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**TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL**

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Clerk: Francesca Nowne**

**PLANNING 7.00 p.m.**

**The new projector and screen were used to display planning applications.**

**Present: Cllrs. Lloyd ©, Burley, Young, Killeen, Lansdowne and Flory.**

**RR/2019/2383/P Ridgeway Farm, Burnt Lodge Lane, Ticehurst TN5 7LA**

**External alterations to support the commercial use of the building and the creation of a new access and parking areas.**

Applicant present who provided the committee with information on the employment site (currently 12 employees). A previous application for three dwellings had been turned down on the site. The application was felt to be sensible and well laid out - recommendation for approval.

**RR/2019/2588/T – Seacox Cockers – Cut all trees to ground level, primarily goat will and silver birch and recoppice 5 x sweet chestnut stools Fell one holly and two silver birch trees. - Tree application available on line Mayhew Consultancy.** Applicant was present and explained to the committee that the intention is to apply for a family home on the plot. After much discussion about the terminology used in the application referring to ‘all trees’ for removal, there appeared to be a difference in intention between the application detail and what the owner wanted to achieve, namely the re-coppicing of the front area, as opposed to the removal of the trees. The applicant was advised to withdraw the application and reapply which is what he stated he would do.

In the event of the application not being withdrawn the comments of the planning committee were:

- No objection to the re-coppicing of willows in Area One ‘cut all trees to ground level and allow to re-shoot. The applicant and contractor stated that UKPN would be removing trees that could potentially interfere with power cables and wanted access through the hedge into the site to facilitate works.
- No objection to re-coppicing of five chestnut stools in Area Two.
- Cllrs. objected to the proposed works in Area Three – works to Silver Birch and Holly on the basis they are indigenous species.
- Further comment was provided that the Beech and Oaks on the site (south-eastern side) should have a root protection zone marked out and a constraints report submitted with any future planning applications on the site.

D. Cllr. M Barnes commented that any application for a property should include proposed works to trees and access rather than making a series of small applications.

**MINUTES**

**Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summoned to attend the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 – Ticehurst Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.**

**Present: Cllrs. Burley ©, Flory, Killeen, Lansdowne, Le Bouedec, Lloyd, Luckhurst, and Young.**

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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.

**2602.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:**

- No matters were raised.

**2603.0 District and County Councillors:** Written reports had been requested as papers to distribute with agenda to members. No written reports were available- verbal reports were provided:

Cllr. Barnes reported that the consultation document on financial cuts that Rother will need to make is slightly misleading. He reported that if Bexhill achieve town council status, many costs covered by Rother's budget would revert to the new council via a precepted budget raised locally, lessening the impact on Rother's reserves.

**County Report:** It was reported that the County will be allowed to charge a rate for additional social care - likely to be the full 2% allowed. The need for a three year financial settlement is paramount to enable councils to plan ahead. The likely one-off funding of £7 – 10 million could be used in one of three ways:

- Put it in reserves as a cushion
- Re-profile the proposed cuts
- Spend it on one-off projects. It is likely to be a mixture of the three.

**2604.0 Declarations of Interest:** 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 repeated prior to that agenda item. – There were no declarations of interest on any matters included within the agenda.

**2605.0 Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllrs. Barrow, Crawley, Galpin, Ham, and Redknap - reasons for absence were recorded in the attendance register on acceptance by the Council in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85. Apologies were also received from D. Cllr. Browne.

**2606.0 Adoption of the minutes:** Cllr. Killeen proposed and Cllr. Flory seconded the motion to adopt the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 and the Chairman was authorised to sign as a correct record in accordance with LGA 1972 Sch. 12 para 41 (1).

**2607.0 Hilbury Field:** No determination currently by RDC

The matter has been listed for delegated determination. Cllrs. asked D. Cllr. M Barnes to ensure that it goes back to committee. She reported that she felt it likely that the minor amendments would get delegated to officer decision and that the change in affordable homes would be considered by Rother's planning committee on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019.

**2608.0 Corner Farm:**

Handover for the hall and shop are imminent. It was reported the the final payment had been made by the PC for the provision of the shop extension. Cllr. Galpin has agreed to draw up and submit plans to double the size of the shop. There will be a stage III safety audit after the properties are occupied.

**2590.0 Playground Inspections:** To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – written reports to be distributed prior to the meeting.

Flimwell - Cllr. Ham had circulated a report – the dog waste bin remains overflowing – clerk to report to Rother.

Farthing Hill - Cllr. Young reported that details of the necessary repair work at Farthing Hill had been received by Sovereign Play - it was resolved that the clerk should check the guarantees from installation before making a decision on repair work.

Ticehurst – Cllr. Lloyd had circulated a report, detailing works carried out. Improved digital cameras have been installed around the Village Institute using the grant obtained from the Sussex Crime Commissioner. The projector screen connections had also been improved by the same company.

Bottles have been broken and dug into the recreation ground which have been removed. This has also happened on the Bell Field ground, but to date no culprits have been found.

Stonegate – Cllr. Luckhurst circulated a report – bark chippings will be needed in the Spring.

