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TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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PLANNING MEETING 6.30 p.m. via ZOOM Present: Cllrs. Lloyd, Burley, Galpin, Killeen, Ham

RR/2020/1481/P Flimwell Park TN5 7QH – alterations to conditions within 2019/428/P. Cllrs felt that the alterations were minor, providing safer access routes away from the offices in the event of fire. The alterations are commensurate with the original design and for understandable reasons. Recommendation for approval.

RR/2020/1554/P and 1680/L Angels Barn, Claphatch - link extension to provide accommodation for dependant family members. Cllrs felt that the design was good and would not adversely affect the original building. Proposed link is light weight and could easily be removed at a later date, and it was therefore felt that a 106 agreement linking the two parts of the property should accompany any permission granted. Recommendation for approval.

Presentation by C Loughhead of Fernham Homes. - Hilbury Field reserved matters. Chris Loughhead spoke to Cllrs. via a mobile phone on loud speaker. He explained that further amendments and upgrades in quantities and quality of materials had been requested by a Rother planning officer ‘moving the goal posts’ again. Compliance with those requirements (estimated cost £150,000) would render the scheme non-viable and without resources to provide any affordable dwellings. Fernham Homes had felt it suitable and right to consult with the parish council before responding to RDC. Cllrs. thanked him for attending and would deliberate the matter under agenda point 2706.0 during the meeting.

MINUTES

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summoned to attend a Meeting of Ticehurst Parish Council on Tuesday 6th October 2020 via zoom at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. Burley ©, Galpin, Ham, Killeen, Lansdowne, Lloyd, Luckhurst and Young.

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.

2695.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

A resident from Hazlewood Cottages attended to request an update on the imprint at the most western point of the newly resurfaced roadway. Cllrs. reported that East Sussex Highways were satisfied that the imprint had been installed correctly. It was felt that the approach from the west was higher than the other imprint strips. Cllr. J Barnes has taken the matter up with the lead member for transport, Claire Dowling and would ask her to visit. Cllrs. resolved that the installation of the imprints and the white line

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installation and then removal were unsatisfactory and a breach of contract. Clerk suggested asking 'Rhino' the installers to revisit the site and provide advice. Cllr. Young added that the speed of traffic approaching from the western end of the village appeared to be faster. The intention of the whole village centre project was to further slow the speed of cars using a 20 mph limit which i-transport feel is achievable and to install the speed activated devices agreed upon last year once the necessary license has been obtained from ESCC. The PC had understood that the imprint strip would be flush with the tarmac and not proud of it as seems to be the case with this particular strip.

On the whole the resurfacing, change of colour and the imprint strips had been well received and that this area was the only one that was causing concern.

2696.0 District and County Councillors: Written reports were requested as papers to distribute with agenda to members.

- Cllr. J Barnes reported that ESCC had resolved not to make any further cuts absorbing covid expenditure with reserve funds. They are actively lobbying government to provide more emergency funding for the pandemic as there will be a 7million deficit by the end of the year. Review on spending will remain annual rather than the hoped for four year budgeting.
- Currently ESCC do not consider that many savings would be made by becoming a unitary authority but the anticipated white paper on this has yet to be issued.
- Cllr. M Barnes reported that RDC had a £2million deficit due to the covid pandemic. She congratulated the PC on obtaining match funding for the petanque pitch which had received enthusiastic support at the Rother deliberations.

2697.0 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.

2698.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cllrs. Barrow, Redknap, Flory, Crawley and Le Bouedec and their reasons for absence recorded in the attendance register on acceptance by the Council in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85. It was acknowledged that there were email issues that needed to be resolved and that the zoom double invitation had resulted in problems with signing into the meeting.

2699.0 Adoption of the Minutes: of the meeting held on 8th September 2020 were proposed by Cllr. Luckhurst, (after Cllr. Flory's attendance had been removed), seconded by Cllr. Killeen and approved for the Chairman to sign as a correct record in accordance with LGA 1972 Sch. 12 para 41 (1). Amended minute to be delivered by the clerk for signing.

2700.0 Village Centre :

- Clerk reported that to date BT had not responded about the electricity supply in the phone box – to chase.
- Report from Cllrs. Killeen and Young - a meeting had taken place on 5th October 2020 via zoom between village businesses and Matthew cruddy from i-transport. The notes from the meeting to be circulated to attendees, councillors and other businesses in the village.
- Businesses had reported they will try and monitor where their staff park.

