

MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON TUESDAY 18th JUNE 2013 IN BRENCHLEY MEMORIAL HALL

Present

Cllr M Mackenzie chaired the meeting, Cllrs B Stanley, C Woodley, I McEwen, A de Guingand, Mrs G Warner, Mrs N Marriott, Clerk M Powell. Two members of the public

No Item

1 To accept apologies for absence

Cllr P Randall for work commitments. Borough Cllr Mrs J March for attending another Council meeting.

2 To approve Minutes of the last meeting

Approve minutes of the full meeting of 3rd June.

RESOLVED To agree 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 a member 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, 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 had been advised to contact the Monitoring Officer before the meeting.

4 To adjourn to allow public participation- questions and comments

Two members of the public a Mr C Ward and Mr R Reid had attended with a view to volunteering to fill the vacancy for a Councillor. Both spoke about their background, their interests in the Parish and what they thought they could bring to the Council. Both were thanked by the Chairman for attending and for their interest in the community. He advised the PC would duly consider which of the three candidates so far to choose.

5 To consider the following planning applications.

5.1 13/01355/FUL/NR2 Kippings Cross Oast Hastings Road Matfield

Retrospective-horse barn, sand school, horse walker and hard standing including change of use to equestrian.

RESOLVED To recommend approval subject to the following:-

We would draw Officers attention to an apparent disparity between the application in terms of usage and the applicants web site offering greater services which may entail a larger usage of the site and thus creating highways issues.

5.2 13/01496/TPO/DMD Little Oak Windmill Hill Brenchley

5 off Western Cedar Prune back 2-3 inches to previous pruning points.

RESOLVED To recommend approval subject to the following:-

Pruning undertaken no more than annually & only after neighbours have been given advance warning, pruning in subsequent years to be restricted to the annual growth and that the privacy of neighbouring properties is not compromised.

6 To receive items for information

6.1 Decisions taken by TWBC

6.11 13/00632/House/GM2 Little Foxhole Foxhole Lane Matfield

Installation of two clear glazed velux windows to pitched roof on side elevation

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

6.12 13/00819/House/HW1 High View Gedges Hill Matfield

Open fronted oak framed garage

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

6.13 13/01000/House/HW1 Ailsa Cryals Road Matfield

Two storey side, single storey rear extension, demolition of car port and proposed garage

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

6.14 13/01117/House/HW1 Beech Hill, Cryals Road Matfield
Car port, garage & store
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

6.2 Affordable Housing

The start date for Brenchley affordable housing was uncertain especially as there had been some question as to the design of the footpath. Cllr Mrs Warner expressed concerns over the choice of tenants and their connections to the Parish. The Chairman agreed to speak to Mr M Allwood of TCHG to find the information and also to obtain a copy of the Section 106 agreement which specified tenants' qualifications necessary to be given a tenancy.

7 Correspondence

7.1 KHWP

Advice had been received of vandalism, a bonfire constructed of broken fencing and the leaving of bottles of wine at Cinderhill Wood and that KHWP had responded very promptly and repaired the fence and removed the debris. Police had advised they had traced the drinkers who had stolen the wine from a local petrol station but were unable to prove a connection with the vandalism.

8 Reports of Meetings attended by Councillors

8.1 Pavilion Management Committee meeting

A meeting of the Management Committee of the Pavilion was held on 14th June where issues surrounding the project were discussed. Storage for the Club were important as practice nets were required to have a secure space. Cllr Woodley reminded the PC that a meeting of the MPG was to be held on 19th June at 3pm and due to the nature and seriousness of the issues all Cllrs were invited. The meeting would be attended by Gordon Young of HMY Architects.

8.2 Brenchley Leisure facilities meeting

Cllrs B Stanley and Mrs N Marriott attended a meeting to discuss the future requirements of the Parish's leisure requirements. Concerns were raised again about the potential competition the new pavilion might present with existing facilities. Concerns had been expressed about dwindling numbers of members both of the Brenchley Cricket Club and the Bowles Club. The PC had already agreed to make a contribution of £2400 to the resurfacing of the car park and an annual contribution to the running costs but agreed it should have a say in how this should be spent.

AGREED To invite the Chair of Brenchley Memorial Hall Charity, Mrs Lynn Butler, to an informal meeting with Cllrs B Stanley, Mrs Marriot and Mrs Warner to discuss the best way forward.

8.3 PWCAC

The Chairman attended a regular trustees meeting of PWCAC. Details of the forthcoming AGM were discussed but generally the organisation is going from strength to strength.

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

9.1 New Councillor

The strengths and skills of the three volunteers were considered and a two round vote was necessary to decide on the successful candidate.

RESOLVED To ask Mr Nigel Woodward of Cryals Road to be the new Councillor.

The Clerk was asked to advise him of this and to write and thank the other two for their interest in the position.

10 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on July 1st 2013 in Matfield Village Hall