

**MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON TUESDAY
21st JULY 2015 IN MATFIELD PAVILION AT 7.30pm**

Present

Cllr M Mackenzie presided, Cllrs A deGuingand, C Woodley, I McEwen, N Woodward, Mrs G Warner, Mrs N Marriott, Clerk M Powell.

No Item

1 To accept apologies for absence

Cllrs B Stanley for family commitments, Cllr P Randall for business commitments.

2 To approve Minutes of the last meeting

2.1 Approve minutes of the full meeting of 6th July

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 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 15/504843 Oast Meadow Horsmonden Road Brenchley**
Demolition of stable block to be replaced with annexe for elderly parents. New outbuilding for use as gym and study. New storage shed to allow for reduced external storage
Resolved:- To recommend refusal
The proposal is outside the LBD. Further we consider the design to be poor and not enhancing the AONB
- 5.2 15/505142 Little Dunks Farm Cuckoo Lane Brenchley**
Conversion of redundant former agricultural building into single residential building
Resolved:- To recommend refusal
We do not consider this application has sufficiently addressed the issues given for the previous refusal
- 5.3 15/504715 Friars Oast Maidstone Road Matfield**
Demolition of existing metal clad double garage and store. Construction of new oak framed double garage, garden machinery store with hobby workshop over.
Resolved:- To recommend refusal
Whilst we have no objection in principle we recommend refusal as we consider the height of the proposed structure excessive and the footprint too large in relation to the main house.
- 5.4 15/504088 Bankside Bungalow, Maidstone Road Matfield**
Retrospective application for close-boarded fence alongside roadside to replace overgrown hedge/trees
Resolved:- To recommend approval
- 5.5 15/504732 1 Garden Cottages Maidstone Road Matfield**
Retrospective application for two new roof lights.
Resolved:- To recommend approval
- 5.6 15/505648, 505635, 505639 Little Oak Windmill Hill Brenchley**
Various tree works
Resolved:- To recommend approval

6. To receive items for information**6.1 Decisions by TWBC**

- 6.11 15/501967** Little Oak Windmill Hill Brenchley
Proposed double garage
Recommendation- Approval Decision- Approval
- 6.12 15/503221** I Fir Tree Cottage Green Lane Brenchley
Part replacement rear single storey extension and replacement front porch. Proposed decking
Recommendation- Refusal Decision- Approval

7 Meetings attended by Councillors**6.1 Finance Sub-Committee**

Cllr deGuinand reported on the meeting of the Finance Sub-committee which preceded this meeting and was attended by the himself, the Chairman, Cllr I McEwen and Clerk / RFO M Powell. The accounts and the bank reconciliation had been reviewed year to date. Items appearing over budget were subscriptions, which were paid at the beginning of the year, similarly a street-lighting maintenance contract. Monies for the photocopier were a previously agreed amount for a licence to print using OSX and rental for the machine itself, which is paid in advance. The amount for the Matfield Green was related to the repairs to the Matfield sign which had toppled over when the pillar rotted through. Further work was required to straighten the sign itself and to remove the old brickwork collar, which had accelerated the failure. The committee was happy with the figures, all of which were acceptable, within the precept and gave no cause for concern.

6.2 Parish Plan

Cllr Woodward reported that the process was well in hand and over 100 people had attended the initial meetings. 47 heads are on the Working Groups. Groups are already beginning to hold their first meetings and are in a "Getting to know you" phase across the wider teams. Cllr McEwen is in the process of getting some information on the web site. A survey is planned by the year end which will involve some expenditure although the amount is as yet unknown.

6.3 Safer Kent and Front Line People.

Cllr Mrs Warner had been involved with a group known as Safer Kent which had given over £800000 in the past few years to support projects involving youth groups and their well being, and their security. She had also visited call centres for the 999 and 111 police lines.

8 Correspondence

None

9 To be advised of urgent Business as may be previously notified.**10 Date of next meeting**

Monday 3rd August at 7.30pm in Matfield Pavilion