

MINUTES OF A FULL MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 6th
OCTOBER 2014 IN MATFIELD PAVILION AT 7.30pm

Present

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

No Item

1 To accept apologies for absence

Cllr Mrs N Marriott and Borough Cllr A McDermott for family holidays

2 To approve Minutes of the last meeting

2.1 Approve minutes of the full meeting of 8th September 2014

Resolved To accept the minutes as accurate after they were amended to show that Cllr C Woodley was absent and had sent apologies. Hey 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

None

5 To consider the following planning applications.

5.1 14/502373/FUL/CO1 Pimms Cottage Crittenden Road Matfield
Removal of 1990s side conservatory and construction of single storey garden room. Conversion of existing garage to guest accommodation
Resolved –To recommend approval

5.2 14/502651/FUL/HW1 Crundalls Bungalow Geddes Hill Matfield
Replacement bungalow, garage and drive
Resolved –To recommend approval

5.3 14/502657/Full/Emag The Coach House Hatmill Lane Brenchley
Demolition of existing garage and construction of new double garage with office study over.
Resolved –To recommend refusal. The application was considered over-intensification for the site.

6 To receive items for information

6.1 Decisions taken by TWBC

6.11 14/500325/Full/RA1 Braemar Coppers Lane Matfield
Conservatory to rear
Recommendation-Approval Decision- Approval

6.12 14/501219/FULL/ARJ Latters Toll Knowle Road Brenchley
Proposed permanent agricultural building
Recommendation-Approval Decision- Refusal

6.13 14/501712/FULL/EMG Hatherleigh The Green Matfield
Installation of a timber garden room
Recommendation-Approval Decision- Approval

7 Reports of Meetings attended by Councillors

7.1 Parish Chairs Meeting

The Chairman attended a meeting to discuss the transition of costs of the amenity vehicle to the PC. TWBC advised that the costs of the amenity vehicle amounted to about £30000 pa some of which was a contribution to the landfill tax of some £30000 paid by KCC. As a discretionary service they needed to either stop the facility or pass the costs onto the Parish Councils. The amenity lorry contained waste that was unsorted for recycling. It was thought that that the cost to Brenchley PC would be circa £3600 pa for both sites. A ticket system had been proposed which would be considered. Cllr McEwen agreed to create a short survey using the web site to gauge residents opinions.

Resolved:- To agree in principle the proposal of taking on the costs from next May dependent of the final amount required and to consider any significant results of the survey.

7.2 Clerks Review

The Chairman and Vice Chairman met with the Clerk for an annual performance review. The Chairman reported they were both happy with the work of the Clerk and that he generally did more than was paid for. Financial matters would be deferred to a later date.

7.3 Parking

Parking continues to be an issue in Brenchley High St and the Chairman had a meeting with Mr P Bowles and a resident of the Old Palace. Parking outside the Old Palace was affecting the ability of both deliveries and ambulances to access other residents. The resident agreed to refrain from abusing other pedestrians and to apologise but left the meeting before its conclusion. There was also an issue of complaints by neighbours of noisy children. It appears there is an informal child minding business in operation from the premises but it does not seem to be registered.

7.4 Brenchley School

Cllr Woodward reported on a meeting with both Brenchley School and Brenchley Charity. Some ideas were considered and together both organisations would like to make a presentation to the PC. It was generally agreed that it should be a special meeting. Possible dates were discussed in November and Cllr Woodward agreed to propose these.

8 Correspondence

8.1 Resident

A resident of Webbs Orchard who lived previously at Pimms has offered to pay for a new seat alongside the Green with a plaque to commemorate the life of her husband. The PC agreed this was a very generous offer and would be pleased to have a new seat on the Green to replace that one currently in a state of disrepair.

8.2 Roundabout

The PC had been advised of a resident's complaint regarding the Brenchley War Memorial not being cleaned this year, which the magazine intended to publish. The Clerk was asked to compose a reply also for publication.

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

None

10 Accounts for payment

10.1	M Powell	Salary and Expenses	£2155.12
10.2	Post Office	Tax & NI	£406.40
10.3	PKF Littlejohn	Audit Fee	£960.00
10.4	Wendy Cane	Gardening at JV Garden	£390.00
10.5	Managed Technology	Copy costs	£39.47
10.6	Eon	Electricity	£25.44
10.7	Siemens	Copier rental	£122.40
10.8	LJ Marsh	Pothole repairs	£144.00
10.9	S J Osbourne and Son	Archive safe	£1485.50
10.10	Playsafety Ltd	Playground inspection	£103.20

Resolved- To agree these invoices and to pay them**11 Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st October at 7.30pm which will be preceded by a meeting of the Finance sub-committee at 7.00pm in Matfield Pavilion.