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- I-Transport had confirmed that no proposal for restricted parking in any part of Church Street were contained in the original draft.
- It was established that local shops felt that the fast-food outlets should be encouraged to park elsewhere (and that a loading bay for them was not needed). The area outside the parish office was felt to be a good potential position where they should not lose trade.
- Herringbone parking within the square was deemed to be unpopular and that whilst it was accepted that regulation measurements for parking spaces were a necessity for planning, a plain open space without markings would enable more parking.
- Additional provision of parking in the Bell Field with good lighting and a dry path from Milk Maid's Alley could incentivise local residents (with no off-road parking) to park there, leaving more spaces on the High Street and in Church Street for potential shop customers. This was being prioritised.
- It was confirmed that no yellow lines are contained in the plan.
- Ticehurst has applied to RDC for Civil Parking Enforcement, but has not been included in the first roll out but will be considered again next year.
- Further plans from I-Transport would be shared with the new business group and it was pointed out that whilst there had been some disquiet about the plans, it seemed to have resulted in a new business group being formed which was good for the village.
- The CIL grant, should cover the cost of new surfacing in the square, the civil engineering costs, a contribution to the Bell Field parking area, lighting and signage, together with an informal crossing over the High Street. Cllr. M Barnes assured the meeting that the grant would not be time-limited and that the agreement had only just been received and returned to Wealden Legal Services.

2701.0 Corner Farm: The clerk reported that hand over on the hall is likely to be next week.

The 2015, 106 monies for £14500.00 from MJH Executive Homes had been received by Rother and would be passed on to the Flimwell Hall Trust once funds had cleared. The clerk was thanked for the elongated pursuance of this money. *Details of the Trust bank account were sent to RDC 7.10.20 for transfer of funds.*

2702.0 Playground Inspections: To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – written reports on all playgrounds were distributed by cllrs. prior to the meeting together with operational reports from Playsafe.

- **Flimwell** - Cllr. Ham reported that whilst she could not see where the missing cap on the zip wire would have been located the playground was in good condition with no concerns.
- **Farthing Hill** - Cllr. Young reported that the gate remains open allowing dogs in. The swing basket wire has been taped up and not a cause for concern.
- **Ticehurst** – Cllr. Lloyd commented on his circulated report. The offending group who have graffitied at various points around the parish had spent a Saturday morning attempting to scrub off the paint. They had additionally agreed to repaint the youth shelter and the doors of the buildings affected - clerk to purchase paint. It was agreed to secure the services of a professional team to remove areas of graffiti that could not be worked on safely by members of the public. Thanks

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were extended to Cllr, Lloyd, P Reeves and F Nowne for their assistance in the restorative solution to the issue.

- It was resolved to carry out the recommended works by Playsafe that scored 20+ points on a risk basis as other items highlighted could be dealt with in house.
- Two new cameras have been ordered from Purer Solutions for the CCTV camera pole.
- **Stonegate** – Cllr. Luckhurst had circulated a report. It was felt that was unnecessary to paint the gate to the playground. She had cleared the bramble at the entrance and Cllr. Burley was regularly adjusting the gate catch.
- It was agreed to commission a survey and management plan for the ditch between Acres Rise and Farthing Hill and seek assistance in a further Lund Fund application to carry out the recommended works.
- **Banky Field** – post installation inspection carried out on 24th September 2020 – recommended works on safety surfacing and finger/toggle entrapment spacing would be addressed by the contractors before hand over. Cllr. M Barnes reported that the wet footpath is being addressed.
- **Bark Chippings** – Bark chips to be delivered in Spring 2021.

2703.0 Neighbourhood Plan Action Template: Cllr. Killeen reported that the current work in the village centre was addressing some of the main issues raised during the Neighbourhood Planning consultation process.

2704.0 Finance Report: All documentation for end of year was sent to the external auditors and a vat refund of £8800 has been submitted.

Report of expenditure against budget report was circulated - on acceptance the Chairman was asked to sign and the clerk would collect. *Query raised about increase in training budget was due to reimbursement of a fee from NALC for a cancelled event.*

Balanced Bank reconciliation circulated – on acceptance Chairman was requested to sign and the clerk would collect.

Insurance Claim on Loos at Recreation Ground: Awaiting works date for repairs.

