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TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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Clerk: Francesca Nowne

6.30 pm - Planning Matters listed under agenda item 2379 – when the recommendations were formalised.

RR/2018/2268/P – Quarry Farm – mobile field shelter – applicants present.
RR/2018/2270/P – Baldwins – garage/home office and change of use of land.
RR/2018/2725/P – Pedestrian access from Banky Field to Steeldands Rise.

7.00 p.m. PRESENTATION from Bird Park Flimwell.

Steve Johnson architect for the project displayed plans of the current works and proposed works, were the purchase of the Old School House to happen. That building would need refurbishment works and other out-buildings would be replaced with a new purpose built nursery provision and a laboratory for student use. The discovery of the rare heath lobelia (with potential medical properties) on the original site which requires protection has limited some of the land use and the additional land provided by the school house acreage (which used to be one site) would provide the means for better horticultural purposes that would make the overall scheme more self-sufficient. It would also require the realignment of the new dwellings (with an additional one) to nearer the road. Cllrs. thanked the architect and one of the owners for attending and agreed that the potential benefit to the economic vitality of Flimwell was very exciting.

MINUTES

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summoned to attend the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 6th November 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, Cook, Crawley, Flory, Galpin, Lansdowne, Lee, Le Bouedec, Luckhurst, Rigby and Young.

2367.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

- A member of the public stated that they were disappointed that parish minutes did not indicate that consideration was being given to extending the Pickforde Lane car park. It was pointed out that the land there was governed by The Ticehurst Bell Field Co directors, not the parish council. However, quotations were being obtained to extend the car park once the knotweed had been eradicated.

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- **Christmas Lights** – a report had been circulated by the Christmas lights group and a contribution of funds towards the event was requested – dealt with under finance agenda item – 2378.
- **Residents from Stonegate** were present to protest at the lack of effective policing in the area and the poor response to 101 calls with regard to the spate of local break-in's and vehicle dumping on private property. The clerk reported that she had tried to gain a police presence at the meeting but having not been able to, a meeting would be set up in Stonegate in the very near future to discuss the aspects of this very localised crime wave. Residents were encouraged to write to the Police Commissioner, Katy Bourne and to Huw Merriman MP who had recently raised this issue in the House of Commons.
- **Footpath application from Banky Field to Steeldans Rise** – whilst this had already been discussed under the planning agenda at 6.30 pm, the residents were able to voice their concerns and they put forward the argument that there are enough pedestrian routes available without creating another one.

2368.0 Reports from SSALC (Report on AGM 11.10.18), District and County Councillors:

Cllr. Cook reminded the meeting that 2019 was a local election year. Anyone wishing to stand for election should apply to Rother, not the Parish Council.

Cllr. Barnes reported that the re-surfacing of the High Street had been postponed again due to the proposed road alterations in Wadhurst, and that the whole stretch from Wadhurst to the A21 was to be included. Cllr. J Barnes reported that he is chasing for a meeting date to discuss the possibilities of providing a pedestrian crossing in the village centre.

Cllr. M Barnes reported that the works at Pond Farm, Wallcrouch are being scrutinised by RDC and that the windows overlooking Vineyard Lane (at the Priory) have been made smaller to comply with planning permission granted. Deliveries to Bardown Farm were also being looked at by RDC.

2369.0 Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Cook declared a personal interest in matters relating to the Beatrice Drewe Trust and Cllr. Flory declared a personal interest in the application at Coopers Farm – these were repeated prior to that agenda item.

2370.0 Apologies for absence: There were no apologies for absence.

2371.0 Adoption of the minutes: Cllr. Young proposed that the draft minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2018 be approved and Cllr. Lloyd seconded the motion. The Chairman was authorised to sign them as a correct record of those proceedings in accordance with LGA 1972 Sch 12 para 41 (1).

2372.0 Co-option of ward member for Flimwell: Due to the resignation of Cllr. Krista, the casual vacancy for a councillor had been advertised for the statutory period of time. Other had informed the clerk that the vacancy could be filled by co-option. CV's for Mrs E Ham (circulated 27.10.18) and one for Mr B Lindsay (circulated 29.10.18) had been received within 7 days of the meeting date. Mrs Ham was the only applicant present. She explained to members why she wished to represent Flimwell and was unanimously

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co-opted onto the council. She signed the acceptance of office forms and was provided with a register of financial interests form to be sent to Rother within 28 days of taking up office. She then took part in the rest of the meeting.

2373.0 Playground Inspections: To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – written reports to be distributed prior to the meeting.

Flimwell - No report

Farthing Hill - Cllr. Young reported that there was nothing to report and all equipment was in good order – the new wooden playground trail will be installed on 22nd November. Ticehurst – Cllr. Lloyd circulated a report. Broken glass scattered had diminished and he congratulated J Brooker for doing a tremendous job on the site.

