1/5/11/2019

TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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PLANNING MEETING HELD AT 7.00 p.m.
Present: Cllrs. Lloyd ©, Burley, Ham, Galpin, Crawley, Flory, Lansdowne, Killeen and Young.
RR/2019/2223/L Quedley Farm Oast House – single storey extension, removal of boiler outhouse and enlargement of external opening with new glazed doors.
Small extension to the barn end of the oast house – no reason to object - materials to match existing.
RR/2019/2181/L New House, High Street Ticehurst – internal refurbishment including opening a doorway and removal of asbestos containing components, damp-proofing, re-wiring and the provision of a gas fire hot water and central heating system.
It was felt that the refurbishments were necessary to bring the building up to date.
Cllr. Crawley declared a personal interest in matters relating to Hilbury Field and this was repeated prior to that agenda item.
RR/2019/2198/P Hilbury Field, High Street Ticehurst – variation of conditions 1 & 4 of RR/2015/2953/P to permit amendments to the approved layout in relation to removal of footpath rear of Hilbury Gardens and plot re-figuration, particularly plots 1 – 4 to address levels: moving one unit to the approved plots 25 – 27; plots 18/19 substituting garages for carports and reconfiguring the larger properties for smaller footprints.

After much discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the reason for the proposed alterations were to maximise profit on the site.
Discussions with Huw Merriman MP and John Howell MP had reinforced the opinion that retrospective movements away from original schemes with outline permission (on the basis that the costs of delivering a project had altered) should be challenged. The changes were considered to be major rather than minor by the planning committee and there was insufficient detail in the drawings. Policies H4 and H2 of the Neighbourhood Plan have not been addressed by the proposed alterations, nor the guidance contained in the High Weald Design Guidance 2019. The original scheme was architecturally pleasing with good design features. The proposed alterations would move away from a scheme of excellence to a mediocre estate, not in keeping with the AONB. The proposal to drop the number of affordable houses from twelve to three was felt to be unacceptable. The proposal to remove the footpath access to residents at Hilbury was felt to be unacceptable. It was understood by the committee that no agreement has been reached with the adjacent landowner to the south about the water run-off and there are concerns of potential contamination into the stream.
The draft 106 agreement contains a commuted sum of £110,000 for the maintenance of the grounds around the edge of the development. Clarity of what maintenance would be required has still not been received from the developers. Cllr. Lloyd and the clerk were due to have met them on 10th October 2019 but the meeting had been vacated by them.
The drain from Hilbury House, laid in 1891 into the field has not been identified by the developers, despite numerous requests to look into the matter. The householders expressed concerns that any blockage or damage to this old drainage system would result in the flooding of their basement levels.
D. Cllr. G Browne offered to take a local statement to Planning at RDC

District Councillors were requested to provide details on how to ensure parish and resident representation could be made to speak at the Planning Committee.

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M I N U T E S

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summoned to attend the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 5th November 2019 – 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 have a right and are welcome to stay and observe the rest of the meeting in accordance with Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1.

Present: Cllrs. Burley ©, Barrow, Crawley, Flory, Galpin, Ham, Killeen, Lansdowne, Lloyd, Redknap and Young.
In attendance: D. Cllr. M Barnes, D. Cllr. G Browne, C. Cllr. J Barnes

2583.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

There were no members of the public present.

2584.0 District and County Councillors: No written reports had been received:

C. Cllr. J Barnes reported that County were awaiting budgetary announcements in the aftermath of the general election. It is hoped that £16m cuts might be reduced by £10m.

D. Cllr. M Barnes reported that at the cabinet meeting at Rother on 4th November, the rules for public and parish council to address planning meetings had been changed. She was asked to ensure that the neighbours to Hilbury Field and the parish councillors were provided with advice on how to request a speaking slot when the planning application 2019/2198/P is deliberated.
She also reported that the collection charge for brown bins will increase to £40 next year, with annual increments of £5 to reach £50.

2585.0 Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Crawley declared a personal interest in matters relating to Hilbury Field and this was repeated prior to that agenda item.

2586.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cllr. Luckhurst and Cllr. Le Bouedec and their reasons for absence were recorded in the attendance register on acceptance by the Council in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85.