Grass Cutting - It was resolved to accept the ESCC offer of £680 for four additional cuts rather than accept the two - Rother have paid for the last two years for the uplift and cllrs. resolved that they would not like to see a diminished level of service for residents.

**2609.0 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. Quotations are needed.

Continued complaints about the Seacox Cocks ground have been received by individuals and copied in to Rother.

**2610.0 Village Centre Group:** Report from Cllrs. Young and Killeen.

- **Speed Data Device** - There was a discussion about whether the speed device currently used by 'speed watch' should be sold to contribute towards the two solar speed data collection devices but it was felt that the police use the speed watch data to prosecute drivers when they work with that team. Cllr. Young reported that she had submitted the proposed sites for the poles to obtain the necessary license but had not heard back (Hilbury Gardens, Marlpit Gardens, near the School and on the Pashley Road).
- **Street Light programme** - Streetlights have suggested two more Ticehurst lights in the village - The finance group recommended replacing lights in Flimwell as and when they failed. The column in St Mary's Lane has been identified as needing a replacement.
- **Grit Bins** - Salt has been purchased and put in the grit bins that the council owns – Old Wardsdown, Farthing Hill, Pickforde Lane car park and near the primary school in Steelands Rise. Cllrs. were asked to check the bins and pipes near their own homes to identify which ones East Sussex should be replenishing.

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- Cllr. Killeen reported that a meeting had been held with Nick Skelton (ESCC) facilitated by C.Cllr. Barnes on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019. The resurfacing of the High Street remains in the 2020 budget and Mr Skelton had advised concentrating on the provision of a pedestrian crossing before working towards a 20 mph limit. Information has been provided to ESCC for the feasibility study of a crossing. A dedicated contact person has been promised for Ticehurst and prices for different materials that could be added to the tarmac during resurfacing works are awaited. Cllrs. Young and Killeen were thanked for their persistence in working towards a safer crossing for the village.

#### 2611.0 Finance Report:

Second draft of 2020-2021 precept produced by financial advisory group – circulated. Cllrs. discussed the possibility, in future years, exceeding the £140,000.00 so that essential services and matters high-lighted in the Neighbourhood Planning process can be actioned. This would involve more rigorous auditing but was felt to be necessary.

Next finance meeting was set for 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019 9.00 Lynden Close.

List of cheques for sanctioning.

Cheque	Amount	To whom	For:
000483	£71.49	T Killeen	Gardening works village
000466	£24.00	Iden Signs	Glass sign for multi-court
000467	£290.40	RBS	Allotment programme
000468	£84.00	ESALC	New Cllr. course
000469	£1660.00	R Studholme	Works
000470	340.00	J Brooker	Works
000471	121.50	F Nowne	Expenses
000472	792.07	HM Revenue	PAYE
000473	428.92	Europlants	Hanging baskets
000474	85.00	RALC	Subscription
000475	3000.00	TYPRP	Donation
000476	24956.00	Quantum	Second half of Flimwell shop payment
000477	167.50	Amazon	Amazon Cartridges
000478	41.48	E Young	Gardening tools/brushes

**2612.0 Planning Report:** To receive report on applications considered by Planning Committee with delegated powers to comment to Local Authority since the last meeting. Matters for consideration: As listed in agenda for planning on page 1/27/11/2019

Naming of the old Bird Park Flimwell - proposed name FLIMWELL PARK – it was resolved that this name was acceptable to the council.

**2613.0 Police Grant:** £2000 has been received to update security at the recreation ground: As reported in the Playground reports, five additional security cameras have been installed around the Institute with remote access provided to the caretaker and Cllr.

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**Lloyd.** There is capacity for a sixth camera and Cllr. Lloyd reported that this might be provided in the Pickforde Lane car park area.

**One camera on the original pole monitoring the car park and multi-court is damaged and needs replacing.**

**2614.0 Bewl Reservoir:** Meeting date for 9<sup>th</sup> December 2019 - Markerstudy have invited representatives from Ticehurst, Lamberhurst and Wadhurst councils to update them on their 2020 entertainment events. Cllr. Lloyd and clerk to attend.

**2615.0 Stonegate Cricket/Football Ground:** Proposal for management by Wadhurst Football team and Mayfield Cricket team - PC solicitors to provide template agreement – *circulated to members of the council on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019.*

**2616.0 Benches:** New benches ordered for playground areas at Ticehurst and Flimwell – cheque for sanctioning - another bench has been requested for Stonegate.

**2617.0 Vote of thanks** - It was unanimously agreed to thank Mr Brooker for his excellent stewardship of the Village Institute and grounds.

**2618.0 Items for the January Agenda:** No discussion – topics only.

**Final Budget proposal for submission to Rother.**

**Date of Annual Assembly**

**Lights for Improvements**

**Grit Bins**

**Replacement camera on pole**

**Camera in Pickforde Lane car park**

**2619.0 Date of the next meeting:** 7th January 2020

**Signed.....Chairman**

**Dated.....07.1.20.....**