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**TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL**

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Clerk: Francesca Nowne

**PLANNING 7 pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. Lloyd ©, Burley, Barrow, Crawley, Flory, Galpin, Ham, Killeen, Lansdowne, Le Bouedec, Redknapp and Young.

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**A G E N D A**

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summoned to attend the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 – Ticehurst Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

**In attendance:** D. Cllrs. Barnes and Browne and C. Cllr. Barnes.

Brian Drayson – Vice-Chairman of Rother District Council attended the meeting to observe how meetings were conducted in a rural parish.

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 then 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.

**2638.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:**

Other than Cllr. Drayson, there were no members of the public present.

The chairman informed those present about the death of Ann Cook, who had served the parish council and the Beatrice Drewe Trust for over twenty-five years. It was understood that her memorial service will take place in Ticehurst on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The Clerk was requested to write to the family and provide flowers for the service if appropriate.

**2639.0 District and County Councillors:**

- C. Cllr. Barnes reported that the historic and beautiful landscape of the High Weald AONB should be kept at a high profile within planning departments – organisations such as Save Our Fields in Burwash work to educate residents and planners of its importance.
- C. Cllr. Barnes informed the meeting that the 2020-2021 county budget would raise the rates in order to invest in children’s services and adult social care. He stressed that budgetary constraints meant that the county were struggling to supply the basic statutory services. It is hoped that the fairer funding review will lessen the impact of proposed cuts. Funds for road repairs, pot holes and dropped kerbs have also been included in the budget.
- C. Cllr. Barnes pointed out that council tax is becoming more important to people on low incomes as much as their personal tax. He informed the meeting that 70% of County funds comes from local home and business rates. He felt that the PC should urge NALC (National Association of Local Councils) to look at the way local government is financed.
- D. Cllr. M Barnes reported that at the last Rother Planning Meeting they had discussed 106 agreements, particularly in relation to developers being granted planning with affordable housing conditions and then at a later stage reneging on those conditions, producing viability assessments to justify their application to alter granted permissions. This inevitably works to the detriment of the community.
- D. Cllr. Barnes suggested that a meeting for parish councils should be held locally (Woodland Enterprise Centre at Flimwell was suggested as a venue) to listen to the High Weald Unit’s advice on planning and design guidance in the AONB.
- Cllr. Barnes reported that no conclusion had been reached about the future of the Children’s Centre but that he would keep the Parish Council updated.

**2640.0 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.

Cllr. Lloyd had declared a personal interest in application RR/2019/1950/P as a friend of the applicant.

**2641.0 Apologies for absence:** Apologies and reasons for absence had been received from Cllr. Luckhurst and recorded in the attendance register on acceptance by the Council in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85.

**2642.0 Adoption of the minutes:** Cllr. Lloyd proposed and Cllr. Killeen seconded a

motion that the draft minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were an accurate record of those proceedings and the council authorised the Chairman to sign them in accordance with LGA 1972 Sch. 12 para 41 (1).

**2643.0 Corner Farm:** Cllr. Galpin reported that the plans to extend the shop building at Corner Farm by 100% were ready to be sent off but that the land ownership details were needed for the site plan. It was resolved that the clerk should provide the contact details of the Village Hall Committee would be able to provide these details.

C. Cllr. Barnes reported that despite local objections, the safety audit on the closed bus stop area outside Corner Farm had deemed the closure to be safe.

**2644.0 Playground Inspections:** To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – written reports to be distributed prior to the meeting.

Flimwell - Cllr. Ham reported that the playground and equipment was in good order but commented that there were significant mole hills around the site.

Farthing Hill - Cllr. Young reported that the wire for the nest swing was partially damaged, the notice on the playground structures was missing, the surfacing netting was lifting and that the small swing was not level. The clerk had written to Sovereign Play asking them to carry out some repairs under guarantee and it was felt that it might be quicker and cheaper to source repair work locally.

Ticehurst – Cllr. Lloyd had circulated a written report. Anti-social behaviour had been recorded on the new CCTV system and repairs commissioned. A request had been made for the local PCSO to attend the meeting but no response had been received. It was resolved that Cllr. Ham attend the Probus meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> February to be held in the Village Institute and point out the lack of contact from the designated PCSO to the Police and Crime Commissioner, Katy Bourne who would be attending that meeting.

