

**MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING OF BRENCHLEY PARISH COUNCIL ON
TUESDAY 19th JANUARY 2010 IN MATFIELD VILLAGE HALL**

Present

Chairman M Mackenzie presided, Vice Chairman J Barsley, B Stanley, R Carter, I McEwen, P Randall, C Woodley, R Dafter, Mrs C Cornford. Clerk M Powell. Nine members of the public.

Apologies for absence

None

Declaration of Interests

Members were reminded that if a member has a *prejudicial* interest in an agenda item, this should be declared at the start of the meeting.

Personal interests may be declared at this point or, alternatively, can 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 are advised to contact the Monitoring Officer before the meeting or declare the interest anyway.

Confirm Minutes of the Planning meeting of 20th October 2009

The minutes were confirmed as accurate and duly signed by the Chairman

Public Question Time

All members of the public had attended to listen and ask questions about the proposed closure of Crittenden Road. KCC had proposed the closure as being the most cost effective method of improving safety at the junction, which had a poor record of accidents. All attendees opposed the proposal. The PC discussed the points made and agreed that in principle they were opposed to it. The Clerk was asked to write to Mr N Chard, KCC Cabinet Member for Highways, copying in all interested parties, putting on record our opposition and to summarise a list of all the reasons why. It was also noted that the residents and indeed the PC had only been advised officially on Monday the 18th January which gave very little time to react before the consultation which was scheduled in Five Oak Green on the following Saturday the 23rd. The Clerk was also asked to note the concern the PC felt by not being either consulted prior to this meeting or being included in the working party when the plans were originally mooted. The Chairman agreed to ask for a public meeting locally to be attended by senior members of KCC involved with this project.

Planning Applications.

09/04050/FUL/CW1

Elmhurst Dundle Road Matfield

Extension of residential curtilage

Recommendation-Approval

Provided the footpath is safeguarded

09/04026/House/CW1

Broad View Maidstone Road Matfield

Revision of roof and additional front bay and rear conservatory

Recommendation-Approval

09/03934/House/TA1

The Willows, Foxhole Lane Matfield

Single storey rear and side extensions and enlargement of roof;balcony

Recommendation-Approval

We note a tennis court is shown and seek reassurance this is not part of the application.

Decisions taken by TWBC

09/03433/House/GM2

39 Porters Wood Petteridge Lane Matfield

Single storey rear extension

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

09/03429/House/GM2 Woodlands Oast Fairmans Lane Brenchley
Removal of 2.1m casement windows from east elevation and replace with a 2.4m opening with french doors and side lights

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

09/03797/House/ARJ 13 Chestnut Lane Matfield

Single store rear extension.

Recommendation-Approval Decision-Approval

Appeal Decisions

09/00492/FUL/CLC Swingle Swangle Farm House Goshen Farm
Matfield Change of use from agricultural to residential to provide domestic driveway

Recommendation-Approval Decision- Refusal Appeal Decision-Appeal allowed

Other Planning Issues**Affordable Housing.**

The Matfield affordable housing scheme was planned to start with some of the trees being removed before the nesting season began. The Clerk was asked to write to TCHG to remind them that this was imminent.

Correspondence**Allotments**

Correspondence has been received from a resident living adjacent to the allotments. It would appear a certain allotment holder has cut down mature trees, which were overhanging his allotments. The resident assures me that these trees are on their property despite a chestnut fence being inside on their side of the tree line. The Clerk is visiting the allotments and will report.

Christmas Boxes

Two letters of thanks have been received from recipients of the Christmas Boxes. Cllr Stanley reported that 12 boxes of food etc had been distributed at a cost of £326.11p and that apart from the letters many verbal expressions of thanks had been received.

Christmas Lights

Advice has been received that we have been awarded a grant of £1000 for the Christmas lights. The Clerk has duly returned the form and payment is expected within a month. An email had been received along with numerous personal comments on how pleased the residents were with the lights this year. The Chairman wished it recorded that thanks were due to all those who gave up their time to help with the installation of the lights, which were a credit to the village.

Meetings Attended**A21 exhibition.**

The Clerk attended an exhibition in Tonbridge to view the recommendations for the Tonbridge to Pembury section, planned to be complete by the end of 2014 and at a cost of circa £60mil for works and a further £10mil for land acquisition.

A228

The Chairman attended a meeting regarding the proposed A228 alterations together with Mr Alex King MBE, a reporter from the Courier and the PA to Mr Greg Clarke MP.

Other Matters as maybe previously notified

None

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 1st February 2010 in Brenchley Memorial Hall.