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**TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES**

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summoned to attend the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 - Ticehurst Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. Burley, Cook, Crawley, Flory, Galpin, Krista, Le Bouedec, Lee, Lloyd, Luckhurst, Rigby and Young.

In attendance: C. Cllr. J Barnes.

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.

**2221.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:**

- **Lamp Post in Church Street:** - the clerk reported that UKPN would rectify the problem and that the lamp post would look the same as the embellished Wellington posts through the High Street.

**2222.0 Reports from SSALC, District and County Councillors:**

Written reports were requested as papers to distribute with agenda to members.

No written reports were available. C. Cllr. Barnes reported that:

- No notice had been provided to the parish about lines and signage at Dale Hill.
- Resurfacing works in Church Street were already failing near Parsonage Farm.
- Mobile library service has been terminated - Hurst Green and Etchingam are to cluster to provide a local service. A new van would have cost £1m. A volunteer service will be available for housebound customers.

For District, Cllr. Barnes reported that:

- Government have announced new plans to prevent developers from holding on to land to make financial gains rather than building.
- Disparity between house prices and earnings needs to be addressed - suggested making representation to H Merriman MP.
- Meeting with Roads Minister on 14<sup>th</sup> March – J Barnes stated that he would like to see progress on a by-pass for Hurst Green. Previous purchases of properties and then resales along the A21 had resulted in a £2m loss for the Highways Agency.

SSALC: Cllr. Cook reported that the AGM will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at eth Cooden Beach Hotel - she and the clerk will attend.

**2223.0 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr. Cook declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Beatrice Drewe Trust and Hebditch's Field. Cllr. Krista declared a personal interest in Flimwell Village Hall Trust. Those interests were repeated prior to that agenda item.

**2224.0 Apologies for absence:** Apologies had been received from Cllr. Lansdowne and his reason for absence was recorded in the attendance register on acceptance by the Council in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85. Apologies were also received from District Cllrs. Elliston and Barnes.

**2225.0 Adoption of the minutes:** Notes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2018 were proposed (by Cllr. Galpin) and seconded (by Cllr. Crawley) as a correct record of that meeting and were approved and members authorised the Chairman to sign as a correct record in accordance with LGA 1972 Sch. 12 para 41 (1).

**2226.0 Risk Assessments:** Report from Cllrs. Galpin and Lloyd – It was resolved that a meeting should be set up by the working party to agree a uniform reporting system.

**2227.0 Waste Recycling Consultation:** The Clerk reported that she had responded on behalf of the council (ID ANON-8T54-ZZCU-1) but advised that individual councillors should respond as residents as well.

**2228.0 Playground Inspections:** To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – written reports to be distributed prior to the meeting.

Flimwell - Cllr Krista was not able to report but Cllr. Lloyd reported that a low lateral limb had been removed from an Oak that overhang some play equipment - it might be necessary to further reduce that tree.

Farthing Hill - Cllr. Young had submitted a report - no issues of concern.

Ticehurst – Cllr. Lloyd had submitted a report – and further reported necessary removal of deadwood and a limb from the large oak to the north of the youth shelter.

Stonegate – Cllr. Luckhurst reported that there was dog mess in the children's play area – clerk was asked to write to adjacent householder and one life ring is missing from the pond area. Cllr. Lloyd reported that the remainder of the Lund Fund monies would be spent on identified coppicing and reduction of trees near pathways and high risk target areas. Cllr. Young requested that if possible a main stem of a mature tree could be provided as play equipment at the Farthing Hill playground. Cllr. Luckhurst requested that the dying and precarious trees to the east of the end of Lymden Close be cut back whilst works were taking place.

**2229.0 Report on matters raised at previous meetings:**

Item	Matters Discussed	Update:
1804	Fingerposts	Lymden Lane post was cut off by hedge cutter

**2230.0 Annual Assembly:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Monday 7 pm – 9 pm

Protocol for Lord Lieutenant attendance has been received - bollarded parking area in front of the hall needs to be made available – Deputy Julian Avery to attend.

Trevor Leggo SSALC has confirmed attendance.

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Dan Russell from Sussex Police has confirmed attendance.

To date: Community Friends, Stonegate School, Ticehurst School, British Legion, Flimwell Hall Trust, Allotments, Village Square, Ticehurst Gardeners, BDT, The Bell Community Events, News and Views, Bird Park, Art Group have confirmed attendance. Clerk requested that Cllr. Burley be allocated the Deputy Lieutenant and Cllr. Cook and another to look after Trevor Leggo and Insp. Dan Russell.

Assistance will be needed with setting up, serving food and drink and the Village Square table.

**2231.0 Neighbourhood Planning Committee report** Cllr. Young reported that the regulation 14 consultation had ended with overwhelming support for the Plan. The core team are now working their way through the responses from statutory consultees and the public to consider all points and respond appropriately. AECOM have also delivered their report which praises the work done, but recommends a stronger evidential trail. Whilst the necessary work is going on a secondary, implementation plan is also being drawn up to tackle the issues raised arising during the Plan process.

**2232.0 Ticehurst Works:** List of works being carried out throughout the parish.

- Tree works at Ticehurst Recreation Ground – additional work to Oak tree. Pot holes in the village square have been repaired – Ticehurst Motors commissioned the works.

Tree works at the front of the recreation ground – Cllr. Lloyd reported that he had been disappointed with the safety precautions taken but that work was progressing – stacked wood is being removed in the evenings by locals.

Tree planting holes in Village Square – trees are to be delivered and planted on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018. The root balls are not contained by RW Green has reported that they can be moved for up to 2 years without detriment to the specimens.

