

MINUTES OF A FULL MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 5th NOVEMBER 2012 IN MATFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Present

Chairman M McKenzie presided. Cllrs B Stanley, A de Guingand. I McEwen, C Woodley, Mrs N Marriott and Mrs G Warner. One member of the public

No Item

1 To accept apologies for absence

Vice Chairman P Randall for business commitments. Borough Cllrs A McDermott for a prior holiday and Mrs J March for attending another meeting. Cllr R Berry for being otherwise occupied.

2 To approve Minutes of the last meeting

Approve minutes of the planning meeting and the finance sub- committee of 23rd October

RESOLVED To accept the minutes as presented as accurate.

They were then duly signed by the Chairman.

3 To record declaration of Interests on any item on the Agenda

Members were reminded that if they had 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, could 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 had been previously advised to contact the Monitoring Officer before the meeting.

4 To adjourn to allow public participation- questions and comments

None

5 To consider the following planning applications.

5.1 12/02870/FUL/TA1 Lower Brenchley Farm Watermans Lane Paddock Wood

Dwelling with detached garage & workshop building

RESOLVED- To recommend approval

Subject to a condition of an agricultural occupancy only being imposed

5.2 12/02690/House/SE2 Two ways Church Close Brenchley

Construct a first floor to provide 3 bedrooms with 9 dormer windows. Increase in roof height by no more than 350mm. Replace concrete roof tiles with Kent Pegs.

RESOLVED- To recommend refusal

The application is considered over-intensification, and creates an unreasonable loss of privacy to the adjoining neighbours. It is within the AONB which it neither improves nor enhances.

5.3 12/02683/LBC/CLC Burtons Crook Road Brenchley

Demolition of low level chimney stack down to eaves level. Rebuilding of stack in stock bricks with lead tray and flashings. Making good any damp affected timbers. Adding a flue liner for new wood-burning stove set into fire recess with new stone hearth, relocating radiator and making good.

RESOLVED-To recommend approval

5.4 12/02789/House/RH1 1 Windmill Cottages Windmill Hill Brenchley

Retrospective Internal alterations, first floor side extension to eastern elevation, revisions to existing fenestration and new window to south elevations. Dormer window to western roof elevation, new porch, new conservatory to southern elevation, new outbuilding to be used as car port and ancillary storage, retaining wall to southern and eastern boundaries.

The Chairman declared a personal interest as the applicant was known to him. Whilst he remained in the room he took no part in the discussion or subsequent vote.

RESOLVED- To recommend refusal

Recommend refusal as being over-dominant on the street scene and out of character to the adjoining house

6 To receive items for information

6.1 Decisions taken by TWBC

6.11 Kippings Cross Oast Hastings Road Brenchley

Retrospective Horse Barn Sand School, horse walker and hard standing including change of use to equestrian

Recommendation-Refusal Application withdrawn by applicant

AGREED- To note the above information.

7 To receive reports of meetings attended by Councillors

7.1 Matfield Pavilion Group

Cllr Woodley reported that the MPG had met together with the Architect the preceding Thursday. The principal topic was the use of an air sourced heat pump which had been recommended to achieve a satisfactory SBEM calculation result. It was considered that the design could have undesirable noise implications and the under-floor heating derived from it would not achieve the quick response needed in an infrequently used building. Various options had been discussed and it was apparent that further advice was required from the engineers MLM Ltd. An alternative firm of engineers had been informally contacted whose initial advice was that an alternative system should be possible within existing regulations. Further advice would be chargeable.

RESOLVED- To continue to seek more detailed calculations from MLM and to authorise expenditure on this up to £1500 rather than the £1000 agreed so far.

8 To receive and consider the following Correspondence

8.1 Kent Tree and Pond Warden Scheme

Advice on the above scheme looking for volunteers and a donation.

AGREED- To consider this at the next finance meeting when the following year's budget was being considered.

8.2 KALC

Notice and an invitation to the KALC AGM on Saturday 17th November at the Ditton Community Centre. Cllr Woodley had had this invitation separately and was likely to attend.

8.3 Royal Mail

A telephone call advising that the letter box at Five Wents will not be replaced following it being stolen.

AGREED- That the Clerk should write and query the decision based upon its value especially to less mobile residents, together with the fact that a replacement had been promised. Also to suggest the PC may be prepared to contribute to the cost of building a brick enclosure.

8.4 TWBC

A request by Nick Peters-Democratic Services Officer to attend a meeting early in the New Year to present details of the current revision of the Parish Charter.

AGREED- That this was appropriate and the Clerk would invite him as soon as meeting dates had been confirmed.

9 To approve the following accounts for payment

9.1	M Powell	Salary and expenses	£1313.97
9.2	Post Office	Tax & NI	£382.85
9.3	J P Miles	Mowing CHW football field	£90.00
9.4	Direct Technical Services	Street Lighting maintenance	£137.48
9.5	MLM Building Control	Pavilion technical services	£588.00
9.6	KALC	Localism Conference training	£72.00
9.7	Box-It South East Ltd	Destruction of old planning documents	£59.40
9.8	BT	Telephone	£253.03
9.9	TMS	Printing and stationery	£248.80
9.10	Terratec	Geotechnical survey	£1116.00
9.11	E.On	Electricity Sept & Oct	£50.88
9.12	TWBC	Planning submission fee	£44.50

RESOLVED- To agree the above accounts as being acceptable.

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

None

11 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 20th November 2012 in Matfield Village Hall