
Removal and replacement of single storey extension, associated works and internal alterations
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

12/00864/LBC/CLC Standings Cross Maidstone Road Matfield
Internal alterations to form open archway link from front bar to rear dining area
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

12/00960/LBC/CP3 The White House High St Brenchley
Single storey extension with catslide roof and two conservation rooflights and internal alterations to provide kitchen diner and bedroom 3, and brick/stone boundary wall to replace fence
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Refusal

To hear reports of Meetings Attended by Councillors and the Clerk

Matfield Pavilion Group

Cllr Mrs Marriott together with Cllr De Guingand reported a meeting of the MPG together with details of the planning application presented to TWBC for the new pavilion.

AGREED: - that the report to be noted.

CiLCA

The Clerk reported on the requirements of Certificate of Local Council Administration qualification and some of the changes to the PC's processes necessary to be acceptable. Firstly that reasons for absence were to be more specific than previously recorded and that all decisions needed to be a specific resolution.

AGREED: - that the report to be noted.

To receive and consider the following Correspondence

KCC

A Minerals and Waste Local Plan being prepared by KCC was presented by the Clerk. Cllr R Berry agreed to review the information and report back to the PC. He advised he was already booked onto a drop in session by way of training.

Resident

A letter from a past resident complaining of the overgrown and neglected condition of Brenchley churchyard. Cllr Mrs Warner advised that much of the Churchyard was designed to be a little overgrown to resemble to some degree a meadow. However the responsibility for the upkeep remained that of the PCC and the Clerk was asked to relay this.

Kent Fire and Rescue

Advice has been received from KF&R that once a valuation has been received the Service will offer first refusal to the PC on purchasing the Fire Station in Matfield. This was noted.

Brenchley School

Correspondence has been received regarding difficulty experienced by drivers heading easterly and wishing to turn into Brenchley car park because of vehicles parked around the entrance. It was agreed that Cllrs Stanley, Mrs Warner and the Clerk would visit the site on Wednesday 13th June to observe the problems.

To receive items for information

Matfield Bus stop

The bus stop opposite the Wheelwrights has been repaired. The invoice is attached for payment and is £100 less than the estimate due to lower materials cost and it taking less time than anticipated.

Fingerposts and Notice boards

The restoration of the above is complete and the invoice is attached as the quote previously agreed.

To be advised of urgent Business as may be previously notified.

Broadband

Cllr McEwen reported that the leaflets so far produced had largely been provided to Horsmonden. It was discussed.

RESOLVED: - that another 1000 should be ordered and various Cllrs would assist in their distribution.

Training

KALC was arranging some training in Goudhurst for new Cllrs. Cllrs T De Guingand, Mrs Marriott and Mrs Warner expressed an interest in attending. The cost is £60 each.

RESOLVED: - to spend up to £250.00 on this training.

Accounts for Payment

M Powell	Salary and expenses	£1314.51
Post Office	Tax and NI	£383.05
E.On	Electricity	£24.97
Jakk	Restoration of signposts and fingerposts	£1257.00
B Harvey	Repairs to bus stop	£150.00
TWBC	Planning Application Fee	£502.50
HMY	Stage payment of planning process	£1620.00
TWBC	Lease of Cinderhill Wood	£10.00

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th June in Brenchley Memorial Hall