TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summoned to attend the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 1st March 2016 - Ticehurst Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Up to thirty minutes were be allowed at the start of the meeting for public questions and comments on relevant matters on the agenda in accordance with Standing Order 1 d. The Chairman reminded the public that they had a right and were welcome to stay and observe the rest of the meeting in accordance with Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1.

Present: Cllrs. Goodall (c), Maynard, Lloyd, Young, Burley, Barrass, Luckhurst, Rigby, Krista, Cook and Whiteman.
In attendance: D. Cllr. Elliston.

1756.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

- **PCSO's Clerk was asked to clarify whether larger villages in East Sussex were retaining their PCSOs.**

1757.0 Reports from District and County Councillors: Written reports had been requested as papers to distribute with agenda to members.

- **D. Cllr. Elliston reported that the Rother District Council rate would rise by 2% for 2016 – 2017, representing a £3/year rise for a band D property. District Council reserves are £5m.**
- **D. Cllr. M Barnes will become Vice-Chairman of Rother District Council as well as being Vice-Chair of Planning, but will relinquish the position on the planning committee if she takes on the chairmanship of the Council in 2017 – 2018.**
- **D. Cllr. Elliston was asked to ascertain how much savings have been made by devolving the responsibilities for public lavatories and car parks throughout the district.**
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1758.0 Declarations of Interest: by Councillors on any matters on the agenda, the nature of that interest and whether the Councillor considers that interest to be prejudicial under the terms of the Council's Code of Conduct and Localism Act 2011 s.31 – this was then repeated prior to that agenda item.

- **Cllr. Cook - personal interest in matters relating to Beatrice Drewe Trust and Hebditches Field planning application.**

1759.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies were accepted from Cllrs. Poole and Langdown, and their reasons for absence were recorded in the attendance register on acceptance by the Council in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85.

1760.0 Adoption of the minutes: Cllr. Lloyd proposed and Cllr. Young seconded the motion to approve and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of 2nd February 2016 as a correct record in accordance with LGA 1972 Sch 12 para 41 (1).

1761.0 Report on matters raised at previous meetings:

Item	Matters Discussed	Update:
1689	Planning Appeal	Appeal hearing for Hebditch Field awaited Appeal date for Flimwell site awaited - 15th March 2016 10 am Bexhill on Sea.
1729	Tinkers Lane	Bus passes have been issued to families to access school.
1691	Bin and post Flimwell Bus stop	Quotation secured. Stage Coach have been approached about moving the new bus stop sign to an independent post.
1695	Bench Lower Platts	Completed – one complaint has been received.
	Youth Shelter	Redecorate and coat with anti-graffiti paint. - pending
	Re-cycling facilties and car park signage	Request for reduction in the number of bins and information on suitable signage for the car park. Cllr. Lloyd reported that he had spoken to Mr Hutton of RDC who told him that two large paper bins would be replaced by one and one can bin and four glass bins would be removed by Kier for RDC. Clerk to confirm in writing. Notice of bin removal and delivery would be required by the Parish Council.
1714	Neighbourhood Warden	Letter has been sent to Ticehurst Motors explaining the current situation and thanking them for their offer.

1762.0 Verges: It was resolved that the £1500 offered by ESCC to take over the cutting of the parish verges was insufficient and the Council would be unable to offer a regular and efficient service within this budget.

1763.0 Allotments: It was resolved to approve the sending out of the 2016/17 tenancies and corresponding invoices. Plots of 50m2 are to be considered as full plots at £25.00 per annum.

1764.0 Car Park Pickforde Lane: Cllr. Young reported that the group had met on site and agreed that a one way system would not be practicable due to lack of turning space and the fact that the car park is higher than the roadway. The layout of the car park can not really be determined until the re-cycling bins have been removed. It was resolved to design signage to indicate the route from the car park to the village, pursue the idea of creating a pedestrian access opposite the doctors surgery and obtain quotations for car park finger post signs mounted on lamp posts on the eastern and western approaches to the village centre. Cllr. Lloyd advised that a 'permissive path' could be obtained over the land between the Bell and the new properties.