**2233.0 Village Square Group:** To receive a report from the Village Square Group.

- David Maynard has gifted the cost of two more Hornbeam trees to be planted on Thursday.
- One Horse Chestnut has been removed from War Memorial Garden and two holes have been prepared for two new Hornbeams when the weather is suitable.
- Cllr. Young reported that A Linfoot will have prepared plans and will present them to Council on 15<sup>th</sup> March at 3.30 p.m. in the Village Institute. Cllrs. Le Bouedec, Burley, Cook and Lloyd confirmed their attendance. It was requested that any draft plans are forwarded to councillors in advance so that they can comment prior to the meeting. Draft plans will also be presented to D Russell, Conservation Officer at RDC.

**2234.0 Finance Report:**

To receive:

Balanced bank reconciliation and expenditure against budget figures to 31.1.18.

List of cheques for sanctioning.

Cheque	Amount	To whom	For:
000066	36.00	Iden signs	Signage
000068	98.10	Nowne	Expenses Dec and Jan
000069	200.00	J Brooker	Litter duties

000070	101.67	N Power	Electricity for loos
000071	328.00	Glasden	Bin
000072	6651.20	Came & Co	Insurance - less £2000 received from BDT to date - needs discussion
000073	79.20	K Giles	Litter duty at Flimwell
000074	150.00	R Studholme	Loo roof repairs – RDC to reimburse
000075	1250.00	Hilliers	Two trees (paid by D Maynard)
000076	400.00	J Feaver	Horse Chestnut removal
000077	696.00	R Studholme	Various
000078	43.20	Wealden Group	N P Stickers for posters
000079	428.12	Co-operative	Fees for unpaid items on change of accounts reimbursed by Lloyds
000082	736.50	HMRC	Paye
000083	2400.00	R Studholme	Lavatory cleaning for 12 months
000085	38.25	Expenses	February – Clerk
000086	106.80	English Woodlands	New plantings
000087	200.00	J Brooker	Litter picking for February

**2235.0 Planning Report:** a) To receive report on applications considered by Planning Committee with delegated powers to comment to Local Authority since the last meeting. C. Cllr. Barnes reported that whilst the area is vulnerable to planning appeals, most are being won by RDC due to the AONB designation.

**Matters for consideration:**

**RR/2018/52/L – Old Farm Dale Hill – Formation of en-suite bathroom – recommendation for approval.**

**RR/2018/381/P – Oast House Bungalow Rose Hill – erection of new dwelling – it was felt that this was a premature application as the access road does not yet exist and it is understood that no legal agreement has been reached with the owners of Hilbury Field.**

**RR/2018/657/P - Rose Cottage Cottenden – In keeping with original - recommendation for approval.**

**RR/2018/378/L - Holmbeam Wood - recommendation for approval**

**RR/2018/401/P - Clayhams Cottage – it was felt that the proposal was not subservient to the main building, stripping away the aesthetic importance of the cottage - it was felt that it would be less damaging to extend to the north but the current proposal received a recommendation for refusal.**

**RR/2018/636/P Teagues, Flimwell - comments to be emailed to the clerk to submit to RDC.**

**Cllr. Lloyd reported that the appeal on the 40/41 High Street – Hebditch Field was dismissed by the Inspector.**

**It was resolved that the clerk should write to RDC requesting that both Banky Field and Hilbury Field detailed applications are subject to Parish Council comment and not dealt with under reserved matters.**

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**2236.0 Traffic Sensitive Streets: Response for ESCC consultation.** Clerk reported that she had submitted a response on behalf of the Parish Council reference ID ANON-RAMH-J92W-M siting the proposed closure of Dale Hill for the duration of works as an example of insensitive and unnecessary road closures that could be avoided by using traffic lights on the one way system.

**2237.0 Corner Farm:** Cllr. Lloyd informed the meeting that he and the clerk had met with members of the Village Hall Trust on 1<sup>st</sup> March, prior to a meeting with RDC and Quantum Homes on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at Bexhill. Planning Officers are considering if and how a further application might be made to vary the dimensions of the hall without affecting the 106 agreement that is already in place. Meeting with Trustees set for 7.3.18. The southern access to the site is not owned by Quantum Homes, but has remained in the ownership of ESCC Woodland Enterprise. Cllr. Krista informed the meeting that utility services will be sourced from diagonally opposite the site, causing disruption to the A21 traffic for 6 – 8 weeks. It was felt that there was currently a broad feeling of goodwill to explore ways of securing a room/building for a shop premises at Corner Farm. Interest has been received by potential franchise tenants for such a premises. Next meeting of the Trustees will be 14<sup>th</sup> March 2018.

**2238.0 Banky Field:**

Report from Cllrs. Lloyd and Young reported that they had met with the landscape architect from Thakeham Homes (Banky Field) on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 at Bedgebury and shown him ideas of wooden play equipment there that would be suitable for the Banky Field site that the woodland could be subsequently be planted around.

**2239.0 Vineyard Lane:** Cllr. Lloyd reported that Vineyard Lane had to be closed due to a sheet of 5 inches of ice due to flood water leaving the pond (owned by the Priory). Cllr. Barnes suggested ESCC match funding route to address the issue and asked for written information so that he could take up the matter. It was resolved that the clerk should write to the Priory and request remedial works to the drainage system.

**2240.0 Allotment Update:** A meeting of the allotment group should be held prior to sending out the 2018/19 invoices - C Willis and L Young have relinquished their Springfields plots so they are available for allocation.

**2241.0 Items for the April Agenda:** Allotments                      Risk Assessments  
A Assembly                                      Web Site/FaceBook

**2242.0 Recreation Ground Insurance Claim:**

It was resolved that Cllrs. Lee and Cook meet with the clerk to go through the paper work received from the solicitors.

**2243.0 Date of the next meeting:** The Meeting closed at 9.10 p.m. and the date of the next meeting was set for 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2018

Signed.....Chairman

Dated.....