Stonegate – Cllr. Luckhurst reported that the new equipment is very popular, but that immediate neighbours feel that they are sometimes overlooked from the highest point of the tower.

2374.0 Report on matters raised at previous meetings:

No updates.

2375.0 Neighbourhood Planning Committee report. Cllr. Young reported that the final submission has been sent to Rother for regulation 16 and is currently subject to consultation. A choice of four examiners had been delivered and one has been chosen for February 2019 to commence the inspection of the plan. The examiner was chosen for his knowledge of this area and the Rother Local Plan. The final plan can be viewed on the N Plan web site, Rother’s web site and in local shops and pubs around the parish.

2376.0 Ticehurst Works: Repair of windows damaged at the village institute.

2377.0 Village Square Group: To receive a report from the Village Square Group. Cllr. Young had circulated a report to all councillors. She explained that the resurfacing works to the High Street have been delayed again and that ESCC are discussing the village centre proposals with Rother and their safety teams. They have requested data on the amount and speed of traffic going through the village and it was resolved to allocate £1500 to provide this evidence.

The N Plan process delivered clear evidence that people are most concerned about the lack of a safe crossing point across the High Street.

2378.0 Finance Report:

To receive:

Balanced bank reconciliation and expenditure against budget figures to 30.10.18

List of cheques for sanctioning.

First Draft budget for consideration circulated – finance meeting set for 28.11.18.

£250 funding towards the Christmas light event was unanimously awarded.

Request for funding has been received from Battle Bus and Victim Support.

Cheque	Amount	To whom	For:
000224	142.80	RBS Ltd	Planning programme for the year
000226	£40.00	Flowers	NP process

000227	65.70	F Nowne	Sept Expenses
000228	200.00	J Brooker	Litter picking and bin emptying
000229	723.58	T Jordan	2 cuts sept and front of recreation ground
000230	9.00	Stationery Exp	N P Posters
000231	188.51	C & C	Lavatory supplies
000232	3600.00	Feria	Final fee
000233	50.40	K Giles	Litter picking Flimwell
000234	320.00	S Colvin	Hedging – additional works
000235	1487.82	Streetlights	Half year contract
000236	200.00	J Brooker	Litter collection October
000238	112.75	N & Vs	NP pages
000239	36.00	Iden Signs	Signs for loos
000240	110.99	Lexis Nexis	Charles Arnold Baker – new edition

It was resolved that funding should be allocated for WiFi in the village hall, together with a screen for planning meetings and that a WiFi connection should be supplied in the parish council annexe. Cllr. Lansdowne to consult with IT specialist.

2379.0 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/2018/2268/P – Quarry Fm Birchetts Green – mobile field shelter on skids – recommendation for approval – *Subsequent call from neighbours requested that councillors be informed that only two horses could be kept on the site – information circulated by clerk but there had been no request to alter or add to the comments.*

RR/2018/2270/P – Baldwins Three Leg Cross – demolition of garage and erection of garage/home office - Agricultural land to residential – It was felt that the application was too far from the main property and that no need had been demonstrated for the application. Recommendation for refusal.

RR/2018/2725/P – Banky Field – Pedestrian access through to Steeldands Rise between Nos 10 and 11 - Recommendation for approval for pedestrian use only.

Thakeham Homes - It was resolved to adopt the points made in the letter to the planning committee at Rother, requesting to speak at the planning meeting, as the recommendation for conditional approval at Banky Field for the forty dwellings.

2380.0 Corner Farm: The clerk explained that the final negotiated figure for providing a shop adjoined to the hall at Corner Farm, was £49000.00 finished to the same specification of the hall. It was unanimously resolved to approve the expenditure, despite the total outlay exceeding the pledged £50,000.00 by £3000.00.

2381.0 Library for the Village Institute: Cllr. Cook reported that 100 + books were to be delivered on 19th November. The room has been redecorated and will be carpeted and have new blinds. Donations of factual books would be welcomed – Mrs H Reisz would be running the project.

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2382.0 Community Warden: It was agreed that the parish were open to conversation about the scheme but would also want to know what the Police and Crime Commissioners plans are for increasing police numbers in Sussex.

2383.0 Allotment Update: Cllr. Galpin reported that plots had been taken on by new tenants at Farthing Hill and Flimwell.

2384.0 Christmas Lighting: Report and request for a financial contribution (£200) had been circulated and this was dealt with under financial matters on the agenda.

2385.0 Items for the December Agenda: Precept

2386.0 Date of the next meeting: 4th December 2018

Signed.....Chairman

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