

MINUTES OF A FULL MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 8th
SEPTEMBER 2014 IN MATFIELD PAVILION AT 7.30pm

No Item

Present

Cllr M Mackenzie chaired the meeting, Vice Chairman B. Stanley, A de Guingand, I McEwen, N Woodward, P Randall, Mrs G Warner, Mrs N Marriott. Clerk M Powell. Borough Cllr Mrs J March. Two members of the public.

1 To accept apologies for absence

Borough Cllr A McDermott for a holiday

2 To approve Minutes of the last meeting

2.1 Approve minutes of the full meeting of 4th August 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 Lower Brenchley Farm Watermans Lane Paddock Wood
Erection of 1 No 3 bedroom house

Resolved- To recommend approval. However it was noted that the PC had concerns about the floodlighting which did not appear on plans and the accuracy of the business plan for recuperating horses on site.

6 To receive items for information

6.1 Decisions taken by TWBC

6.11 14/00078 House/CO1 Little Chill Mill Bungalow, Tibbs Court Lane Brenchley
Roof extension with balconies front and rear
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

6.12 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 Decision-Approval

6.13 14/01231/Full/ARJ The Old Piggery, Cuckoo Lane Brenchley
Agricultural implement store
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Refusal

6.14 14/500337/Full/CO1 Pippins Furnace Lane Brenchley

Addition of single storey porch/lobby
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

- 6.15 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 Decision-Approval

6.2 Decisions taken by Planning Sub-Committee

- 6.21 14/510209/Full/ARJ** Latters Toll Knowle Road Brenchley
 Proposed permanent agricultural building
Recommendation-Approval
- 6.22 14/510210/Full/RE4** Lawn Hill Brenchley Road Matfield
 Construction of tennis court and associated fencing on private amenity land
Recommendation-Refusal
 This is agricultural land within the AONB. As such it is in conflict with EN21 & EN25 and permission would set an unwelcome precedent
- 6.23 14/00903/House** Egypt Oast cryals Road Matfield
 New front entrance and open 3 bay garage
Recommendation-Approval
- 6.24 14/501712/Full/EMG** Hatherleigh The Green Matfield
 Installation of a timber garden room
Recommendation-Approval

6.3 Brenchley Playground

The replacement rocker has been installed and the smaller one is being repaired

6.4 Matfield Green Verge

A quotation has been received from Mr J Hickmott of Fine English Lawns Company to reinstate the verge in two stages at a cost of £883.15. Cllr Randall had discussed the matter with Mr JP Miles who had proposed a box grid be installed instead of the existing web but this was thought likely to be prohibitively expensive. It was felt that further research was needed and Cllrs Randall, McEwen and Mrs Warner would all look into the problem.

7 Reports of Meetings attended by Councillors

7.1 Parish Chairs Meeting

Mrs March advised that on behalf of TWBC, litter and dog fouling patrols would be touring the areas with the power to issue on the spot fines.

7.2 Gray's tea rooms

Cllr Randall had attended the official opening of the tea rooms. It was noted that TCHA had contributed £5000 in support.

7.3 MVH Committee

Cllr Mrs Marriott had attended a meeting of the MVH Cttee and consideration was given to tidying up the land behind Matfield conveniences as a playground. This was in light of a previous request by

a resident for swings on the Green. The PC considered this as a proposal.

Resolved: - Not to proceed further with installing playground equipment on or near the Green.

8 Correspondence

8.1 BMHC

A reply from Mrs Denise Barr detailing some of the options for buying cabinets for housing archives was noted. The Chubb Archive 880 had been proposed at a cost of £1107 excl. VAT installed. Cllr Mrs. March advised there might be a grant available from Cllr McDermott's local fund.

Resolved: - To buy the cabinet proposed but ownership would remain with the PC for the time being.

8.2 Plum Orchard

Correspondence received from near neighbours of residents at the Plum Orchard objecting to the possibility that TWBC may be obliged to house the residents of the Orchard if they are displaced by the appeal decision to remove them from the site.

8.3 Parking in Brenchley

Following a traffic accident on the A21 traffic diverted through Brenchley to be met with a gridlock caused by skips outside Olive Stores and vehicles parked outside the Post Office. Efforts were made to get residents to move their cars but were met by some resistance. A meeting was to be arranged between the landlord and representatives of the PC.

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

None

10 Accounts for payment

10.1	M Powell	Salary and Expenses	£1376.56
10.2	Post Office	Tax & NI	£406.40
10.3	Broker Network	Annual Insurance	£2365.99
10.4	Wendy Cane	Gardening at JV Garden	£345.00
10.5	Managed Technology	Staples for copier	£45.17
10.6	Eon	Electricity	£25.44
10.7	Sussex Electrical	PIR sensor at pavilion	£102.00
10.8	Brenchley Hall	Car Parking	£1500.00

Resolved- To accept these invoices and to pay them.

11 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 23rd September in Matfield Pavilion