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**TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL**

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**PLANNING 7 pm**

**Present:** Cllrs. Lloyd ©, Burley, Galpin, Luckhurst, Killeen, Lansdowne and Ham.  
**RR/2019/2836/P Royal Oak Garage, London Road, Flimwell TN5 7PJ** – Two storey front and side extension of existing office building to create reception area and store. Cllr. Luckhurst declared a pecuniary interest in the application and took no part in proceedings. Cllrs. felt that the proposal would not impact the AONB and were supportive of the employment and apprentice opportunities that the business provides in the area, also endorsed in the made Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan.

**Recommendation for approval.**

**RR/2019/2848/L Shovers Green House, TN5 7JY** - Conversion of existing outbuilding to dwelling. Cllr. Burley declared a personal interest in the application and took no part in proceedings. It was felt that the need for the conversion of one garage to form a dwelling was undermined by the application's inclusion of the need to replace that garage nearer the main listed dwelling on the plot. In summary it was felt that the application was for a new house in the countryside. Recommendation for refusal.

**RR/2020/236/TN Pashley Road TN5 7HE** Proposed installation of a substation. Whilst it was accepted that this was a notification, cllrs. noted that attempts should be made to blend utilitarian boxes into the countryside as advocated by the High Weald Unit.

**MINUTES**

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summoned to attend the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2020 – Ticehurst Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

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

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.

**2652.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:**

Editor of News and Views asked why the web site was not working. It was explained that the PC had taken over an existing domain and it had proved difficult to renew the domain ownership. This is being worked on by Cllrs. Galpin and Lansdowne.

**2653.0 District and County Councillors:** Written reports were not available:

D. Cllrs reported that the district were consulting on whether Bexhill should become an independent town council. Currently, over £200,000.00 was subsidising costs in Bexhill over and above the special service rate levied on residents. There was no reassurance that this potential saving would benefit rural areas if not spent within Bexhill.

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**BANKY FIELD:** D. Cllrs were asked to speak to the housing department to assure the Parish Council that a local lettings policy will be applicable on the Banky Field site.

C. Cllr. J Barnes reported that County had agreed on a 3.99% tax increase – average Band D would be approximately £1492.00

**2654.0 Declarations of Interests:** Cllrs. Luckhurst and Burley declared interests during the planning meeting prior to the main Parish Council meeting. The nature of those interests were declared under the terms of the Council's Code of Conduct and Localism Act 2011 s.31 – this was repeated prior to that agenda item.

**2655.0 Apologies for absence:** Apologies had been received from Cllr. Young, Cllr. Le Bouedec and Cllr. Crawley. Their reasons for absence were recorded in the attendance register on acceptance by the Council in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85.

**2656.0 Adoption of the Minutes:** Cllr. Ham proposed and Cllr. Lansdowne seconded the motion that the draft notes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 should be approved and authorised the Chairman to sign as a correct record (having altered 'Stonegate Pond to Ticehurst Pond) of that meeting, in accordance with LGA 1972 Sch. 12 para 41 (1).

**2657.0 Litter Picking Week – Tidy Up Team Report:** Cllr. Killeen reported that a growing group of volunteers had planted flowers at the entrance gateways, clearing branches on the Hilbury bank and carried out litter picking sessions using the new litter sticks purchased by the parish council. Cllr. Lansdowne commented that Stonegate might carry out a similar project and would need access to the sticks. Cllrs. thanked Cllr. Killeen and the team for the works that improve the appearance of the village and thanked Cllr. Flory for his work in collecting and disposing of the green waste. The national Great Spring Clean dates are 20<sup>th</sup> March to 13<sup>th</sup> April 2020.

Cllr. Lloyd reported that he and the parish clerk had attended scenes of trees blocking the roads during the recent storms and carried out safe traffic control and clearing to ensure safe passage for road users. He also reported unpleasant communication received about brushwood being left on the verge in Vineyard Lane after a tree had failed and had to be urgently cleared.

**2658.0 Corner Farm:** Cllr. Galpin reported that land ownership had been clarified to enable the application for the extension of the shop element to move ahead in the name of the parish council. Clerk reported that the first meeting of the Hall Trust had been held in the Village Hall. The final surface of the car park has been delayed due to adverse weather conditions. Neil Langridge is now acting chairman of the Trust – AGM will be held at the beginning of April 2020. Hand over of the hall will not take place until eight of the Corner Farm properties are sold under the terms of the 106 agreement. £14,5000 106 agreement sum from Hurst Place was being pursued by the clerk.

**2659.0 Playground Inspections:** Playground reports were received from Cllrs. – written reports were distributed prior to the meeting: – report on meeting with Play Safety.

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**Flimwell** - Cllr. Ham – Pot holes in the car parking area have become a nuisance. A cheque was raised for £132 for damage to car paint work from felt roofing of cricket shed. Repairs were authorised. A local resident had reported scratched glass to house window from the same felt roof and the clerk had asked for an estimate for repair work. The dog waste bin will not close. Clerk was instructed to organise repair and if the bin was irretrievably broken to replace with new.

**Farthing Hill** - Play Safety have provided a quotation for repair works – resolution to instruct them to proceed.

**Ticehurst** – Cllr. Lloyd reported that water was not running away from the multi-court and grass needed to be scrapped away from tarmac edging. He reported that the youth shelter had graffiti on the internal walls and it was resolved to commission painting works to cover this up. The TUT work had improved the appearance of the car park area. Clerk was asked to chase up provision of picnic tables from Hawkhurst sawmill.

