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TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

**The Village Hall, Lower High Street, Ticehurst, East Sussex, TN5 7BB
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Clerk: Francesca Nowne**

PLANNING 6.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. Lloyd ©, Burley, Galpin, Ham, Young,

RR/2020/1866/P TICEHURST DEL 23 Old Wardsdown, Flimwell, Ticehurst TN5 7NN Garage conversion and first floor side extension. *It was felt that the proposed extension was in proportion with the existing building and accepted that the use of garages had diminished. Recommendation for approval.*

RR/2020/1713/P TICEHURST DEL Central Stores - Flat 2, Church Street, Ticehurst TN5 7AA Replacement of 5 windows like for like. *The replacement windows will be constructed using traditional wooden methods in keeping with the conservation area - recommendation for approval.*

RR/2020/1715/L TICEHURST DEL Central Stores - Flat 2, Church Street, Ticehurst TN5 7AA Replacement of 5 windows like for like.

RR/2020/2086/P TICEHURST DEL 4 Old Wardsdown, Flimwell, Ticehurst TN5 7NN Conversion of existing garage into study. *There were no objections to the proposal – recommendation for approval.*

RR/2020/2112/T TICEHURST DEL 12 Steeldands Rise, Ticehurst TN5 7DH T1 - Silver Birch - Reduce by 30% T2 - Oak - Removal of dead wood. *The proposed works were felt to be reasonably proportionate for the protected trees – it was pointed out that current practise is to provide reduction in metres but an overall 30% reduction to the Silver Birch to achieve a well balanced crown met with approval – removal of deadwood in the Oak would not require permission.*

RR/2020/2123/T TICEHURST DEL 29 Corner Farm Close, Flimwell, Ticehurst TN5 7FE Oak x 1 - Removal of several overhanging branches. *The PC has recently gained a TPO on this row of veteran oaks, requested before the building work started at Corner Farm. No root protection was afforded to the trees during the construction process and the roots were adversely affected over an 18 month period. The dense ivy cover to this oak prevents a proper visual tree assessment – ivy has been severed at the base recently by the PC. It was felt prudent that this tree should be left to recover from the root disturbance before any reduction is considered – recommendation for refusal on the basis that it could be considered at a later date.*

RR/2020/581/L DEL TICEHURST The Bell, High Street, Ticehurst TN5 7AS Alterations and additions to The Bell and adjacent Bakery to enable extended restaurant and new kitchen, three new guest rooms and four new lodges, new community shop, and associated facilities. *It was felt that this was an improvement on the previous application (page 26 of the Design and Access statement details). It was felt that the Bell had provided a heart to the village and that previous works had been sympathetic to the village centre. The only issue was the provision of additional parking to accommodate the extra restaurant covers, guest and staff accommodation – it was felt that RDC officers would calculate the probable impact and the PC recommended conditional approval on the basis that between 17 and 25 additional parking spaces were provided in the village centre.*

A G E N D A

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summoned to attend a Meeting of Ticehurst Parish Council on Tuesday 1st December 2020 – Ticehurst Village Hall at 7.00 p.m. via zoom.

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 have a right and are welcome to stay and observe the rest of the meeting in accordance with Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1.

Present: Cllrs. Burley © , Crawley, Flory (for about 15 minutes – sound issues on zoom) Galpin, Ham, Killeen, Lansdowne, Le Bouedec, Lloyd, and Young.

2737.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

There was one member of the public present (potential future resident of Ticehurst) who wanted to observe only.

2738.0 District and County Councillors: No written reports were available:

- Cllr. J Barnes reported that he had attended a meeting commenting on a recent white paper on care for the elderly.
- Cllr. Barnes requested PC assistance in putting pressure on ESCC for better storm water run-off in the Wardsbrook valley.
- Cllr. J Barnes re-iterated the ESCC position that the imprint strips had been installed correctly. No response has been received on the PC position to neighbouring residents that the situation would continue to be monitored after the speed activated devices had been installed - it is understood that one of the properties has recently been sold.
- Cllr. M Barnes reported on the progress that Bexhill were making to become a parish – elections likely in May 2021 for 18 cllrs. It is anticipated that this will represent a saving of £300,000 a year which the rural areas currently subsidise.
- Clerk requested that the District Cllrs put pressure on the finance department at Rother to release CIL monies and 106 monies in full to be deposited in the PC reserve accounts. The vulnerability of all levels of local government is concerning and the PC wish to ensure that all funds owing to Ticehurst are securely invested.
- Cllr. Barnes was thanked for the prompt ESCC response to the tree issue in Lymden Lane.
- Stonegate School are staggering leaving times for pupils due to traffic congestion.

2739.0 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.

2740.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cllrs. Redknap, Barrow and Luckhurst and their reasons for absence were recorded in the attendance register on acceptance by the Council in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85.

2741.0 Adoption of the Minutes: Cllr. Killeen proposed and Cllr. Ham seconded a motion that the draft notes from the meeting held on 3rd November 2020 should be approved and authorised the Chairman to sign as a correct record in accordance with LGA 1972 Sch. 12 para 41 (1). The notes were amended to reflect the Neighbourhood Plan Policy on play area provision within developments (the alteration was read out to councillors and unanimously agreed).