2587.0 Adoption of the minutes: Cllr. Lloyd reported that his written statement to the council for 1st October 2019 had not been recorded. It was agreed to amend this item, recording that a complaint had been received about the stability of the zip-wire at Ticehurst. He had checked it the next day and found the structure to be sound. This had been omitted from the draft October minutes. It was proposed that with this amendment the draft minutes be approved as an accurate record of those proceedings. Proposed by Cllr. Crawley and seconded by Cllr. Lansdowne.

2588.0 Hilbury Field: 106 agreement in draft proposal includes a proposal to commute the sum of £110000.00 to the site for maintenance and direct site benefit to the PC.
This matter was discussed during the planning meeting and the resolution adopted by that committee was unanimously adopted by the full council – see above.

2589.0 Corner Farm: An approach has been received to run the shop as a plastics free venue - this would test the use of the shop within the community.
Cllr. Galpin has been provided with the drawings to design and make an application for extension of the shop area.
The hall and shop are to be completed within the next few weeks and hand-over is anticipated before the end of November.
Second payment of £24500.00 is due to the developers. CCLA redemption forms were completed - Cllr. Luckhurst to sign.

C. Cllr. Barnes suggested that the parish should make representation to assistant director Nick Skelton ESCC about the concerns of traffic issues and danger to drivers and pedestrians. A meeting has been organised for 29th November with Mr Skelton when the issue will be raised.

2590.0 Playground Inspections: Written reports were distributed prior to the meeting.
Flimwell - Cllr. Ham reported that the dog bin is full, the defibrillator door is open and the park bench is sitting within the bark chipping area and could be a potential hazard. The equipment shed felt roof has lost part of its cover. Clerk to redress the issues.
Farthing Hill - Cllr. Young reported that the Sovereign equipment has been damaged - clerk to arrange for the contractors to visit site and repair all damaged items - New chain on childrens swing seat, wires for basket swing to be replaced.
Ticehurst – Cllr. Lloyd had circulated a written report about glass on the multi-court and cycle area - sign warning of small fragments has been ordered from Iden Signs. Children had accessed the Institute roof and broken tiles which have been repaired. The police have been informed.
Stonegate – Cllr. Luckhurst circulated a written report – hedge within the play area appears to be dying back and needs cutting. Life rings at the pond are in place. Tyre has been dumped in the southern most pond and other debris was removed on inspection.

Police: Cllr. Lloyd reported that he and other councillors had attended a meeting with Katy Bourne's representatives. It was felt to have been a positive meeting. The clerk reported that PCSO designated to Ticehurst has been in touch and hopes to attend some future PC meetings.

2591.0 Trees and Ponds:
Clerk met High Weald Unit representative at Ticehurst pond with a view to submitting a Lund application for works there. Tree surgery works are needed for ash trees with severe die-back in high risk areas first draft of budget for 2020-2021 has a budget for tree works.
Clerk circulated notes made at a meeting at Weald Smokery and on site (Seacokers) 24th October 2019. Since the meeting the clerk reported that she had received a text from the contractor saying that the trees at the front of the property 'have been inspected again and UK Power is going to shut the power off to get those trees down – miss Ingram has been told'. 31.10.19. It is not known whether these trees are in addition to the ones

marked by the arboriculturalist and Miss Ingram (RDC tree officer). As the site is covered with a tree preservation order, any trees removed, that were not marked could be a breach of this order.