**Stonegate** – Cllr. Luckhurst reported that the life rings were missing and a picnic table, tyres and Christmas tree were discarded in the pond. Cllr. Burley offered to inspect the playground gate and it was resolved that if it is too damaged, a new one should be ordered. **Mabbs Hill** - hedge intruding into the road - clerk to report to ESCC. Notice board at allotments to be retrieved.

**Lund Fund** – application for works at Ticehurst Pond has been submitted by the clerk.

Clerk reported that a new property owner in Ticehurst had offered to carry out annual and quarterly operational playground inspections for the same fee as the current annual Rospa reports. It was resolved to accept the quotation. Cllr. Monthly reports to continue.

**2660.0 Village Centre Group:** Cllr. Killeen reported.

- Road resurfacing works are to be done during the summer of 2020. ESCC have agreed to the tar and chip addition to the centre of the village (Freeman Foremans to Hairdressers) with imprinted blocks (1m wide) at the edges of the strip.
- ESCC had opposed the registering of the village square area with the land registry. They opposed the principle of narrowing the entry and exit points and a one-way system – Diane Russell of RDC tackling the issue with them.
- Items for the SLR meeting in April should be submitted by 16<sup>th</sup> March 2020.
- It was still hoped that Huw Merriman MP will enable a meeting of C. Cllrs. who could move matters forward for Ticehurst village centre refurbishment.
- Feasibility study for a pedestrian crossing was being undertaken by ESCC.
- Speed Data Device - Additional permission for speed device poles would cost £380 each. Thanks were extended to C. Cllr. J Barnes for achieving one fee only.

**2661.0 Neighbourhood Plan Action Template:** Report (26.2.20) had been circulated from Cllrs. Killeen and Young summarising the N Plan policies and the points raised by the public during NP consultation process. It was felt that many of the points raised were already being worked. Regular updates on the PC agendas would ensure that residents were aware that their input during the NP process, was not being overlooked. The update would also work towards the statutory duty to review the plan in 2021. Cllrs. Killeen and Young were thanked for their work on this tabulated summary.

**2662.0 Finance Report:**

List of cheques for sanctioning were approved by the council.

Report of expenditure against budget report was circulated and accepted by the council. Balanced bank reconciliation circulated.

**Insurance Claim on Loos at Recreation Ground:** The repair work has been costed – It was resolved instruct the loss adjusters to commission works as the damage had been attributed to hedge roots. If there is further movement, the liability would lie with the loss adjusters. Clerk was instructed to point out that the recent fencing works which replaced the removed hedgerow was of a very low standard – the posts were not upright and to ask that the contractors to return to site and re-erect the fencing.

Cheque	Amount	To whom	For:
000544			Cancelled cheque
000545	32.72	Lloyd-Hughes	Bulbs for TTUT
000546	280.00	Ricky Studholme	Fence panels at allotments
000547	132.00	P Hickey	Repairs for car damage
000548	90.00	V Hallett	Plumbing
000549	303.34	Tates	Materials for stonegate pond fencing
000550		R Studholme	Cleaning lavatories for 12 months
000551	792.07	HM Customs	PAYE

**2663.0 Planning Report:** Cllr. Lloyd reported on the applications considered by Planning Committee at 7pm on page 1/04/3/2020.

**Hilbury Field:** Update on planning status – no current update other than DHA Planning will contact the Council when more detail plans have been drawn up prior to submitting to Rother District Council. D. Cllr. M Barnes confirmed that any application would be called into Planning Committee at Rother and would not be delegated to officers.

**Banky Field:** Proposal for the PC to take over the lower headland mowing from Thakeham. There were reservations about how stable the site would be once handed over due to the steep slope to the stream, the attenuation pools and the large amount of soil piled on the upper part of the site. It was felt that there was not enough expertise on the council to be certain of the safety of the site. A collateral warrantee should be sought for any land failure in the future. Cllr. Galpin pointed out that any failure in the works would be a divergence from the planning regulations and the PC would not become liable at any time. It was resolved that the PC should ask for an independent engineers report and D. Cllr. Browne offered to speak to the planning department about the concerns before any such agreement was considered. 106 agreement on the top of the site was agreed in the past but if written assurances were not forthcoming the agreement should be revisited.

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**Strakes Farm:** Letter of objection was sent to appeal inspector. Concerns were expressed about import of hard standing materials on to the site and whether permission had been obtained for these recent works.

**2664.0 Stonegate Cricket/Football Ground:** Update on repair quotations and tenancy. No update available/

**2665.0 Flimwell Recreation Ground:** Felt roof ripped off during recent storms damaging two cars and house window. Cricket Club feel that the shed belongs to the Parish Council - repair work to the 10 day old car (£132) has been booked and cheque raised.

**2666.0 Date of Annual Assembly:** 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020 - List of guests and tables invited .

Malcolm Johnson	Huw Merriman	Dept Lieutenancy
Trevor Leggo	Village organisations	Police Commissioner
Rydon Homes	Ticehurst Homes	Flimwell Place (Bird Park)

**2667.0 Items for the April Agenda:** No discussion – Annual Assembly - arrangements

The chairman reported that he and several councillors had attended the funeral of Ann Cook who had served on the Council for over two decades. The event had been a fitting tribute to her contribution to the Ticehurst community over such a long period.

**2668.0 Date of the next meeting:** The meeting closed at 8.55 pm and the date of the next meeting was set as 7<sup>th</sup> April 2020 Rydon Homes to present plans for Singehurst to Councillors and the public.

Signed.....Chairman

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