

**MINUTES OF A FULL MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 3rd
MARCH 2014 IN MATFIELD VILLAGE HALL AT 7.30pm**

Present

Chairman M Mackenzie presided, Vice Chairman P Randall, Cllrs B Stanley, C Woodley, N Woodward, I McEwen, A de Guingand, Mrs G Warner, Mrs N Marriott, Clerk M Powell. Borough Cllr A McDermot. Four members of the public.

No Item

1 To accept apologies for absence

Borough Cllr Mrs J March for chairing another meeting

2 To approve Minutes of the last meeting

2.1 Approve minutes of the full meeting of 3rd February 2014

Resolved That the minutes were 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 have 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

Mr Brattle commented on item 5.4 that if the property became residential the loss of one of the last few retail outlets would be damaging to the village. Lady Akenhead was concerned that it was important that if the application was successful it should be noted that the highway rights should be respected and that pedestrian access to the footpath must remain open and unrestricted at all times.

5 To consider the following planning applications.

5.1 14/00248/House/RE4 Coach House Gedges Hill Matfield

Single storey side extension

Resolved:- To recommend Approval

5.2 14/00331/FUL/NR2 Foxhole Farm Foxhole Lane Matfield

Change of use of agricultural building to equestrian and sand school.
Provision of car parking

Resolved:- To recommend Refusal

There are still parking and lighting issues still not addressed and concerns over peak time access for vehicles especially larger ones

5.3 14/00382/House/RH1 1 Bourne Cottages Tibbs Court Lane Matfield

Single storey rear extension with alteration to private right of way

Resolved:- To recommend Approval

5.4 14/00391/FUL/HW1 Olive Stores Ltd High St Brenchley

Change of use from existing shop to residential. Internal alterations and rear extension to from 2 No dwellings, repairs and alterations to external surfaces

Resolved:- To recommend Approval

Subject to pedestrian access to the pavement to remaining open and unrestricted at all times

5.5 14/00532/House/EA1 14 Porters Wood Petteridge Lane Matfield

Removal of single storey side building and erection of two storey side extension with single storey to rear

Resolved:- To recommend Approval

6 To receive items for information

6.1 Decisions taken by TWBC

- 6.11 13/03706/House/SH6** Beechwood Cryals Road Matfield
Demolition of existing single storey side extension, construction of new single and two storey side extension with oil tank enclosure to rear.
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval
- 6.12 13/03889/Ful/CP3** Little Orchard Beech Lane Matfield
Conversion of outbuildings to residential accommodation
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval
- 6.13 14/00063/House/RH1** Windmill Cottage Windmill Hill Brenchley
Two storey front/side extension; construction of new garage (demolition of existing
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

6.2 Recommendations of Planning Sub-Committee

- 6.21 14/00234/Ful/RCC** Cinderhill Farm Five Wents Matfield
Demolition of existing building and outbuildings.
Relocation and erection of two storey dwelling with ancilliary garaging and associated hard and soft landscaping
Recommendation Approval

6.3 Grant Applications

An invitation to apply for a Members grant of £464 from Alex King has been received for the purchase of a new short throw projector with screen to be installed in the new pavilion. This application has been completed and returned.

7 Reports of Meetings attended by Councillors

7.1 MPG

It was looking more likely that handover would be possible by month end. A Community day was planned for the 29th March when various local organisations would be invited to see the facilities.

7.2 KALC

Cllr Woodley reported on the recent KALC Area Committee meeting. It was regrettable that attendance was poor with only 7 councils represented out of a possible 16. Cllr Woodkley also reported he intended to step down from being area Chairman. With the consent of the PC he would like to offer the free use of the Pavilion for their two meetings a year.

Resolved To agree this to this use

7.3 Teise Catchment Group

Cllr de Guingand reported on a meeting with the Teise Catchment group. They were in the process of developing plans for the use of the Teise up to the year 2020. Any other volunteers would be welcome to join the group.

7.4 Speedwatch

Mr Yardley a local resident together with a Mrs Hogan had been promoting speed limit reductions and as an aid to this were proposing to share some equipment with Horsmonden PC. BPC had been asked if it

would underwrite any damage caused whilst the equipment was in our care.

Agreed That Cllr Stanley would explore the costs but in principle to underwrite any damage if the costs were acceptable..

8 Correspondence

8.1 Fun Days

A request for financial support has been received from the organisers of the Fun Day via Lynne Butler. They used to receive money from TWBC to support the hire of larger pieces of equipment but this is no longer available.
Resolved To pledge £150 to support this expenditure.

8.2 Resident

A resident in Maidstone Road living opposite the Green had asked the PC of its intentions as to further work to prevent flooding in the future. The Chairman had replied in the public session that the PC considered it had done all that it could but would re-examine the issue of drainage in the summer when water levels had receded.

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

9.1 Blue Boys

Cllr P Randall advised on issues so far identified as of concern and having led to the PC recommending refusal. Major concerns were the increase of traffic potentially backing out onto the A21, lack of parking with only 34 spaces for 152 seat restaurant, increasing levels of litter and the destruction of a building dating from the late 16th century to replace it by a totally atypical structure for the area, especially within the AONB. Another concern was that the operator of the existing cafe had been given 1 months notice to leave prompting worries that demolition may occur sooner. It was expected the application would go to committee in the first half of April.

9.2 Jack Verrall Garden

Mr Paul Oliver Smith had agreed to supervise the gardening work of the garden which was thought to involve initially three hours a week. Mr YT Knight would be contacted to see if he would take on the job of removing some of the existing debris.

9.3 Computer

The Clerk reported that his computer had serious faults and at nearly four years old was barely worth repairing. The Clerk would find valuable use of a better machine and would fund any difference between that agreed by the PC himself amortising the PC contribution over the next three years.

Resolved To replace the existing computer up to a cost of £1000 funded partially over the remainder of this financial year and the balance in next year

10 Accounts

10.1 Accounts for payment

10.11	M Powell	Salary & Expenses	£2149.92
10.12	Post Office	Tax & NI	£420.87
10.13	I McEwen	Survey and web expenses	£164.52
10.14	BT	Telephone	£77.80
10.15	Eon	Electricity	£50.06
10.16	HMY	Architects fees	£1972.30
10.17	J Wade	Electricity for lights	£25.00
10.18	R Lee	Electricity for lights	£25.00

Resolved To accept these invoices and to pay them

11 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th March in Matfield Village Hall.