

MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON TUESDAY 17th
NOVEMBER 2015 IN MATFIELD PAVILION AT 7.30pm

Present

No Item

1 To accept apologies for absence

Cllr N Woodward for business commitments and A deGuinand for family commitments

2 To approve Minutes of the last meeting

2.1 Approve minutes of the full meeting of 2nd November

Resolved: - To accept the minutes as accurate. The Chairman then duly signed them.

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 15/508602 Moatlands Manor, Watermans Lane Paddock Wood
Retention of swimming pool and pool house
Resolved To recommend approval

5.2 15/508670 Crundalls Bungalow, Gedges Hill Matfield
Change of use of land from Orchard to residential curtilage
Resolved To recommend refusal
We are concerned that there is no explanation as to why this is required.

5.3 15/508312 Priory Cottage Sophurst Lane Matfield
Erection of detached double garage and associated hard landscaping works
Resolved To remain neutral.
Whilst not opposed in principle we are concerned the garage will impinge on the neighbour's amenity and also about the loss of a mature tree. We consider the location of the garage is poor use of the land and the new structure increases the intensification and suburbanisation within the AONB

5.4 15/508354 Priory Cottage Sophurst Lane Matfield
Variation of condition 4 of 15/01836 being an amendment to 13/02082
Resolved To recommend refusal
There is no additional justification to overturn the previous decision especially condition 4

5.5 15/508906 Flightshott Farm Spout Lane Brenchley
Change of use of land for the stationing of 8 mobile homes for 52 weeks a year for occupation by seasonal agricultural workers
Resolved To recommend approval
Subject to conditions imposed on occupation for 11 months a year

5.6 15/508671 Applegarth, Maidstone Road Matfield
Conversion of loft
Resolved To recommend approval

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

- 6.11 15/507230** Skocroft Maidstone Road Matfield
Two-storey side extension.
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval
- 6.12 15/507097** The Elms Crook Road Brenchley
Two-storey side extension with Juliet balcony and single storey rear extension. Addition of rear dormer, enlarged residential curtilage and replacement access off Palmers Green Road
Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

6.2 The Bull PH

Consideration was given to the desirability to apply to TWBC for the Bull to be listed as a heritage asset.

Resolved To so apply

7 Correspondence**7.1 Brenchley in Bloom**

Cllr Stanley had been approached regarding a scheme originally developed by the Royal Horticultural Society to assist volunteers to plant flowers/bulbs etc. around the village. Some volunteers had already come forward but they will need further help. An article had been prepared for Roundabout in the PC agreed to it.

Resolved To allow the planting and allocate £250.00 towards costs.

8 To be advised of urgent Business as may be previously notified.**8.1 Precept**

As the budget needs preparing shortly for next year various items were discussed as being appropriate to include if possible. These included the verge around The Green, Brenchley War Memorial, the Viewing point reinstatement and a budget for the induction of new Councillors.

Agreed To start the Finance meeting scheduled for the 7th December at 6.30pm.

8.2 Fracking

Mr Malcolm Butler had agreed to give a presentation to the PC on the subject of fracking and its potential impact on the locality. It was agreed to ask him if he would attend the Planning Meeting scheduled for January.

9 Date of next meeting

Monday 7th December 7.30pm in Matfield Pavilion. This meeting will be preceded by a meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee at 6.30pm.