

**MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON TUESDAY 21st
OCTOBER 2014 IN MATFIELD PAVILION AT 7.30pm**

Present

Chairman M Mackenzie presided, Cllrs P Randall, A de Guingand, N Woodward, I McEwen, Mrs G Warner, Mrs N Marriott, Clerk M Powell. Borough Cllr Mrs J March. 17 members of the public.

No Item

1 To accept apologies for absence

Cllr C Woodley for family commitments and Cllr B Stanley for a holiday.

2 To approve Minutes of the last meeting

2.1 Approve minutes of the full meeting of 6th October 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 had been advised to contact the Monitoring Officer before the meeting.

4 To adjourn to allow public participation- questions and comments

All members of the public present agreed that they were in attendance to hear the PC's opinion of application 5.1. A resident of Pearsons green Road spoke on behalf of all outlining their objections to the proposal.

5 To consider the following planning applications.

**5.1 14/503849/Full Land to rear of 1-3 Holly Cottages Pearsons Green Road
Brenchley**

Siting of a mobile home for a gypsy family with associated amenity building

Resolved: - To recommend refusal

1-The site is outside the LBD and within the local area of a fruit growing belt. As such it has agricultural land status.

2-It is visually out of character to the locality and since many trees were felled at the beginning of the year is particularly conspicuous from the road and neighbours.

3-The amenity block is considerably more than simple amenity, it would appear habitable and open for further development.

4-There is no detail shown of a touring caravan but provision is mentioned

5-The proposal shows without explanation two entrances which allows for the site to be sub- divided for further development in the future or the running of a business.

6-There is no evidence the existing traveller site where the applicant currently lives is due to close, and there is no evidence from the applicant that he has relatives or employment locally.

7- Pearsons Green Road was subject to considerable flooding last year and the incorporation of hard standing and a septic tank close to the boundary would all increase the likelihood of further run-off risking the adjoining properties.

Due to the nature of this application and the reasons given above we would ask that the case be called in to Committee.

5.2 14/503921/LBC/KM Tuttys Farmhouse The Green Matfield

Installation of new bathroom, removal of existing external foul and waste pipework with reinstallation internally and addition of small casement window.

Resolved:- To recommend approval

5.3 14/503809/Full/ARJ Little Foxhole Foxhole Lane Matfield

Demolition of existing workshop outbuilding and construction of replacement workshop outbuilding

Resolved:- To recommend approval

6 To receive items for information

6.1 Decisions taken by TWBC

None

6.2 School Presentation

It had been agreed that Brenchley School together with Brenchley Charity would visit the PC on Thursday 13th November at 7.30pm

7 Reports of Meetings attended by Councillors

7.1 Report of the meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee

The accounts for the six months to date were reviewed. All items were on track with spend at expected levels with the exception of: -

- Meeting expenses at £198 over budget because of the costs of advertising the Annual Parish meeting,
- Donations which were over budget due to the purchase of a fire-safe for use by the Historical Society
- Matfield Pavilion for the purchase of a vacuum cleaner and other small items.

Other items over half the annual budget were largely one off expenses such as insurance and subscriptions paid for at the beginning of the year. One item marginally over budget was the expense incurred in the cleaning of Matfield War Memorial. There was about £400 in a charity account for this purpose which if used would bring the cost to below budget.

Agreed- To leave the money in the Charity account and to review whether it was required or not at the year end.

The Finance Committee had also reviewed the bank reconciliation and were happy that the figures were satisfactory and gave no cause for concern. Due prudence had been observed and the methods used were acceptable for accounting purposes and would be examined as part of the Risk Management strategy being formulated.

Resolved: - To note and accept the report.

7.2 Pavilion Management Committee

Estimates of cleaning costs were awaited following the construction of a regular schedule of both cleaning and the topping up of janitorial supplies. A visitors book was felt to be a good idea to record usage.

It was advised that the Youth Group was not reforming in the foreseeable future.

Discussions had been had regarding the allocation of monies received from the hire of the pavilion. It had been proposed that half should go to the upkeep and half to the PC. An alternative was that all receipts be managed by Mrs Klempau for all minor maintenance and day to day running costs as she already held an account for such use.

Agreed The PC was happy with this arrangement for receipts in the future.

7.3 Kent Health Watch

The Chairman had attended a meeting with the above organisation whose object was to become a conduit for information between the health services and the users of the services.

8 Correspondence

8.1 Residents

An email from residents of Pearsons Green Road voicing objection to planning application 5.1

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

9.1 Website Survey on cost transfer of amenity vehicle.

Cllr McEwen was in the process of constructing a survey to place on the web site. After discussion it was agreed that asking for email addresses to keep in touch with respondents would be useful but it should be noted that these were to be kept confidential.

10 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 3rd November at 7.30pm