1765.0 Neighbourhood Planning Committee report – Cllr. Barrass reported that the Steering Group had been formed, a face book page established and a web site created. Presentations for 9th and 10th March with Feria Urbanism were underway which would be advertised in the village and through News & Views. Cllrs. were asked to encourage as much participation as possible within the three wards.

1766.0 Ticehurst Works: There were no additional works for approval. It was noted that the lights in the lavatories were only working intermittently and were being looked at.

1767.0 SALC and RALC Reports: There had been no meetings.

1768.0 Village Square Group: Cllr. Young reported that the February meeting had been cancelled and a new date set for 17th March 2016 at 3.30 pm.

1769.0 Finance Report:
To receive Clerks expenses were sanctioned.
Bank reconciliation was tabled with a clear balance and signed by the chairman.
List of cheques were sanctioned.
Internal Auditor – appointment was confirmed.

Cheque	Amount	To whom	For:
400601	730.74	HM Customs	January PAYE
400602	730.74	HM Customs	February PAYE
400603	69.30	Nowne	Expenses January
400604	133.20	RBS	Software support accounts
400605	66.00	Streetlights	Repair
400606	730.74	HM Customs	March PAYE
400607	70.00	N & Vs	Adverts for NP
400608	220.00	G Perry	Lavatory cleaning

1770.0 Planning Report: Applications considered by Planning Committee with delegated powers to comment to Local Authority:
Bewl presentation – circulated to Councillors
RR/2015/3076/P 10 Church Street – variation in conditions – recommended for refusal – *Approved by RDC.*
RR/2015/3101 and 3100/P – Steelands Farmhouse - approval with comment about access road for Banky Field and the farmhouse appearing to have a conflict of usage.
RR/2016/82/L Priory Hospital – renovations – recommendation for approval.

It was reported that the appeal for tree lodges (3) Tinkers Lane has been granted. RR/2015/1797/P

1771.0 Queen's 90th Birthday celebration 21.4.16: It was proposed to organise an event with a carousel in the village square and to light the village beacon – cost of carousel had been obtained. The Council resolved to proceed with the suggestion of putting a carousel in the village square on the afternoon of 21st April, to ask local organisations and individuals to make and assist with providing teas and to request that a Deputy Lieutenant attends the event. Clerk reported that ESCC have been asked for a road closure in the Village Square.
It was suggested that a table promoting the 'Clean for the Queen' campaign should be hosted by the Council at the Annual Assembly on 26th April 2016.

1772.0 Roadside Verges: This had been dealt with under agenda point 1762.

1773.0 Lease of Ticehurst Allotments: Re-written lease has been received from Wealden - to be checked before signing.
It was resolved that Cllr. Maynard should read the new draft and delegated him authority to sign it, if suitable for purpose.
The lease was subsequently returned to Wealden with suggestions for amendments prior to agreement.

1774.0 Stonegate allotments: A prospective tenant for two plots at Stonegate has applied for two areas - Cllrs. Maynard and Luckhurst to consider.

1775.0 Flimwell Village Hall: Council resolution was put to Wealden solicitors – awaiting response.
Cllr. Krista reported that she was to attend the next meeting of the Flimwell Hall Trust on 2nd March 2016 when it is anticipated that the s106 agreement would be signed, and would put the Council's concerns/requirements to them:

- **The Parish Council to be custodian trustee to ensure that in the event of the Hall Trust failing there would be a body to run the facility.**
- **The Parish Council would expect to see annual accounts by a set date each year and a business plan.**
- **The Parish Council would like one of the Hall Trustees to be a Flimwell Councillor.**
- **At detailed planning, the Council would expect to re-visit the affordable housing numbers to try to broker an arrangement through which a room that could be used for a shop can be provided which would reflect the wishes of the community.**

1776.0 Items for the April Agenda: Annual Assembly.

1777.0 County Court Case The Council will move to exclude the press and public for this item on the agenda by reason of the confidential nature of the business as stated in section one of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972. The reason for the confidentiality is due to on-going litigation matters.

There were no matters to report.

1778.0 Date of the next meeting: The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m. and the date of the next meeting set for 5th April 2016.

Signed..... Chairman Dated.....