

1/04/12/2018

TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

**The Village Hall, Lower High Street, Ticehurst, East Sussex, TN5 7BB
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Clerk: Francesca Nowne**

7.00 p.m. Planning Matters listed under agenda item 2389.

Present: Cllrs. Burley, Lloyd ©, Rigby, Luckhurst and Galpin.

RR/2018/2762/P – Old Merriams – replacement garage with workshop and store.

RR/2018/2817/P – 2 Pickforde Lane – conversion of outbuilding to home studio.

RR/2018/2885/P – Old Vineyard – demolition of dwelling – erection of 2 x detached houses

RR/2018/2933/P – Ticehurst House – variation of condition on RR/2018/839/P

Cllr. Lloyd declared a personal interest as a neighbour to RR/2018/2885/P and took no part in discussion.

Four members of the public were present to object to RR/2018/2885/P - the reasons for objection were that the proposed houses were very large and would dominate the surrounding bungalows at the strategic entrance/exit from the village, the disruption that demolition and new building would bring to the area, the potential harm to mature trees.

MINUTES

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summoned to attend the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 4th December 2018 – Ticehurst Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Up to thirty minutes were 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. Burley ©, Lloyd, Flory, Galpin, Lee, Le Bouedec, Luckhurst, Rigby and Young.

There were no District or County representatives.

2387.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

Cllrs. signed a get well card for their colleague Ann Cook. The editor of News & Views reported that he had visited her and that she is improving rapidly.

In the absence of C. Cllr. J Barnes, the matter of the serious flooding at Wallcrouch was raised and it is hoped that he would make representation at East Sussex County Council about the collapsed and blocked drains that are causing the issue. At the October SLR meeting, it was reported that a full survey of the drains had been undertaken and the result of that survey will determine how extensive the road repair works will need to be. If the drains need replacing in areas, the excavation works will need to be deeper which has resulted in the resurfacing works to the High Street being delayed.

2388.0 District and County Councillors:

No reports available.

2389.0 Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Lloyd declared a personal interest in the planning application RR/2018/2885/P as a near neighbour – this was repeated prior to that agenda item.

2390.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cllrs. Ham, Cook, Lansdowne, Crawley, Cllrs. Barnes and D. Cllr. Elliston. Their reasons for absence were recorded in the attendance register on acceptance by the Council in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85.

2391.0 Adoption of the minutes: Cllr. Luckhurst proposed, and Cllr. Galpin seconded a motion that the draft minutes of 6th November should be adopted by the council. The motion was carried and the Chairman was authorised to sign as a correct record in accordance with LGA 1972 Sch 12 para 41 (1).

2392.0 Quantum Homes - Suitable name for Corner Farm Site: Quantum Homes have proposed naming the Corner Farm site, 'Aspect Wood'. Cllrs. Unanimously rejected that proposal and instructed the clerk to write to Quantum and Rother District Council, proposing that a link to its notable history 'Yellow Coat Wood' should be used. An extract from Furley – History of the Weald of Kent 1183 was provided. *Subsequent to the meeting research carried out by the Flimwell Hall Trust revealed that the field was historically recorded as Lodgefield Wood and that they had put this forward to Rother and Quantum. Quantum have stated that they are not in agreement with any reference to Yellow Coat Wood.*

2393.0 Playground Inspections: To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – written reports to be distributed prior to the meeting.

Flimwell - Cllr. Ham had sent a report in her absence, all equipment in good order.

Farthing Hill - Cllr. Young had circulated and provided pictures of the newly installed balance trail (late November 2018).

Ticehurst – Cllr. Lloyd – had circulated a report – In it, he reported that some more vandalism had taken place at the public lavatories. It was resolved to urge the BDT to keep them locked and that use of the facilities will be withdrawn from the football club if they fail to re-lock them.

Stonegate – Cllr. Luckhurst had circulated a report – play equipment is in good order, one life ring is in the pond, life ropes are in position.

2394.0 Neighbourhood Planning Committee report. It was reported that an inspector (Mr Slater) has been appointed to carry out the examination in February 2019. He carried out the examination for the Robertsbridge plan and is therefore familiar with the AONB.

An e-mail received from a Flimwell resident had been circulated to all councillors – the request for copy information re Wardsdown, is being worked on in conjunction with the specified parties. A holding email was sent 4.12.18 to inform the resident that the copy correspondence requested will be delivered within 20 working days of the request.

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2395.0 Ticehurst Works: List of works being carried out throughout the parish.

- Bird Hide at Bewl has been repaired – parish contributed £1000 – this was instrumental in encouraging southern water to provide the majority of the funds for the necessary works. The hide is open to the public and can be accessed via Wards Lane.
- Quotation for pedestrian exit from car park to Pickforde Lane has been requested (Cllr. Lloyd and clerk met with a contractor to ensure specification was the same to both parties quoting for works.
- CCTV service has been organised for 18.12.18
- Hilliers and RW Green have been asked to replace the dying Hornbeam in the V SQ – David Maynard has donated money for the tree and partial works to excavate the pit – others have offered to donate towards the balance.
- Finger Post at the Cross Lane/High Street junction has failed - Match funding has been requested from ESCC for this and the Shovers Green post. Jakks Country Furniture were informed and have collected the post and arms from site - likely reinstatement (Jan/Feb 2019).

