

MINUTES OF A FULL MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 4th MARCH 2013 IN MATFIELD VILLAGE HALL

No Item

Present

Chairman M Mackenzie presided, Vice Chairman P Randall, Cllrs A de Guingand, C Woodley, I McEwen, Mrs G Warner, Mrs N Marriott Clerk M Powell, Borough Cllr A Mc Dermott. No members of the public attended.

1 To accept apologies for absence

Cllr B Stanley for a pre arranged holiday and Borough Cllr Mrs J March for chairing another meeting.

RESOLVED- To accept these apologies.

2 To approve Minutes of the last meeting

Approve minutes of the meeting of 19th February 2013

RESOLVED- To accept the minutes 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 any had a **prejudicial** interest in an agenda item, this should be declared at the start of the meeting.

Personal interests should 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.
meeting.

4 To adjourn to allow public participation- questions and comments

None

5 To consider the following planning applications.

5.1 13/00337/House/HW1 Foxden, Gedges Hill Matfield

Conversion of integral garage to habitable space and detached garage

RESOLVED- To recommend approval

6 To receive items for information

6.1 Decisions taken by TWBC

6.11 12/02247/FUL/LS1 Mobile Home 1 & 2 Plum Orchard Fairmans Lane Brenchley

Use of Plum Orchard under Gypsy status (retrospective)

Recommendation-To be called in. Decision-Refusal

6.12 12/03245/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 parking/turning area, retaining wall to southern and eastern boundaries.

Recommendation-Approval Decision- Approval

6.13 12/03561/House/SE2 The Pines Maidstone Road Brenchley

First floor rear extension

Recommendation-Approval Decision- Approval

6.2 TPO's Confirmed

6.21 027/2012 The Cottage The Green Matfield

6.22 025/2012 Land rear of Humphreys Petteridge Lane Matfield

6.3 Other Planning Matters

6.31 Portebello

Advice has been received that the owner of Portebello is intending to apply to build a house in the garden and has offered to reduce the impact by offering part of the remaining plot as a visual amenity in perpetuity.

6.4 Appeals

6.41 12/00690/FUL OS Plots 4800 & 6900 Pearsons Green Road Brenchley

Single storey temporary farm workers dwelling

Appeal Withdrawn

RESOLVED-To note the above items under Item 6 and to await the formal application under 6.31 before considering a response.

7 To receive Correspondence

7.1 Casual Vacancy

A letter of application has been received from a Mr Clive Ward.

AGREED- That further time should be allowed for potential applicants to apply and noted that an advertisement was due to be placed in the Courier.

7.2 KCC

Advice of a 6 month trial restricting weight of HGV's to 7.5 tonne on the B2162 and selected surrounding roads.

AGREED-That Councillors would keep a watching brief on the situation to see if the restrictions would increase the number of HGV's through the Parish.

7.3 TWBC

A consultation document on rural parking strategy

RESOLVED-To acknowledge the consultation but advise the PC had no wish to comment.

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A consultation on TWBC Transport strategy

RESOLVED- To acknowledge the consultation but advise that although the PC did not feel the need to comment it was generally in favour of the aims of the document.

8 To receive reports of meetings attended by Councillors

8.1 TWBC

The Chairman attended a meeting in the Town Hall to discuss proposed changes to the parking fees in Paddock Wood. It was subsequently agreed by TWBC to continue to offer free parking for the first 2 hours for a further 6 months.

8.2 KALC

Cllr Woodley attended an area committee meeting with KALC in Matfield Village Hall which was also attended by Borough Cllr A McDermott and Alice Bloom, Head of enforcement of TWBC

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

9.1 Public Conveniences.

TWBC have advised on a date of Wednesday 13th for a meeting to discuss an agreement for the PC to take over the running of these. However their proposal dates from 1st June 2009 and proposes to add any maintenance required as well as the running costs.

RESOLVED-To meet with TWBC and if possible to negotiate an affordable settlement at £4000pa but not to agree any retrospective charges.

10 Accounts for payment

10.1	M Powell	Salary and expenses	£1281.01
10.2	Post Office	Tax and NI	£383.05
10.3	VKHP	Consultancy Services	£420.00
10.4	E.On	Electricity	£25.44
10.5	TMS	Photocopier cartridge	£141.60
10.6	I McEwen	Annual Hosting Fee	£82.94
10.7	Direct Technical Service	Surcharge on mercury lamps replaced	£12.00

RESOLVED To agree these invoices and to pay them.

12 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 19th March in Matfield Village Hall