

MINUTES OF A FULL MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 4th
AUGUST 2014 IN MATFIELD PAVILION AT 7.30pm

Present

Chairman M McKenzie presided, Vice Chairman Cllr B Stanley, Cllrs C Woodley, A deGuingand, I McEwen, Mrs G Warner, Mrs N Marriott, Clerk M Powell, Borough Cllr A McDermott

No Item

1 To accept apologies for absence

Cllr P Randall for being unwell, Cllr N Woodward for family commitments.

2 To approve Minutes of the last meeting

- 2.1** Approve minutes of the full meeting of 7th July 2014
The minutes were amended to show Cllrs McEwen and Randall were not in fact part of the Pavilion Management Committee.
Resolved That after the above amendment the minutes as presented were accurate and the Chairman then duly signed them.

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

A resident asked about the "windfall" the PC had received from a legal charge as to its whereabouts and if any were left. If so could it be spent on playground equipment to be located on Matfield Green. She was answered that the monies had been incorporated into general reserves. However because of the Green being common ground it was unlikely that the Secretary of State would allow such development within a conservation area but the PC were aware of the need and would examine any other suitable sites.

Another resident spoke in favour of his planning application (5.3) and the reasons he wanted to build a house in his garden.

5 To consider the following planning applications.

- 5.1 14/500135/FUL/RE4** Gate House Farm Fairmans Lane Brenchley
Conversion of existing agricultural building to a live/work unit

Resolved: - To recommend approval

- 5.2 14/500325/RA1** Braemar Coppers Lane Matfield
Conservatory to rear

Resolved: - To recommend approval

- 5.3 14/501540/OUT/RE4** Petteridge Oast Petteridge Lane Matfield
Outline Erection of a 2-storey dwelling

Resolved: - To recommend refusal

Due to the proposal being within the AONB and outside the LBD

6 To receive items for information

6.1 Decisions taken by TWBC

- 6.11 14/00982/House/EA1** Wealden Furnace Lane Brenchley
Single storey side/rear extension

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

- 6.12 14/00948/House/EA1** High Tong Marle Place Rd Brenchley

Alterations to garage to form artist's studio
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

6.13 4/01237/House/RH1 Heatherbrae Maidstone Road Matfield
 Demolition of sub standard extension, lean to additions and outbuildings.
 Erection of pitched roof extension to rear and carport to side
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

6.2 Blueboys

Advice has been received from CPRE that McDonalds has formally confirmed they have abandoned the project to build a restaurant at Blueboys site and that TWBC are aware that a planning breach has occurred which has the potential to require reinstatement of the demolished structure.

6.3 Decisions taken by Planning Sub-Committee

6.31 14/01333/Full/ARJ The Old Dutch Barn, Tong Road Brenchley
 Alterations and conversion of existing agricultural barn to a single dwelling, alterations and new pitched roof to existing garage building
Recommendation-Approval

6.32 14/01231/Full/ARJ The Old Piggery, Cuckoo Lane Brenchley
 Agricultural implement store
Recommendation-Approval

6.33 14/500337/Full/CO1 Pippins Furnace Lane Brenchley
 Addition of single storey porch/lobby
Recommendation-Approval

6.34 14/500326/Full/CP3 Primrose Hill Brenchley Road Brenchley
 Minor amendment fenestration alterations, rear lobby/boiler room walls squared off to simplify structure, north west porch roof extended, house print moved slightly to south west by 800mm garage bike store to rear south west corner of garage
Recommendation-Approval

6.4 Brenchley Playground

The replacement rocker has been constructed and is awaiting time for the carpenter to re-affix it and then repair the second smaller one. The two toddler swing seats have been purchased and replaced.

7 Reports of Meetings attended by Councillors

7.1 Finance Sub-Committee

Cllr deGuingand reported that the sub-committee had reviewed the accounts year to date. Expenses were all under control. Items of concern were the costs associated with "Meeting Expenses" but this was principally due to the costs of the APM. Pavilion expenses were higher than budget due to the plaques but a large proportion of this would be paid back by the Club and the family of Jack Wish. The photocopier expenses were a one off setting up cost combined with rental being paid in advance. The Sub-committee concluded that the accounts were acceptable and recommended their acceptance by the PC.

Resolved To accept the accounts as giving no cause for concern and that they were accurate. The PC also accepted a recommendation to insert another line into the accounts to cover "Digital Transition" expenses as the disciplines needed for digital only communications were being forced upon it.

7.2 Risk Assessment Sub-Committee

Cllrs I McEwen, C Woodley and Mrs Marriott had met and were collating items to be considered in the assessment. Many were involving the Clerk who would need to become involved as things progressed.

7.3 TWBC Buildings at Risk Strategy

Cllr Mrs Marriott attended a planning briefing concerning listed buildings and the powers that TWBC had to preserve them. They continuously survey as many as possible.

7.4 Pavilion Management Committee

Cllr Woodley reported on various questions posed by the Cricket Club such as a request to install a shower curtain, which was refused. They had also asked to put up signs for the changing rooms, which was also refused, but they had proceeded to install them anyway. Fortunately they were easily removed. One item of concern was the electricity bill, which was unexplained and was in excess of £1000. The PC agreed to underwrite the difference between funds held by the club and the bill to circa £300.

8 Correspondence**8.1 BMHC**

A request for funds to buy cabinets to house archives of the Historical Society had been received of £1000. This was generally felt money well spent but details of the proposed expenditure and a plan for the future of the Society was desirable before committing funds

8.2 Jenners

Jenners are building the Affordable houses in Brenchley and need to modify the bus stop. The Clerk has visited and because of the footpath needs raising to accommodate a bus kneeling platform, as there will be insufficient headroom at the front. It was **agreed** to allow Jenners to raise the front of the roof

8.3 Just Projectors

Just Projectors has provided a quote for installation of a short throw projector with wireless dongle to couple up with a laptop for £1069 plus VAT. This is their best recommendation in light of our budget. It excludes a screen, as it is believed the wall at the rear of the pavilion is flat and white enough to give good results.

The Clerk agreed to do some more research on alternatives

8.4 TWBC Disposal of non-performing assets

As requested the Clerk has advised TWBC of our interest in acquiring some land of no particular use to them. They have said the car park in Brenchley has as yet to be identified as surplus but have sent details of land behind Oakfield Road.

8.5 KCC

A consultation on Farmsteads had been received. Farmsteads are considered an important part of the local landscape and the intention is to take more care of them. Cllr Mrs Marriott agreed to put some comments in support of this on the portal.

8.6 KCC Speed Limits

Advice had been received on the disproportionately high costs of imposing a 20mph speed limit outside the school. It was considered an unjustifiable cost even with financial help from Alex King. The Chairman agreed to communicate this.

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

None

10 Accounts for payment

10.1	M Powell	Salary and Expenses	£1427.96
10.2	Post Office	Tax & NI	£406.40
10.3	Playdale	Swing Seats	£280.93
10.4	Montie Associates Ltd	CDM Services	£1200
10.5	Wendy Cane	JV Garden maintenance	£270.00
10.6	BT	Phones	£219.28
10.7	EON	Electricity	£23.80
10.8	PWCAC	Donation	£2000.00
10.9	TMS	Sign printing	£14.80
10.10	KCC Commercial	½ year mowing	£3091.63
10.11	Small Loads	Playground Bark	£211.68

Resolved To accept these invoices and to pay them**11 Date of next meeting**The next meeting will be on Tuesday 19th August in Matfield Pavilion