2592.0 Village Centre Group: Report from Cllrs. Young and Killeen.

- **Speed Data Device - It was resolved to agree with ESCC where the temporary devices (three months in any one position) could be sited and apply for licenses to cover those areas through the parish. Cllrs. were asked to contributed suggested sites. It was resolved to purchase two solar powered devices rather than three battery operated ones.**
- **Recycling Bins: Clerk and D. Cllr. Browne had attempted to get the recycling bins removed from the car park. RDC had taken the view that the bin emptying was within the new Biffa contract and they should remain on site. Clerk was asked to seek advice from Hedley Wellers.**
- **Hanging Baskets: New winter plantings have been installed - cheque to sanction – some residents felt that they are too high on the columns.**
- **Cigarette Stub Disposal: It was resolved to order a free standing metal cigarette butt bin in the village square to lessen the mess there. Clerk to order and arrange for installation.**
- **Tidy Up Team – Cllr. Young reported that the 22 strong team had tidied the area at the front of the recreation ground car park and the Hilbury bank area. Bullbs have been planted and News & Views have contributed £300 towards new planting.**
- **Urban Grass Cuts: RDC have resolved not to contribute to additional grass cuts as in previous years. There will now be two cuts per year instead of four.**
- **The Bell Field Cllr. Burley reported that the directors had met to discuss additional parking and that they had put forward acceptable proposals to the Bell and were awaiting feed-back.**
- **Christmas Lights and Christmas Market: Cllr. Killeen distributed flyers advertising the events. There will be at least fifteen local stall holders attending and the road closure will be from 10 am to 4 pm on the Sunday. It is hoped that all councillors will support the event.**

2593.0 Finance Report:

Donation to Youth Club - It was resolved to donate £3000 to the work of the youth club for the current financial year.

First draft of 2020-2021 precept produced by financial advisory group had been circulated. Cllrs. were asked to send any suggested changes to the clerk before the next meeting.

List of cheques were sanctioned:

Cheque	Amount	To whom	For:
000447	100.00	C.A.B	Donation
000448	100.00	Cottage Hospital	Donation
000449	100.00	Victim Support	Donation

000451	100.00	Ticehurst football	Donation
000450	100.00	Ticehurst Scouts	Donation
000452	100.00	St Michaels Hosp.	Donation
000453	750.00	Stonegate church	Donation
000455	1200.00	Battle Bus	Donation
000456	42.75	F Nowne	Expenses
000457	100.00	RDC Rd Closure	Road Closure Christmas market and lights
000458	352.00	J Brooker	Litter and temporary loos
000459	27.00	T Killeen	Expenses
000460	500.00	M Richardson	Benches for Ticehurst and Flimwell
000461	109.75	Cash Carry	Supplies for loo
000462	250.00	Rohen Ltd	Gazebo
000463	330.00	Arborweald	Knotweed treatment
000464	892.80	Portable Space	External loos rental

2594.0 Planning Report: Plans considered during the planning meeting at 7 pm with delegated powers to comment to Local Authority since the last meeting.
Matters for consideration: As listed in agenda for planning on page 1/27/10/2019 – recommendations were adopted by the full council - see page 1/5/11/2019.

2595.0 Police Grant: It was resolved to delegate authority to the clerk and Cllr. Lloyd to obtain the best value for money when meeting with Spy Alarms on 7th November 2019. E-mail circulated on 29.10.19 containing an old quotation.

2596.0 Bewl Reservoir: Cllr. Lloyd reported that there had been concerns that the areas around the reservoir were not being maintained properly. However, in the last few weeks works appear to have been undertaken to redress the situation.
The appeal against the non-determination of planning permission for 58 lodges at Bewl had been dismissed by the planning inspector – therefore the application will returned to Wealden Council for deliberation.

2597.0 Stonegate Cricket/Football Ground: A proposal for the future management of the Stonegate ground has been received by Wadhurst Football team and Mayfield Cricket team as the Rascals Cricket Team have virtually disbanded. It was resolved that the proposal was sound and the PC solicitors will provide template agreement to ensure that all parties are protected and roles and responsibilities made clear.

2598.0 Benches: New benches have been supplied to playground areas at Ticehurst, Stonegate and Flimwell.

2599.0 Childrens Centre: C. Cllr. Barnes reported that talks between ESCC and Ticehurst & Flimwell Primary School were on-going about them taking it over. The services supplied by the centre will continue but on a home visit basis. If the talks fail, Cllr. Barnes reported that ESCC are committed to come back to the Parish Council before any final decision is made.

2600.0 Items for the December Agenda: Christmas event feed back.

2601.0 Date of the next meeting: 3rd December 2019

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It was noted that A Peck will be available to look at I T problems on 29th November 2019

Signed.....Chairman **Dated.... .12.19.....**