

**MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING OF BRENCHLEY AND MATFIELD PARISH COUNCIL ON  
TUESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2019 AT BRENCHLEY MEMORIAL HALL AT 7.30pm**

**Present:** Councillors C. Woodley (Chairman) presided, R. Wickham (Vice Chairman), Mrs. L. Butler, Mrs. G. Warner, K. Sparkhall, G. Stevenson, D. Batty, A. De Guingand, Ms. C. Brooks (Clerk).

**In attendance:**

Borough Cllr. Mrs. J March. 48 members of the public.

**1. To accept apologies for absence**

The Council accepted apologies from Cllr. Grant who is on holiday.

**2. To approve Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes of the meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were approved as an accurate record as were the minutes of the Closed Session of the same date. Both were duly signed by the Chairman.

**3. To record declarations of interest in any item on the Agenda**

None declared.

**4. To adjourn to allow public participation**

**At the Chairman's discretion, 15 minutes will be set aside for questions from members of the public each one of whom may speak for a maximum of 3 minutes in total relating to items on the Agenda or about issues of local concern. Members of the public are not permitted to participate in the meeting after this agenda item without prior invitation from the Chairman.**

Cllr Woodley outlined the purpose of the meeting, given the large number of attendees.

A member of the public asked whether the Council that all new developments require two parking spaces when considering planning applications. Cllr. Woodley responded that this forms part of the NDP policy work and that the query would be passed to the NDP Steering Group. He further outlined that drop in sessions on the policies were being held on 9<sup>th</sup> February at Brenchley Memorial Hall and 9<sup>th</sup> March at Matfield Pavilion.

A member of the public commented that a public meeting is being arranged, by a residents' group, to discuss the proposals put forward by the Community Interest Company for a new school and housing development. This will be on 12<sup>th</sup> February at Brenchley Memorial Hall. The Parish Council was asked to encourage the promoters of the scheme, Brenchley 21 Ltd. to participate in the public meeting. Cllr. Woodley advised that this would be discussed under agenda item 6.

**5. Planning and Development**

**5.1 Planning – management of Planning Application responses**

Agenda item postponed to a later meeting.

**6. Proposed Re-development of Brenchley and Matfield Primary School – Consideration of a report of a meeting between Members of the P.C. and the Directors of Brenchley 21 Ltd.**

The Council discussed the content of a report, which had been made available on the website, of the meeting between Cllr. Batty and Cllr. Sparkhall with the Directors of Brenchley 21. Ltd. A revised survey of the current school buildings, had also been reviewed.

It was agreed that the views of the community on the project should be assessed.

**RESOLVED for the Clerk to write to the Directors of B21 to request that they participate in a public meeting to outline the current proposals for the development of the School site.**

**RESOVLED for the Clerk to write to the School Governors and Tenax Trust to ask how they will deal with the urgent maintenance issues to be addressed on the fabric of the current School building as detailed in the recent survey.**

**RESOVLED for the Clerk to write to the Tenax Trust to suggest that the Parish Council has a role on the Governing body of the School, to promote closer connections**

**RESOLVED to revise and republish the Position Statement regarding the School proposals.**

**7. Response to DHA Planning regarding proposed development in Matfield**

Following a presentation from DHA Planning on behalf of Fernham Homes who propose a development on the "Island Site" - land between Coppers Lane, Maidstone Road and Brenchley Road, the Council agreed to provide a formal response. The response would outline the emerging NDP policies which would form the significant basis of any future assessment of the application.

Following a suggestion made to the Council it was agreed that the allotment site would not be offered for inclusion into the current development proposals.

**RESOLVED to publish a response to the Fernham Homes proposals.**

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

None

**9. Date of next meeting**

**Full Council Meeting, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 7.30pm Matfield Pavilion  
Planning Meeting, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 7.30pm Matfield Pavilion**