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**TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL**

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Clerk: Francesca Nowne**

**PLANNING MEETING 6.30 p.m.**

**Present: Cllrs. Lloyd, Burley, Ham and Galpin**

**RR/2020/1714/P – Charnwood, Burnt Lodge Lane Ticehurst TN5 7LD - Extensions and alterations to existing garage.** It was felt that this property has been subject to many planning applications, enlarging the property considerably over the years. It was felt to be an over-development of the site. **Recommendation for refusal.**

**RR/2020/1674/P The Brackens 2 Slanes Union Street, Flimwell TN5 7NT – Single storey extension and relocation of steps to patio.** Cllrs. felt that the plan was incomplete, not displaying the full extent of the property and therefore unable to comment objectively – **request for more detail.**

**RR/2020/1747/P 1 Gibbs Reed Cottages, Pashley Road, Ticehurst TN5 7HE – single store rear extension.** Unanimously approved – materials to match in colour and design those of the main dwelling. **Recommendation for approval.**

**RR/2020/1732/P Beaumans Cottage, Hook Hill TN5 6HL – two storey extension.** It was felt that this was a poorly designed extension, detracting from the character of the property. The removal of the chimneys were felt to be detrimental to the property and the proposed steep roof pitch was out of character with the High Weald and would require lintels to support it. **Recommendation for refusal.**

**RR/2020/1734/P Beaumans Cotage Hook Hill TN5 6HL – removal of stables and creation of 4 bay garage and holiday let.** It was felt that whilst this was a more attractive design than the proposed extension to the house, it was too large and disproportionate for the property and incongruous with the countryside. Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan clearly states that holiday development around the edges of Bewl Water should be discouraged. **Recommendation for refusal.**

**RR/2020/1770/P RR/2020/1771/L April Cottage Cross Lane, Ticehurst TN5 7HH – single storey rear extension to north side of the building.** Cllr. Galpin declared a personal interest and did not vote on this extension. The proposal was felt to be very small and in keeping with the main dwelling. There were no local objections and cllrs. felt that the proposal was well designed and sympathetic to the property.

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## MINUTES

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summonsed to attend a Meeting of Ticehurst Parish Council on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 – Ticehurst Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. via zoom.

Present: Cllrs. Burley, Crawley, Flory, Galpin, Ham, Killeen, Lansdowne, Le Bouedec, Lloyd 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 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.

### 2716.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

Two members of the public had joined the meeting.

- A lady introduced herself to the meeting, having purchased a piece of land at the eastern end of Ticehurst where she hoped, in time, that she might obtain planning permission for a modest dwelling.
- Cllrs. welcomed her and pointed out that the finished Neighbourhood Plan for Ticehurst might assist her.
- The clerk informed her of a near-by piece of land where enforcement proceedings were being pursued by the local authority which also might assist in adhering to planning guidelines for the area.

There were no other matters raised.

### 2717.0 District and County Councillors: Written reports had been requested as papers to distribute with agenda to members.

- District and County Councillors had given apologies for the meeting and there were no reports.

### 2718.0 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.

- There were no declarations of interest.

### 2719.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Barrow, Redknap and Luckhurst and their reasons accepted by members of the council and recorded in the attendance register in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85.

### 2720.0 Adoption of the Minutes: of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were proposed as a correct record of those proceedings by Cllr. Galpin, seconded by Cllr. Crawley and the Chairman was authorised to sign as a correct record in accordance with LGA 1972 Sch. 12 para 41 (1).

**2721.0 Village Centre : Report from Cllrs. Killeen and Young**

- **I – transport** Cllrs. Young reported that amended plans had been received on 3<sup>rd</sup> November, having incorporated some of the points made through the consultation process. These would be discussed by the village centre project team and distributed to all councillors after their meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020. It was confirmed that any final plan to proceed as an application would come back to full Council.
- **Communications Team** Pop up presentations of future plans for the village centre were being worked on to provide more effective communication with the village as a whole.
- **Fast food vehicles** The clerk reported that neither Rother or County were interested in the problem of the vehicles parking on the junction. The community support officers would have a word with the individuals about parking in contravention of the Highway Code. It was acknowledged that the provision of food was popular with residents and that an alternative, safer place should be suggested to them. Advertising plaques could be put on site, to inform people of the change of venue. Any decision to encourage an alternative venue should be communicated to the residents who live in the area.
- **Electric supply to the phone box** The clerk reported that the supply to the phone box was now connected to the parish council E-ON account. The sockets in the box are not powerful enough for the fast food vehicles.
- **Electric supply at annexe** A stronger external lockable socket will be provided on the external wall of the annexe.
- **Imprints** The residents of four dwellings near the western most imprint have complained that the resultant noise is too disturbing to remain in situ. A survey of other residents living very near the area resulted in mixed opinions being expressed. ESCC have confirmed that it has been installed correctly. It was resolved that the situation should continue to be monitored. The speed of approaching traffic affects the noise level and it was resolved to install the speed activated devices as part of the project to achieve a 20 mph limit as soon as possible. One will be sited to the west of the strip and should affect the speed of traffic entering the village. It was resolved to communicate this decision to the residents and to keep the situation under review.

**2722.0 Corner Farm:**

- It was reported that the hall had been handed over to the Flimwell Hall Trust, together with the shop. The Parish Council would remain as custodian trustees in the event of the Flimwell Hall Trust ceasing to exist.
- Shop occupancy – clerk reported that Rob, the ice-cream maker had moved in on 30<sup>th</sup> October and would run his business on a short term lease. He is willing to facilitate the provision of other products supplied by other local traders.
- 106 monies from Hurst Place, Flimwell – clerk reported that Rother had received the £14500.00 from MJH Executive Homes and that was being sent directly to the Flimwell Village Hall Trust. The clerk was thanked for pursuing this matter for so long to achieve a successful result.

