

**MINUTES OF A FULL MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON MONDAY 2nd
NOVEMBER 2015 IN MATFIELD PAVILION AT 7.30pm**

Present

Cllr M Mackenzie presided, Vice Chairman B Stanley, Cllrs R Randall, A de Guingand, N Woodward, C Woodley, I McEwen, Mrs N Marriott, Mrs G Warner, Clerk M Powell. Borough Cllr A McDermott. One member of the public.

No Item

1 To accept apologies for absence
None

2 To approve Minutes of the last meeting

2.1 Approve minutes of the planning meeting of 20th October

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.

Cllr Mrs Warner declared a personal interest in item 9.2 as the Chief Executive of the charity was well known to her and in item 4.1 as she is Chairman of Kent Community Association which provides some funds for PWCAC.

Cllr Mrs N Marriott declared a personal interest in item 7.5 as the applicant was a neighbour.

4 To adjourn to hear external Presentations

4.1 Paddock Wood Community Advice Centre

Mrs Fiona Pengelly- Manager for PWCAC spoke to thank the PC for its donation, money badly needed especially as many people they helped have suffered a range of benefit cuts. They had found many who were not being paid the minimum wage. CAC had also received cuts from support from TWBC. They were campaigning for a share of the grant provided to CAB by TWBC, which had also been reduced but was some £100000. PWCAC dealt with approximately 10% of the cases and felt the people of Paddock Wood were being unfairly disadvantaged.

4.2 Community Right to Bid

Hilary Smith, Economic Development Officer for TWBC provided information on the Community Right to bid for properties/ items, which had been listed as a heritage asset. The process involves applying to list a property which if accepted by a panel of officers of TWBC provides a moratorium to allow the community the opportunity to raise a bid. The vendor as the right to appeal and has no obligation to accept such a bid once the moratorium is complete. The vast majority of listings across the country were public houses but open land was also popular a target.

5 To adjourn to hear reports regarding the Parish Plan

Contained within item 10.1

6 To adjourn to allow public participation- questions and comments

None

7 To consider the following planning applications.

- 7.1 15/508158** Castle Inn Crook Road Brenchley
Extensions to provide independent residential accommodation, enlarged restaurant (revised to approved 15/503475 for enlargement of residential curtilage, alternative access and parking for additional garage
Resolved: - To recommend approval.
Subject to the gravel surface being proposed is appropriate not to cause excessive noise to neighbours.
- 7.2 15/508466** Burrs Hill Barn House, Horsmonden Rd Brenchley
Erection of a building comprising of a garage, carport, store and home office
Resolved: - To recommend approval.
Considered acceptable in principle but we feel the proposal is very tall in its proposed position
- 7.3 15/508317** 9 Porters Wood Petteridge Lane Matfield
Removal of dilapidated single storey side extension and erection of a 2-storey side extension in its place.
Resolved: - To recommend approval.
- 7.4 15/508122** Southside Maidstone Road Matfield
Demolition of garage and erection of two-storey side extension
Resolved: - To recommend refusal. It was considered of poor design overshadowing the neighbour.
- 7.5 15/507696** Summerford Barn The Green Matfield Erection of 2 bay detached oak framed garage
Resolved:- To recommend approval.
It was noted that the precise location was not considered sympathetic to the plot.

8. To receive items for information and decisions required

- 8.1 Decisions by TWBC**
None
- 8.2 Legal Advice**
It is possible to obtain unlimited legal advice from the Country, Land and Business Association by becoming a member. The cost is £221.00 pa. This allows one named person to ask the questions. The service provides for advice but not acting on our behalf without further fees. The PC considered that this was a good proposition providing potential value for money.
Resolved: - To join the CLA at the fee shown.
- 8.3 Vice Chair**
Cllr B Stanley wished to resign from the position of Vice Chairman.
A nomination of Cllr Woodley to take the position has been received from the Chairman and seconded by Cllr Stanley. Further nominations were requested but none were received.
Resolved To accept Cllr Stanley's resignation and to elect Cllr Woodley to replace him as Vice Chairman.
- 8.4 Pond**
More exploratory work on pond clearance has been undertaken and further quotations were awaited. The Chairman thanked all involved for their hard work, the efforts to get others involved and the publicity generated. Cllr Randall advised that to complete the work required would involve the excavation of many tons of silt and hoped local landowners could help dispose of it, which would save a significant amount of the potential costs. It was agreed that the costs would be considered when next considering the precept. It was felt that the help of KHWP was invaluable and Cllr Randall proposed a modest grant to help with their expenses.

Resolved: - To provide a grant for £100 to KHWP.

8.5 Travellers

A proposal has been made by Borough Cllr McDermott that PCs contribute to a fund to assist with costs when land is invaded by Travellers. A sum of £500 has been suggested.

Resolved: - To contribute the proposed sum towards such a fund.

9. Correspondence

9.1 Land in Matfield

Mrs Wendy Carter has offered the PC some land adjoining the triangle behind Matfield conveniences. Although not wishing to charge the PC for this she would expect the PC to pay reasonable legal costs involved in the transfer. Cllr Woodward would ask for a formal offer with drawings to scale. Rights of access would need clarification together with an agreement from the Village Hall.

9.2 Air Ambulance

Advice that the Air ambulance wishes to relocate two helicopters to Old Hay and asks for support both financially but as importantly for support for their forthcoming planning application. The Chief Executive is happy to attend a PC meeting if required and there are open events at St Andrews Church in Paddock Wood on Friday 6th November 12.30 to 3.30 and 7th between 2.00pm and 5pm. The PC agreed to consider such an application once details were received from TWBC

10 Meetings attended by Councillors

10.1 Parish Plan

It was reported that there was a Parish Plan meeting on 21st October. A presentation had been given on further plans for both the School and BMHC. It was advised that the proceedings were conducted under the Chatham House Rule. An executive summary has been circulated. One participant wrote a reflective piece as he thought the meeting was fractious and represented too many conflicting interests. Meetings are planned for the co-ordinators on 19th November and an open meeting for the villagers on 23rd January.

10.2 TWBC

Brg Cllr A McDermott reported that the cinema site in Tunbridge Wells has been sold. A planning application was expected in the new year but initial thoughts were for shops, a small hotel, some residential space and a cinema. It had been agreed that the Borough would move out of the Town Hall, as it was no longer fit for purpose and move to Calverley Park. The façade of the town hall would be retained and the building behind probably converted to residential space. Ely Court was going to be removed together with the food hall and be replaced with various restaurants around the area.

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

None

12 Accounts for payment

12.1	M Powell	Salary & Expenses	982	TFR	£1422.69
12.2	HMRC	Tax & NI	983	TFR	£402.55
12.3	E.On	Electricity	984	TFR	£29.07
12.4	Streetlights	Maintenance contract	985	TFR	£240.92
12.5	Darren Smith	JV Garden Maintenance	986	TFR	£80.00
12.6	BT	Phones	987	TFR	£344.41
12.7	Wendy Cane	JV Gardening	988	TFR	£75.00
12.8	JP Miles	Mowing football pitch	989	TRF	£96.00

Resolved: - To accept the above invoices and to pay them.

13 Date of next meeting

Tuesday 17th November at 7.30pm in Matfield Pavilion.