

**MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON TUESDAY
22nd APRIL 2014 IN MATFIELD PAVILION AT 7.30pm**

Present

Chairman Mike Mackenzie presided. Vice Chairman P Randall, Cllrs C Woodley, B Stanley, I McEwen, N Woodward, A deGuinand, Mrs N Marriott, Clerk M Powell.

No Item

1 To accept apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs G Warner for holiday, Borough Councillor Jane March for chairing another meeting.

2 To approve Minutes of the last meeting

2.1 Approve minutes of the full meeting of 7th April 2014

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 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 have been advised to contact the Monitoring Officer before the meeting.

4 To adjourn to allow public participation- questions and comments

None

5 To consider the following planning applications.

5.1 14/00982/House/EA1 Wealden Furnace Lane Brenchley
Single storey side/rear extension

Resolved To recommend approval

5.2 14/00948/House/EA1 High Tong Marle Place Rd Brenchley
Alterations to garage to form artist's studio

Resolved To recommend approval

Whilst we recommend approval we note with regret the loss of the two street facing gables

5.3 14/01016/House/CP3 32 Porters Wood Petteridge Lane Matfield
Two storey rear extension

Resolved To recommend refusal

Whilst we do not object in principle we recommend refusal due to the ridge line of the extension which should be lower than that of the main structure and is therefore contrary to the Borough's guidance.

6 To receive items for information

6.1 Decisions taken by TWBC

6.11 14/00248/House/RE4 Coach House Gedges Hill Matfield
Single storey side extension

Recommendation-Approval Decision- Approval

6.12 14/00331/Full/NR2 Foxhole Farm Foxhole Lane Matfield
Change of use of agricultural building to equestrian and sand school. Provision of car parking

Recommendation-Refusal Decision- Approval

- 6.13 14/00382/House/RH1** 1 Bourne Cottages Tibbs Court Lane
Matfield
Single storey rear extension with alteration to private right of
way

Recommendation-Approval Decision- Approval

- 6.14 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.

Recommendation-Approval Decision- Approval

- 6.15 14/00483/Ful/RH1** 1 Margaret Villas Maidstone Road
Matfield
Change of use of ground floor from Class A2 (estate agents) to
residential

Recommendation-Approval Decision- Approval

- 6.16 13/03881/FUL/NR2** Blue Boys
It was reported that there were still many ongoing issues with the
multiple applications it would probably be the end of May before it
was considered by the planning committee.

7 Reports of Meetings attended by Councillors**7.1 Finance Sub-Committee**

Cllr de Guingand reported on the meeting of the finance Committee held immediately preceding this Planning Meeting and was attended by himself, Chairman M Mackenzie, Cllr I McEwen and Cllr B Stanley. Figures had been compiled and presented by the Clerk after having been reviewed by the Committee. It was the fourth and final Finance meeting of the year and was held to completely review the accounts to year end. Cllr de Guingand reported that there was nothing exceptional in the figures and all spending was sufficiently within budget guidelines as not to cause concern. The main over budget item was support to Brenchley Memorial Hall to provide one third of the cost to resurface the car park. This had previously been agreed as necessary to provide additional parking for parents of children at Brenchley School. Spend in total was below budget by £17900 and the year ended with approximately £63000 in the bank. Uncommitted reserves stood at circa £46000. The Committee were asked questions about various items in the accounts the answers to which were all considered satisfactory. Risks attached to the management of the accounts were considered and agreed to be acceptable.

Resolved That the accounts were well presented, caused no areas for concern and had been prudently and accurately controlled. It was agreed unanimously to accept them and to use the figures as the basis of the annual return to the Audit Commission.

7.2 Brenchley Memorial Hall

Cllr Woodward reported on another meeting of the BMH Charity and was pleased to say the Committee had a very positive meeting looking at many scenarios for the future of the facility.

Agreed To note the report.

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

8.1 Rave parties

It was reported that several loud “raves” or parties had been happening at night, three in particular in the Cherry Orchard. Parents had been seen ferrying their children in to attend but what was of concern was the amount of alcohol being consumed. Several sacks of empty bottles had been collected and considerable damage had been inflicted on young growing trees. The Police had been informed and were actively involved.

8.2 Sandbags

Concern was expressed with the sandbags around Matfield Pond and to their future usage. It was reported that the bags themselves were of natural materials and would rot. The best solution would be to uplift them for disposal. Cllr Woodward volunteered as the sand could be used elsewhere.

8.3 APM

The Chairman reminded the PC of the imminent APM and asked if the provision of a glass of wine or a soft drink to residents attending as in previous years would be considered appropriate.

Agreed That the PC should make such provision by way of goodwill.

8.4 Cryals Road

Cllr Woodward reported that the old hoppers huts next to Tibbs Court Farm were being used as accommodation together with a caravan that had been moved on site. A new chimney had also been erected all without apparent planning permission.

It was felt that this should not go unnoticed and that TWBC should be advised.

9 Accounts

9.1 Accounts for payment

9.11	KCC	CHW management charge	£3500.00
9.12	KCC	Payment of RPA grant received	£3100.00
9.13	Brenchley Charities	Transfer of donation	£30.00

Resolved To accept these invoices and pay them. It was also agreed that they should be included in the 2013-14 accounts

10 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 6th May in Matfield Pavilion.