2742.0 Village Centre : Report from Cllrs. Killeen and Young

- **I – transport – report on meeting 24th November 2020 and consequential resolutions:**
- PC have written to ES Highways expressing disappointment at the poor result after line removal works on the newly surfaced high street – requesting a discount.
- Cllr. Young had summarised and circulated the background to the village centre project (which largely emerged from the Neighbourhood Planning consultation process) to all councillors together with a recent parking survey. It appears that between 6 and 8 cars are permanently parked in the square. If these could be persuaded to move, then the reduction of parking in the redesigned square would have no real impact to retailers. It was acknowledged that Ticehurst Motors have made a big effort to keep their cars and customer cars out of the square in recent months.
- The transient number of parking spaces is currently about 10, so it could be argued that the new scheme should allow for that number of spaces in the final plan.
- It was resolved to ask i-transport to approach ESCC with the plan, exploring the current drawings and also the possibility of having drop down bollards at the eastern end of the square, an alternative crossing from Pickforde Lane to the Square and a western disabled ramp to the shop as well as the eastern access currently on the plan. I-Transport would also speak to Stage Coach about the stopping points for the hourly bus.
- The provision of a disabled ramp is the responsibility of the shop owners, the PC have only become involved as a facilitator – bringing the equalities team and the shop together and supporting, in principle, an improvement to the current situation.
- It was felt that the symmetry of the Hornbeam trees should be retained and that additional planting could be considered after the principle of the plan has been agreed with ESCC.
- **Fast food vehicles** Local residents have complained to RDC about the noise and smells emanating from the vans four days a week. One resident responded to a consultation about whether it would be acceptable for them to park near the parish office - objecting to the proposal.
- **Electric supply to the phone box** – completed.
- **Electric supply at annexe** - contract commissioned.

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- The chairman thanked Cllrs. Killeen and Young for all the work they had done to obtain a grant and progress the plans. It was felt that the negotiations and guidance from ESCC might take several months.

2743.0 Corner Farm - Flimwell Recreation Ground - Row of oaks are now covered with a tree preservation order. Planning application No RR/2020/2123/T - recommendation for refusal was considered at the planning meeting at 6.30 p.m.

2744.0 Playground Inspections: To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – written reports to be distributed prior to the meeting – report on meeting with Play Safety.

Flimwell - Cllr. Ham had circulated a report to members

Farthing Hill and Banky Field - Cllr. Young had circulated a report to members – Gate code at Farthing Hill is 2512.

Ticehurst – Cllr. Lloyd had circulated a report to members – the matting under the sip wire had been cut back, as it had risen above the bark chips and could have potential been a hazard to users – 1.12.20.

Stonegate – Clerk reported that the catch at the playground gate was working.

Stonegate Recreation Ground - Cllr. Lloyd reported that the failing Ash trees had been removed with the consent of the Forestry Commission.

2745.0 Speed Activated Devices:

Clerk reported that a 7.30 am telephone meeting was booked for 2.12.20 to get an update on progress. A good deal had been secured on the price of 3 x solar S.I.Ds and the order would be placed as soon as the licences were secured.

Additional poles within the parish – cllrs. were asked to consider where other sites for poles within the parish might be positioned so that the application process for licences could be started.

2746.0 Finance Report: Third draft of 2021/22 budget was circulated - three year projection as recommended by the internal auditor

Report of expenditure against budget report circulated.

Bank reconciliation circulated.

External auditor has returned the accounts, recommending the route suggested by the internal auditor for three year budgets to be produced and noting that due to the Covid pandemic and lack of PC meetings, the accounts were submitted later than normal. Notice posted on the web site and notice boards.

Cheques sanctioned for payment:

Cheque	Amount	To whom	For:
000714	61.64	Viking Direct	Paper
000715	1071.60	I transport	plans
000716	400.00	T Clifton	Communications team
000717	446.40	Portable Space	Temporary loos
000718	509.76	Europlants	Hanging Baskets
000719	300.00	Graffiti Removal	Course
000720	13.18	Moodi	Cards
000721	233.12	ESCC	Licence
000726	164.00	K Robertson	Audit – internal not invoiced

000725	93.60	F Nowne	Expenses Oct and November
000727	200.00	J Brooker	Litter picking and supervision
000722	66.53	Europlants	Hanging Baskets`
000723	528.00	Littlejohns	External Audit
000724	2163.45	HM Revenue	Three months PAYE
000728	859.46	Countrymans	Grass cutting November

2747.0 Children’s Centre Ticehurst and Newington Court: It was resolved that Cllrs. Ham, Crawley, Lloyd and C.Cllr. J Barnes would have a zoom meeting to discuss.

2748.0 Council Policies: Risk Management Policy – Cllr. Killeen and the clerk were thanked for the work done on the final draft. The motion to adopt the policy was proposed by Cllr. Young and seconded by Cllr. Burley.

2749.0 Planning Report: Cllr. Lloyd reported on applications considered by Planning Committee with delegated powers to comment to Local Authority at the meeting at 6.30 pm. Minutes listed on page 1/01/12/2020. Members were informed that the recent application at Shovers Green for a replacement dwelling on a garage plot had been refused at appeal.

2750.0 Footpath relocation at Wallcrouch: Consideration of proposal had been circulated. Members felt that the relocation was sensible and instructed the clerk to respond accordingly to the consultation.

2751.0 Banky Field Update – ditch and 106 land. Remedial works at the playground and on the footpath will commence on 2nd December 2020 and are expected to last about 6 weeks. Optivo had responded to the Council’s request for a three year defects guarantee with an offer of two years. Cllr. Galpin undertook to take advice from a structural engineer, and dependent on expert comment, accept or decline the offer from Optivo.

2752.0 Petanque Grant: Clerk reported that neither contractor, invited to quote had delivered an estimate to date.

2753.0 Full Fibre Broadband for Ticehurst Cllr. Le Bouedec reported that Ticehurst has access to superfast optic broadband but it requires a subscription.

2754.0 Items for the January Agenda: Census consultation/awareness. Traveller sites consultation (Cllrs. Burley and Lloyd to report) and Newington Court consultation (Cllrs. Killeen and Young to report).

2755.0 Date of the next meeting: January 5th 2021

Signed.....Chairman

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