**2723.0 Playground Inspections:** To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – written reports to be distributed prior to the meeting – report on meeting with Play Safety.

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**Flimwell** - Cllr. Ham had circulated a full report – the safety matting beneath the new zip wire is exposed and breaking up - clerk to ascertain if it can be pinned down or repaired. The rocker is moving at the base.

Hedges at Flimwell allotment have been flailed together with the hedge at the Recreation Ground.

**Farthing Hill and Banky Field** - Cllr. Young having circulated a report, highlighted the open gates into the Farthing Hill playground and the very wet ground at the new Banky Field playground. It was resolved to inform Thakeham Homes and Optivo that water is running off the banked up ground and collecting in the playground area and needs some sort of relief drain. The footpath is also so wet that it is difficult to use but it is understood that this has already been highlighted and is to be improved.

**Ticehurst** – Cllr. Lloyd had circulated a report on works completed during October 2020. It was resolved to obtain a quotation for cctv coverage of the Bell Field Car Park, linked into the existing system at the Recreation Ground – monies from the expected VAT refund to be used (up to £4000) for the provision to assist with identifying the fly tipping culprits and any other social nuisance in the area. Two new cameras have been installed at the recreation ground, covering the car park and the rear of the village institute.

It was resolved that the remainder of the VAT refund £4000, should be added to the £3000 in the current precept for youth services and directed at replacing the aged metal skate boxes that are not compliant with safety regulations and heat up in the summer. Cllr. Lloyd, the clerk and the Youth Club to investigate suitable replacement equipment.

**Stonegate** – Cllr. Luckhurst, having circulated a report, identified the gate to the playground as an issue – clerk to commission works to repair it. It was resolved to cut the hedge to the pond by hand - Cllrs. Burley and Lloyd to action.

**2724.0 Neighbourhood Plan Action Template:** Some of the main issues listed on the Action Plan are currently being addressed within the village centre project. The pedestrian route from the primary school to Tinkers Lane will be addressed with the Banky Field 106 monies.

**2725.0 Finance Report:** Second draft of 2021/22 budget was circulated (£148000 – 1% increase) - three year projection as recommended by the internal auditor – the draft was accepted but the financial implications of considering taking over the Children’s Centre also needs to be addressed.

A proportion of the funds added to reserves each year would be ring-fenced for playground replacements in the future and it was resolved that any further developments in Ticehurst should be asked for replacement equipment if appropriate, or a contribution towards this fund, as opposed to additional playgrounds.

Report of expenditure against budget report circulated.

Balanced bank reconciliation circulated.

Cheque	Amount	To whom	For:
000701	1493.64	Purer Solutions	New cameras on poles
000702	1520.54	Streetlights	Second part of annual payment
000703		F Nowne	Expenses
000704	250.00	W Jones	Ash trees at Stonegate
000705	66.53	Europlants	Hanging baskets
000706	294.00	RBS	Allotment and finance support packages
000707	859.46	Countrymans	October grass cuts
000708	85.00	V Hallett	Replaces cheque 000698
000709	9.34	Castle Water	Loos
000710	100.00	Hawkhurst Hos	Replaces 000687
000711	113.04	Lamberhurst Eng	Oil etc for machinery

**2726.0 Children's Centre Ticehurst:** It was resolved that Cllrs. Crawley and Ham would assist the clerk and C. Cllr. J Barnes in researching the cost and management implications. If the possibility of proceeding with a lease, the matter would, in future, be dealt with confidentially due to the sensitivity of the matter.

**2727.0 Council Policies: Risk Management Policy –** Cllr. Killeen reported that she and the clerk had been working on the content and that it would be put forward for deliberation at the December meeting.

**2728.0 Planning Report:**

Cllr. Lloyd reported on the applications considered at 6.30 pm on page 1/3/11/2020.

Cllr. Lloyd informed colleagues that Defra are considering making a 'replanting order' in Three Leg Cross, where the oaks were removed, and a prosecution as the owner did not stop the works when asked to do so by the Forestry Commission.

Cllr Burley reported on the work being done by a group of councillors and residents from different parishes to influence the housing allocation numbers within the AONB and responses had also been sent commenting on the proposed planning regulation changes contained within the recent white paper, as well as lobbying local MPs. He thanked Sheena Carmichael and Claire Tester for their research and drafting of documentation.

**2729.0 Remembrance Sunday arrangements 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020.**

- Road closure – the road will be closed for the two minute silence and laying of wreaths.
- Self-distancing arrangements – councillors were asked to assist in ensuring that the public practised self-distancing measures – high viz jackets to be provided.

**2730.0 Banky Field Update – ditch and 106 land.** Clerk reported that the Lund Fund support team will be starting to carry out a survey (Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November) of the ditch running from Acres Rise to Farthing Hill and will provide a management plan for the area.

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**2731.0 Petanque Grant:** Clerk reported that quotations for installation had been requested..

**2732.0 Full Fibre Broadband for Ticehurst –** A request from a local resident had been received about pressing for 5G provision in Ticehurst. It was resolved that this would be a good addition for businesses and those working from home. Clerk to investigate how to exert pressure on Openreach to provide this facility.

**2733.0 Overriding Strategic Objectives of the Rother Local Plan to 2039** Clerk reported that she was working on a response from the Ticehurst parish.

**2734.0 Schedule of Works:** Any matters relating to schedule circulated during lock-down.

It was resolved to add details of which shops would be able to open during lock-down on the face book page and the web site together with details of which of the closed shops could offer services via their web sites.

**2735.0 Items for the December Agenda:** No discussion

**2736.0 Date of the next meeting:** 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020

Signed.....Chairman

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