Cheque	Amount	To whom	For:
000663	222.51	J Brooker	Litter picking
000664	720.63	HM Customs	PAYE
000665	74.40	Stat Express	Posters
000666	446.40	Portable Space	Loos
000667	720.63	HM Customs	PAYE
000668	221.76	Hanging Baskets	Europlants
000669	207.79	Viking	Replacement cheque - covid
000670	149.50	Zoom	Subscription
000671	66.49	Stampit	Seal
000672	139.94	C & C	Loo supplies
000673	273.40	F Nowne	Back pay to statutory increase
000674	3000.00	Stonegate Hall	Roof contribution
000675	85.00	RALC	Subscription
000676	142.80	RBS	Planning programme
000677	354.00	Safeplay	Post installation inspection

000678	277.20	Europlants	Hanging baskets
000679	432.00	RBS	End of year accounts
000680	859.46	Countrymans	September grass cuts

Cheques were sanctioned for payment, together with the normal annual donations to local organisations.

It was agreed that the financial advisory group would meet to start deliberations on the 2021 – 2024 budget before the next meeting - Cllr Luckhurst to circulate dates.

2705.0 Council Policies: Risk Management Policy: Draft circulated to council by Cllrs. Killeen, Young and the clerk was accepted and adopted by the council.

2706.0 Planning Report: Cllr. Lloyd reported on the planning matters considered at the planning meeting at 6.30 p.m – see page one of minutes.

- Cllr. Lloyd reported that a caravan being used as a dwelling in a field off Tinkers Lane had been report to RDC. It was then towed to the front of the Village Institute and left there. Last weekend it was removed by the owner and has not been seen since.
- **Tree Removal at Three Leg Cross** – Cllr. Lloyd reported that Defra are making a tree replacement order on the site.
- **Hilbury Field** – Cllr. M Barnes reported that she would ask for this matter to be taken back to the Committee. It was felt imperative that affordable housing should be included in the scheme. It was appreciated that proposed changes to planning policy might result in sites of less than 40 dwellings will not have to produce any affordable housing. It was also appreciated that getting a housing association to take on three homes in isolation would be difficult.
- **Response to the White Paper** on planning regulation changes - Cllr. Burley reported that proposals for changes to the planning system, classifying areas into three zones had been put out to consultation by the government. Ticehurst Parish Council had worked with other councils and the HWU to respond to the consultation.
- **Housing Numbers:** The same group had also, together with Sheena Carmichael, worked on the future housing target which would currently see a rise for Rother from 335 per year to 1173. The algorithm being used is felt to be flawed for areas with high levels of AONB's so an alternative calculation has been produced and sent to local MPs and to the government.
- **RDC Questionnaires:** Responses to the evidence based built form areas within the parish. Answers have been drafted and circulated – cllrs. were asked to comment before 8th October and delegated powers were resolved for the Planning Committee to submit to RDC before the deadline date of 9th October 2020.

2707.0 Salvation Army Clothes Bin – It was resolved to ask the SA to re-position the bin in the corner of the Pickforde Lane car park against the fence which will increase car parking capacity by two spaces.

2708.0 Banky Field Update – ditch and 106 variation agreement: The clerk had taken advice from Matthew Wood of Abstruct. His recommendation would be to request a three year defect liability with the hand over of the stie together with written assurance from an appropriately qualified company, (commissioned by Optivo/Thakeham Homes) with a geotechnical engineer that the earthworks are stable in the long term and have

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been constructed in accordance with best practise. Councillors unanimously resolved to request this from Optivo and on receipt would then be content to sign the deed of variation on the 106 agreement.

2709.0 Petanque Grant: The clerk to reported that she had asked for two quotations for the area west of the children’s cycle route. Construction is likely to be in March or April 2021. Stump grinding costs might be incurred in this area.

2710.0 Lighting: Column in St Mary’s Lane due for refurbishment. UKPN to book in.

2711.0 Trees at Marlpit Gardens: RW Green have offered to replace all the new plantings in November with crab apples.

2712.0 Bollards for the western end of the village square island: It was resolved to commission i-transport with obtaining a license to install attractive bollards on the western side of the island to stop vans and cars parking on the junction.

2713.0 Schedule of Works: Any matters relating to schedule circulated during lock-down – no matters were raised.

2714.0 Items for the November Agenda:

Community Bus	Budget
Remembrance Sunday	V. Centre
Christmas Lights	
Face Book – Cllr. Lansdowne offered to assist.	

2715.0 Date of the next meeting: 3rd November 2020

Signed.....Chairman

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