

**MINUTES OF A FULL MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 3rd
NOVEMBER IN MATFIELD PAVILION AT 7.30pm**

Present

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

No Item

1 To accept apologies for absence

Borough Cllr Mrs J March for chairing the Horsmonden PC meeting.

2 To approve Minutes of the last meeting

2.1 Approve minutes of the planning full meeting of 21st October 2014.

Two typographical errors were corrected and it was

Resolved to accept the minutes presented 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 14/504075 Bankside bungalow Maidstone Road Matfield
Ground floor extensions to north east and southwest of property with first floor accommodation above, including dormers on front and rear elevations
Resolved To recommend refusal. The proposal did not enhance the AONB and was of poor architectural design.

5.2 14/504403 2 Margaret Villas Maidstone Road Matfield
Two storey rear extension to replace conservatory
Resolved To recommend refusal. The proposal did not respect the original structure and was architecturally not sound.

5.3 14/504181 Matfield House Matfield
New enlarged stable doors to rear elevation. Beam and block floor laid over existing threshing floor. Internal structural repairs and additional structural support to front wall
Resolved To recommend approval

5.4 14/504282 High Tong Marle Place road Brenchley
Demolition of existing stable block. Construction of pavilion to incorporate new stable, storeroom and garden room
Resolved To recommend approval but to note the mix of stables and accommodation was inappropriate and a conflict of purpose and to further recommend the proposal was conditional on being ancillary to the main building and not to form the basis of any accommodation.
Cllr Woodward declared a personal interest as the applicant was a friend and whilst remaining in the room took no part in the discussion or voting.

6 To receive items for information and decisions

- 6.1 Decisions taken by TWBC**
None
- 6.2 Bus shelter**
An insurance claim is underway. A decision on its replacement was discussed.
Resolved To replace the shelter but with a more open design without sides.
- 6.3 Broadband**
Consideration of the provision of broadband in the pavilion was discussed with all available options.
Resolved To engage BT in the supply and installation of a broadband service..

7 Reports of Meetings attended by Councillors

- 7.1 Risk Assessment Group**
Cllr McEwen reported that after a meeting with Cllr Mrs Marriott they were almost at the point of being able to present a draft risk assessment with a suggested package of risks and control measures.
- 7.2 Police**
Cllr Mrs Warner reported that as Kent Ambassador for rural crime there was many initiatives by Kent Police on this issue. Police are becoming much more active on the subject with many farmers having complained of lack of prosecutions in relation to machinery theft.
- 7.3 St Luke's Youth Group**
Cllr Woodley reported that after a meeting with the St Luke's Youth Group they were planning on starting to use the Pavilion in January. There was a reasonable attendance already and it was hoped the activities would prove encouraging to all involved.
- 7.3 TWBC**
Borough Cllr McDermott reported that the cinema site in Tunbridge Wells was now almost totally demolished but it could take six years to finalise designs and rebuild it. The Borough had agreed to spend £24000 on decorating the hoarding around it with images from the local villages and these were invited from the PCs.

8 Correspondence

- 8.1 KALC**
An invitation for up to two members to attend the KALC AGM on Saturday 22nd November at the Ditton Community Centre. No Cllrs were available except Cllr Woodley who would be going separately due to his existing association with the KALC.
- 8.2 Residents**
Complaints had been received about the affordable housing being built in Brenchley and the roadworks to protect the building of the footpath. The time taken was thought to be excessive. The Chairman agreed to take up the matter with the housing association.

9 To be advised of urgent Business as may be previously notified.**9.1 Amenity Vehicle Survey**

Cllr McEwen reported that the survey to judge residents support of the PC funding the amenity vehicle had attracted 27 responses. 23 were in support, 2 didn't care and 2 were opposed.

10 Accounts for payment

10.1	M Powell	Salary and Expenses	£1412.11
10.2	Post Office	Tax & NI	£406.40
10.3	Wendy Cane	Gardening JV Garden	£180.00
10.4	BT	Phones	£233.86
10.5	Streetlights	Street lighting maintenance	£235.06
10.6	Tamillek Tree Care	Removal of tree from p/ground	£240.00
10.7	KCC	Repayment of RPA grant	£682.00

Resolved To accept the above invoices and to pay them

11 Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 18th November at 7.30pm. A reminder to members that the School and BMHC will be visiting on Thursday 13th November

12 Additional Item**12.1 Clerks Review**

The Clerk was asked to leave the room and the PC discussed the Clerks salary.

Resolved To award a pay increase of 1.5% backdated to August 1st 2014.