2396.0 Village Square Group: Cllr. Young reported that a traffic flow data collection process had not yet been commissioned as Rother are pressing for a joint meeting with County and the parish to discuss the way forward.

The fund raising group had met to review possible sources of funding. The M.P. Huw Merriman, has been approached for support.

It was felt that the Christmas lights look very attractive

Stephen Evans has not yet solved the problem of the condensation on the underside of the glass that tops the well.

2397.0 Finance Report:

The notes of the financial advisory group had been circulated – Cllr. Luckhurst asked for questions, having explained that if the budget exceeded £140,000.00 it would take the council into a different set of accounting and auditing regulations.

Balanced **bank reconciliation** and expenditure against budget figures to 30.11.18 were circulated.

List of **cheques** were sanctioned for payment.

Second draft budget for consideration circulated together with explanatory notes - 29.11.18 including one off, £1000 donations to BDT and to Rye Harbour Nature Reserve.

Hanging Baskets inclusion in the 2019/20 budget - £1853 – It was resolved that Cllrs. Young and Le Bouedec look into ideas for promoting a rural street scene.

Cheque	Amount	To whom	For:
000253	384.00	Benchmark	Two replacement picnic tables
000254	1530.00	S Colvin	Hedging work contract
000255	1200.00	CLS	Bird Hide contribution
000256	747.07	HMRC	PAYE
000257	100.57	N power	Street lighting
000258	795.60	UKPN	Lynden Lane power turn off for new light
000259	90.00	Hallett	Plumbing work in the loos

000260	1031.36	T Jordan	October cuts x 3
000261	243.60	Unipar Services	Calibration of speed device
000262	117.30	Streetlights	Col 15 Steelands Rise repair
000264	2708.40	Broxap	Materials for additional play equip. F. Hill
000265	433.20	Spy Alarms	Annual service
000266	574.00	Wealden Group	N Plan posters/plans
000267	228.80	J Brooker	Litter picking and bin liners
000268	8.45	Stationery Exp	N Plan stationery
000269	54.00	F Nowne	Expenses for November
000270	687.58	Tim Jordan	Grass cutting for November x 2 cuts

2398.0 Planning Report: a) To receive report on applications considered by Planning Committee with delegated powers to comment to Local Authority since the last meeting. Matters for consideration:

RR/2018/2762/P – Old Merriams – replacement garage with workshop and store – recommendation for approval with conditions.

RR/2018/2817/P – 2 Pickforde Lane – conversion of outbuilding to home studio – recommendation for approval with conditions.

RR/2018/2885/P – Old Vineyard – demolition of dwelling – erection of 2 x detached houses – recommendation for refusal – Notes in full on planning minutes.

RR/2018/2933/P – Ticehurst House – variation of condition on RR/2018/839/P – recommendation for approval.

Wallcrouch – a local resident had been in touch with a councillor about his concerns on the opening hours and the traffic emanating from the new builders merchant/agricultural store. An application to vary conditions imposed by previous permissions has just been received. The clerk reported that Rother planning officers are looking into the site and whether all permissions have been complied with. It was advised that any noise nuisance caused by the site should be reported to Environmental Health Dept. at Rother.

2399.0 Corner Farm: Solicitor details have been forwarded to Quantum Homes to proceed with the provision of the shop. The Flimwell Hall Trust will meet on 6th December 2018 at 7.30 p.m. Clerk will attend the meeting.

2400.0 Library for the Village Institute: The room is now ready for the books when the shelving arrives. It was reported that the Beatrice Drewe Trust have requested a financial contribution from the PC to secure a rental income from the use of the room. The current situation is that the PC donates £8000 a year to the Trust which secures the store room at the rear of the snooker room and meetings being held there at no charge. The PC has contributed to the insurance for the Village Institute by over £2000 per year. In addition, the PC have vacated the store room to make room for the library.

2401.0 Community Warden and Police Visits: Two meetings took place in November: 19.9.18 - meeting with the Police Commissioner's Focus Group took place to discuss local policing and what people would like to see in the area.

21.9.18 – Police sergeant and two officers visited Stonegate Hall to discuss the recent spate of thefts and break-ins in the parish and to report on what progress is being made to apprehend those responsible.

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2402.0 Allotment Update: Cllr. Galpin reported that some empty plots have been let to existing tenants wanting more growing areas.

2403.0 Christmas Lighting: It was reported that that the Christmas light switch on – 1st December 2018 had been a great success, despite inclement weather. Thanks were extended to the committee who organise the event.

2404.0 Items for the January Agenda: Final budget for submission to RDC.

2405.0 Date of the next meeting: The meeting closed at 9.11 pm and the date of the next meeting was set for 8th of January 2019.

Signed.....Chairman

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