

**MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**FEBRUARY 2015 IN MATFIELD PAVILION AT 7.30pm**

**Present**

Chairman M Mackenzie presided, Vice Chairman B Stanley, Cllrs A de Guingand, C Woodley, I McEwen, Mrs G Warner and Mrs N Marriott. Clerk M Powell. Borough Cllr A McDermott. Mrs Jane Lynch Head of Planning TWBC and Mark Stevenson Conservation Architect from TWBC. Three members of the public.

**No      Item**

**1      To accept apologies for absence**

Cllr Woodward and P Randall for business commitments.

**2      To approve Minutes of the last meeting**

2.1      Approve minutes of the full meeting of 2nd February 2015

**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**

**4.1      To allow public participation- questions and comments**

A resident of Church Close asked if the lack of information on an application was acceptable for it still to be considered. His neighbour had applied for an extension citing pebble dash as a continuation of that existing but in fact none existed. Jane Lynch replied that if there was doubt approval would only be given subject to final approval of materials used and final finishes.

**4.2      To meet with Jane Lynch and Mark Stevenson of TWBC for a Q&A session.**

Both of these representatives answered many questions on the process of their decision making. Many of the planning regulations were contradictory such as the requirement within the AONB to preserve or enhance the area, but not necessarily both. It was also apparent that Policy EN21 to preserve open spaces was open to challenge at appeal unless significant harm to the locality could be proven if granted.

**5      To consider the following planning applications.**

**5.1      14/506691/FUL Greenacre Beech Lane Matfield**

Conversion of two linked redundant agricultural mushroom growing buildings into a single storey detached three-bedroom eco friendly dwelling

**Resolved:** - To recommend approval.

## **6 Correspondence**

### **6.1 All Saints Churchyard Committee**

A request for support to establish an informal disabled parking bay outside the Church.

**Agreed:** To support the principle and to contact the highways engineer as requested.

## **7 Accounts for payment**

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| <b>7.1</b>                                                   | Matfield Pavilion | Transfer of hire income | £250.00 |
| <b>7.2</b>                                                   | Ms J Wade         | Supply of electricity   | £25.00  |
| <b>7.3</b>                                                   | Mr R Lee          | Supply of electricity   | £25.00  |
| <b>Resolved:</b> - To accept these invoices and to pay them. |                   |                         |         |

## **8 To be advised of urgent Business as may be previously notified.**

### **8.1 APM Invitees**

Consideration was given as to whom to invite to the APM. It was felt that residents would be interested in financial matters in this time of austerity. Alex King had been approached and was pleased to attend as was William Benson- Chief Executive of TWBC. It was also hoped Greg Clarke MP would attend but he was unable to confirm until after the election when his position would be known.

### **8.2 Consideration of School Plans**

Cllr Woodward advised that the School was in the process of outlining their plans to redevelop the school and that a presentation would be made at the next meeting. The proposals would include a building development to fund the new school. Jane Lynch advised that for the planning department to consider any future application they would require a full and comprehensive 360 degree proposal. If the Parish had a plan of its requirements that would feature heavily in any decision.

## **9 Date of next meeting**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.30pm in Matfield Pavilion