

MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18th DECEMBER 2007 IN BRENCHLEY MEMORIAL HALL

Present

Vice Chairman J Barsley presided, Cllrs A Lee, R Berry, B Stanley and P Randall. M Powell- Clerk. No members of the public attended.

Apologies for absence

Chairman M Mackenzie, Cllrs D Jolley and Mrs M A Edmeads for family commitments

Declaration of Interests

Members were reminded that if a member had 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 was being discussed if that member wished to speak on the item in which s/he had a personal interest. Members with a *personal* interest could vote without declaring that interest if they did not speak on the matter at all.

In case of doubt about such an interest Councillors were advised to contact the Monitoring Officer before the meeting.

Confirm minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the planning meeting of 23rd October were agreed and duly signed.

Public Session

As no members of the public attended, this session did not proceed

Planning Applications.

TW/07/04115/FUL/CLC

Braemar Coppers Lane Matfield

First Floor rear extension

Recommendation-Approval

TW/07/03962/FUL/SJM

GlebeHouse BrenchleyRoad Brenchley

Loft Conversion inc new gable and dormer extension

Recommendation-Refusal

The revisions do not materially alter our previous response. The plans are difficult to interpret and appear incomplete. They fail to show the impact on adjoining properties and we consider this an inappropriate development

TW/07/04090/FUL/SEP

OS Plot 8536 Cryals Road Brenchley

Retrospective stables and store

Recommendation-Approval

Subject to no objections from the Highways officer

TW/07/04042/LBC/TA1

The Old Vicarage High Street Brenchley

Provision of ground floor utility and WC ground floor kitchen and 1st floor ensuite

Recommendation-Approval

TW/07/04099/FUL/CT2

Cherry Trees The Green Matfield

Four dwellings

Recommendation-Refusal

The revisions do not materially alter our previous response. There is totally inadequate access, which is not wide enough and could endanger by impact or vibration the structure of the listed building. We are also concerned about the loss of residential parking.

TW/07/04123/FUL/CLC

2 Charringtons Farm Cottages Cryals Road

Brenchley Detached garage

Recommendation-Approval

TW/07/04170/ARJ

Bramble Reed, Bramble Reed Lane Matfield

Single storey front and rear extensions

Recommendation-Approval

- TW/07/04294/FUL/CP3** Little Dunks Farm, Cuckoo Lane, Brenchley
Conversion of redundant milk parlour to single dwelling house
Recommendation-Approval
Subject to being within the provisions of H13,6,1,22 regarding conversion of agricultural buildings outside the LBD.
- TW/07/04132/ADV/ARJ** Blue Boys Farm Cryals Road Brenchley
Advertising V Sign
Recommendation-Refusal
Within the AONB and contributing to the proliferation of advertising.
- TW/07/03934/FUL/SJM** 1 Old Work House High St Brenchley
New palisade fencing
Recommendation-Approval

Decisions taken by TWBC

- TW/07/03538/FUL/CLC** Newhaven Brenchley Road Matfield
Rear Extension
Recommendation- Approval Decision-Approval
- TW/07/03511/FUL/SJM** 2 Tong Farm Cottages Tong Road Brenchley
Demolition of rear extension and erection of 2-storey side extension
Recommendation- Approval Decision-Approval
- TW/07/03577/FUL/BS1** Chestnut Cottage Foxhole Lane Matfield
Retrospective pool house and office
Recommendation- Refusal Decision-Approval
- TW/07/03613/FUL/SJM** 4 Sophurst Wood Lane Matfield
Single and 2 storey rear extension
Recommendation- Approval Decision-Refusal
- TW/07/03644/FUL/CLC** Little Swingle Goshen Farm Matfield
Part change of use, erection of double carport, stables and ancillary storage
Recommendation- Refusal Decision-Refusal
- TW/07/03693/FUL/CLC** The Willows Foxhole Lane Matfield
Replace existing garage with oak framed garage with room over
Recommendation- Approval Decision-Approval
- TW/07/03683/FUL/CLC** Five Wents House Foxhole Lane Matfield
Replacement Greenhouse
Recommendation- Approval Decision-Approval

Report of the Finance Sub Committee

Cllr Lee reported on behalf of the Finance Sub-Committee. The meeting previously arranged for 3rd December had run out of time and only part of the proposed budget had been completed then. Cllr Lee advised that together with the Clerk the implications and figures year to date had been examined and gave no cause for concern. He presented the figures year to date with recommendations for individual budget items and concluded a precept of £45000 would be appropriate for 2008-2009. This was discussed. The Council by majority resolved to agree this figure. The Clerk was asked to rework the accounts to reflect the decision and to provide statistics for inclusion in Roundabout.

Decisions taken by Clerk out of meeting

None

Matters Arising

Jack Verrall Garden

A quotation of £650 has been received for the clearance and re-turfing of the right hand side of the garden. However a resident has volunteered to attend to the gardening including these beds. The Council therefore considered this expense unnecessary and the Clerk was asked to write and thank the resident and gratefully accept his offer.

Fine English Lawns Co

Fine English Lawn Co had worked on the viewing point. It was reported that he had done an excellent job and the Clerk was asked to write and thank him.

Pleaching

Mr Mark Kneller and Colin Coley have been approached regarding pleaching of the Avenue trees and quotations are awaited.

Correspondence**Kent Police**

An invitation to attend a presentation on "Neighbourhood Management" at the Ramada Hotel in Pembury on Tuesday 17th January between 9.30 to 1300hrs. The Clerk was asked to circulate this invitation to all Councillors.

Accounts for payment

S J Hood	Pollarding Trees	£150.00
Fine English Lawn Co	Viewing point maintenance	£120.00
Mid Kent Water Ltd	Matfield Pond Water	£11.70
Mid Kent Water Ltd	Allotments Water	£25.26
Audit Commission	Audit	£470.00

Other Matters as maybe Notified**Tree of Life**

Cllr Playfoot reported having received several good reports on the Tree of life installed outside Matfield Pavilion.

Brenchley Charities

On behalf of Brenchley Charities Cllr Playfoot advised that he had distributed eight parcels of food and had received many comments of appreciation and thanks from the recipients.

Dogs

It had been reported that two Labrador dogs had bitten a resident and had been fighting with other dogs. The Clerk reported that he had been contacted by the Dog warden who had visited the owner. He advised the owner was going to get rid of one of the dogs and had muzzled the more aggressive of the two, which hopefully would solve the problem.

Christmas Lights

A question was raised over the lack of Christmas lights in the avenue Matfield, Various circumstances had contrived against the satisfactory erection of them this year. It was noted that the pollarding is required earlier in the winter and new suitable lighting to be provided in 2008, as this years renewals were used in Brenchley.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be on Monday 7th January in Matfield Village Hall