

MINUTES OF A FULL MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 6th
JANUARY 2014 IN MATFIELD VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm

Present

Vice Chairman P Randall chaired the meeting, Cllrs B Stanley, I McEwen, A De Guingand, C Woodley, Mrs G Warner, Mrs N Marriott, Brg Cllr A McDermott. Clerk M Powell. Nine members of the public.

No Item

1 To accept apologies for absence

Chairman M Mackenzie and Cllr Woodward for a family holidays. Brg Cllr Mrs J March for Chairing another PC meeting.

Resolved- To accept these apologies.

2 To approve Minutes of the last meeting

2.1 Approve minutes of the full meeting of 9th December

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 could 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 advised to contact the Monitoring Officer before the meeting.

4 To adjourn to allow public participation- questions and comments

Mrs Cooper spoke to advise that although they had moved out of "The Branches" site and were now living in Collier Street they had acquired land in Horsmonden at Bassetts Farm and would apply for permission to move there. In the meantime they intended to move back in to The Branches and apply for temporary change of use to residential for 3 years. This should be acceptable as TWBC had failed to find them an alternative. Mr Cooper spoke to reinforce this information and that as he had been living in the area for 30 years and was well known he wanted the support of the PC. He was very unhappy that the PC had spoken in opposition to his last application to stay. Various other members of the Cooper family also spoke of their parents need to find a permanent site and hoped for support.

A resident living opposite Matfield Green on the east side of the Maidstone Road expressed concern over the rising levels of the flooding of the pond. The PC agreed to explore if there were any drains under the road that may have been blocked over the years and to consider the manufacture of a sign to be put on the edge of the pond itself stating "deep water" or similar.

5 To consider the following planning applications.

5.1 13/03669/House/EA1 44 Porters Wood Petteridge Lane Matfield

First floor side extension

Resolved To recommend approval

5.2 13/03665/FUL/SH6 Egypt Farm Cottages Cryals Road Matfield

Conversion of two cottages into one dwelling with extension and detached garage. New vehicular access and driveway

Cllr B Stanley declared a personal interest and whilst he remained in the room he took no part in the discussion or vote.

Resolved To recommend refusal

The proposal was considered over intensification of the site.

- 5.3 13/03737/House/CP3** 1 Garden Cottages Maidstone Road Matfield
First Floor Extension with new roof and roof lights to extension and main house
Resolved To recommend approval
- 5.4 13/03707/FUL/JS5** Plum Orchard Fairmans Lane Brenchley
Change of use as a 2 pitch Romani Gypsy site and associated ancillary development including laying of hard standing (retrospective)
Resolved To recommend refusal
The proposal was little different from the last application which had been refused and was considered to be still harming the AONB
- 5.5 13/03761/FUL/NR2** Primavera Maidstone Road Matfield
Redevelopment of site to provide storage and distribution building and detached ancillary offices building
Resolved To recommend approval.
Subject to ensuring the landscaping and planting described was adhered to, that there was no further parking than that shown, that there was no external floodlighting and that all access by HGVs was from the A21.
- 5.6 13/03660/FUL/** Crittenden Oast Crittenden Road Matfield
Minor Material Amendment to Planning Permission TW/12/03139/HOUSE: Single storey extension to west elevation - Change style of fenestration
Resolved To recommend approval

6 To receive items for information

6.1 Decisions taken by TWBC

- 6.11 13/03017/FUL/TA1** Lower Brenchley Farm Watermans Lane
Paddock Wood
Stable Block
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval
- 6.12 13/02938/LBC/CO1** Matfield House The Green Matfield
Oak framed Garage
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval
- 6.13 13/03257/TPO/DMD** Little Barnfield High Street Brenchley
1-Silver Birch Fell
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval
- 6.14 13/03259/TPO/DMD** Egypt Oast Cryals Lane Brenchley
1 No Oak-Fell
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval
- 6.15 13/03273/House/RH1** Glebe Place Brenchley Road Brenchley
Demolition of existing lean to structure, single storey side extension
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval
- 6.16 13/03340/FUL/GM2** Tibbs Court Oast Cryals Road Brenchley
Demolition of hoppers huts and replacement with open fronted car port for storage of agricultural plant and equipment.
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

6.2 Public Conveniences

The contract for the maintenance of the public conveniences has been returned by TWBC duly signed.

7 Precept

Following the report of the Finance Sub Committee and the subsequent correspondence via emails the budget and precept was discussed.
Resolved To set the precept at £58,000.

8 Reports of Meetings attended by Councillors

8.1 MPG

Cllr Woodley reported that there were still delays and the pavilion would not be ready by the 10th as promised. A meeting with HMY was scheduled for the 13th January when the intention was to discuss the problems and what could be done to achieve a firm completion date. Prior to that a snagging meeting with the builders was necessary.

9 Correspondence

9.1 Brenchley Charities.

£318 has been spent on 12 food parcels and several letters of thanks has been received from a grateful residents.

9.2 Brenchley Hall Survey

The survey had had 205 responses which was considered an excellent and larger than expected. The trustees were to meet to analyse the results which included a wide range of suggestions. Initial reviews suggest that there were a significant number who were opposed to a development of executive houses but many were not opposed to some smaller living accommodation such as sheltered housing for the elderly.

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

None

11 Accounts

10.1 Accounts for payment

10.11	M Powell	Salary & Expenses	£1536.57
10.12	Post Office	Tax & NI	£459.29
10.13	Commercial Services Ltd (KCC)	Mowing	£1798.57
10.14	TMS	Stationery	£43.14
10.15	Eon	Electricity	£24.62
10.16	Brenchley Hall	Hall hire	£330.00

Resolved To accept the invoices and to pay them.

12 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st January in Matfield Village Hall.