

MINUTES OF A FULL MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 1st JULY 2013 IN MATFIELD VILLAGE HALL

Present

Chairman M Mackenzie, Vice Chairman P Randall, Cllrs B Stanley, C Woodley, A De Guingand, I McEwen, Mrs G Warner, Clerk M Powell, Borough Cllr A McDermott. Two members of the public and a representative of the Courier newspaper.

No Item

1 To accept apologies for absence

.Cllr N Woodward for a pre-arranged business meeting and Cllr Mrs N Marriott for attending a charity function.

2 To approve Minutes of the last meeting

2.1 Approve minutes of the planning meeting of 18th June.

RESOLVED. To accept the minutes as accurate

2.2 Approve Minutes of the MPG meeting of 21st June

RESOLVED. To accept the minutes as accurate

The minutes 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, 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

The two members of the public were the applicants to Item 5.2 and offered to present a scale model of the proposed building.

5 To consider the following planning applications.

5.1 13/01648/House/RH1 11 Pixot Hill Brenchley

Detached garage in front garden

RESOLVED To recommend refusal

5.2 13/01669/House/CP3 3 Brattles Grange Cottages, Tibbs Court Lane, Brenchley

Garden Outbuilding

RESOLVED To recommend refusal

6 To receive items for information

6.1 Decisions taken by TWBC

6.11 13/00341/FUL/TA1 Blue Boys Cafe Hastings Road Brenchley

Extension and regularisation of existing mixed use comprising of restaurant / cafe (A3) and hot food takeaway (A5)

Recommendation-Approval Decision Approval

6.12 13/00568/FUL/GM2 Mile Oak Cottage Mile Oak Road Brenchley

Recommendation-Refusal Decision Approval

7 Correspondence

7.1 Heritage Open Days

Correspondence from Paddock Wood Historical Society and its Open days annual project. Cllrs considered this worthy of support for our Parish. Cllr Woodley was intending to speak to Mrs Denise Barr about the subject especially in relation to the Siegfried Sassoon Society and how the PC may be able to help this year.

7.2 TCHG

A reply from TCHG asking details of start dates on the Brenchley Affordable Housing Project.

The Clerk was asked to write to Mr David Jukes at TWBC to ask if the PC could have some of the money paid by TCHG as part of the Section 106 agreement to be used to improve facilities within the Parish

Cllrs were asked if they would like to suggest a name for the new development.

7.3 BMH

Cllr Stanley reported he had had email conversations with Mrs Lynne Butler to discuss the future of the BMH Charity. In particular an agreement was needed to allow school parking in exchange for a contribution from the PC of 1/3rd of the quote received to re-tarmac the lower car park. An actual meeting with himself Cllr Mrs Warner and Mrs Butler was scheduled for 2th July.

8 Reports of Meetings attended by Councillors

8.1 MPG

The MPG held a meeting on 21st June attended by all members (Cllrs Woodley, de Guingand, McEwen, Marriott and Randall) plus Cllrs M Mackenzie, B Stanley and HMY represented by Mr Gordon Young. The meeting received a report from Mr Young on the work required after discovery of a mains sewer pipe which ran under the old (and therefore the new) building. Southern Water (as owners of the sewer) had required an adjustment to the foundations so that they formed a 'bridge' over the pipe. This involved more work than had originally been thought and the extra costs would amount to some £13,000, plus fees to Southern Water and the structural engineers. Additional work was also required on the front gable of the building. This had not been fully defined when the contract was signed and would cost around £3,500. The original contingency of £10,000 had been exceeded and the project cost was now estimated to be about £10,000 above the figures previously agreed by the Council, i.e. a total cost of some £225,000.

In discussion, councillors noted that there was no practical alternative site for the building, that to cease work now would be a costly exercise and would lose the grants which the Council had obtained, and that there was sufficient money in Council reserves to go ahead without any impact on the annual precept.

Due to the necessity to speedily conclude whether to proceed with the project taking into account the increase in costs the PC considered itself to have convened and following due deliberation it :-

RESOLVED: - To proceed with the project to rebuild at the notified additional cost and to notify the builders and the architects immediately.

8.2 Horsmonden Speedwatch

The Chairman had had a meeting with members of Horsmonden PC, their Clerk Mrs Noakes, the Police Speedwatch nominee and members of the public to discuss the reinstatement of the Speedwatch initiative. Horsmonden had its own equipment which could be used and shared amongst PCs. It was hoped that Mrs Rona Hogan would lead the group and act as liaison between the PCs and the Police and a team trying to establish further speed restrictions in Matfield.

8.3 Audit & Governance Committee

The Chairman attended the above Committee. He reported that he felt that general standards were lacking which he intended to air at the next meeting in September.

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

None

10 Accounts**10.1 Accounts for payment**

10.11	M Powell	Salary & Expenses	£1277.85
10.12	Post Office	Tax & NI	£356.85
10.13	KALC	Annual Subscription	£1021.01
10.14	TWBC	Lease for Cinderhill Wood	£10.00
10.15	TMS	Posters and stationery	£211.61
10.16	E.On	Electricity	£25.44

RESOLVED To accept these invoices and to pay them.

10.2 Monies Received

10.21	The Poet	Web Advertising	£25.00
10.22	Various	Allotment Rents	£179.50

11 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd July in Matfield Village Hall. This meeting will be preceded by a meeting of the Finance sub-committee at 7pm