*Subsequent to that meeting, PCSO Demetrius Georghiou has been in contact with the clerk and Cllr. Ham and has requested that he be contacted on [demetrius.georghiou@sussex.pnn.police.uk](mailto:demetrius.georghiou@sussex.pnn.police.uk) rather than by phone.*

Stonegate – Cllr. Luckhurst – no report.

**2645.0 Village Centre Group:** Report from Cllrs. Young and Killeen.

- Speed Data Device - It was reported that licenses for the position of poles to house the speed data displays had been applied for.
- Cllr. Young reported that James Vaks ESCC had been in contact about undertaking the feasibility study to ascertain whether a crossing can be installed in the High Street.
- High Street resurfacing works are due to start in the summer of 2020. Prices are awaited for the additional red chip and tar to be added to the tarmac that the PC would consider purchasing for the central area of the village. It was resolved to request (FOI) the drainage report on the main road from ESCC.
- It was agreed that the notes of 17<sup>th</sup> January 2020 be circulated to all councillors – meeting held with ESCC.
- N Plan - It was resolved to retain the N. Plan web site - £41 per year – cheque raised for annual subscription. It was felt that the consultation required in the future for reviews of the N Plan would benefit from the contacts made during the original process.

- It was resolved that a list of items highlighted through the Neighbourhood Planning consultations by residents should be tabulated and presented to the next meeting. Notes of N Planning Forum to be circulated to all councillors 28.1.20. new housing allocations appear to be an increase of 117% before the special nature of the AONB is taken into account.
- TIDY UP TEAM – Litter clearance to be encouraged during the national litter clearance week – clerk to purchase litter picking sticks to assist with the project.

#### 2646.0 Finance Report:

Final draft of 2020-2021 precept had been submitted to Rother District Council and subsequent further analysis of expenditure headings provided to RDC financial director were approved.

List of cheques for sanctioning.

Cheque	Amount	To whom	For:
000521	133.30	F Nowne	Expenses and Cash and Carry
000522	446.40	Portable Space	Hire of temporary loos
000523	1415.00	R Studholme	General works
000524	352.64	J Brooker	Litter and loo maintenance
000526	1800.00	BDT	Second half contribution less insurance share
000527	202.55	Travis Perkins	Grit for salt bins
000528	319.20	Came & Co	Ins for computer fraud etc
000541	60.00	NALC	Registration
000542	61.50	T Perkins	Materials
000543	183.46	Helping Hand En	Litter sticks

**2647.0 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: In addition to list of plans considered by councillors at 7 pm listed on page 1/27/1/2020.

RR/2019/2449/P 1 B Clare House – proposed raising of infill roof to old scullery - approval

RR/2019/2688/P 4 London Road, Flimwell – new garage/workshop – new rear single storey extension, new pitched dormers - approval

RR/2019/2689/L as above

RR/2019/2743/P – Dale Cottage, Single storey rear extension, raised terrace with steps, side porch and changes to fenestration - approval

RR/2019/2818/P Hilbury Field – Approval of reserved matters relating to appearance and landscaping pursuant to outline permission RR/2019/2198/P for the erection of 30 dwellings – refusal

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RR/2019/2632/FN Planning Appeal – Strakes Farm Yard – written submissions needed by 3<sup>rd</sup> March - it was resolved that Cllrs. Galpin and Lloyd with the clerk's assistance draw up the PC response.

**2648.0 Stonegate Cricket/Football Ground:** Meetings at the Stonegate Pavilion have taken place:

- Football Team to work on the template lease provided by PC solicitors and submit a draft back to the PC.
- PC to obtain quotations for electrics, plumbing and roofing works.
- *To date, roofing and electrician contractors have been taken to site – quotes awaited.*

**2649.0 Date of Annual Assembly:** Confirmed and booked for 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

**2650.0 Items for the March Agenda:** Hilbury Field  
Banky Field – open spaces  
Litter Picking Project  
Neighbourhood Plan Action List

**2651.0 Date of the next meeting:** The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m. and the date of the next meeting set for 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.

Signed.....Chairman

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