

TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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A G E N D A 6.30 pm for planning:

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summoned to attend a Meeting of Ticehurst Parish Council on Tuesday 2nd November 2021 – Ticehurst Village Institute at 7.00 p.m.

Planning applications were considered and recommendations made at 6.30 pm which were then reported to full council during the council meeting.

Present: Cllrs. Burley ©, Galpin, Ham, Stephenson and Lansdowne.

RR/2021/2413/P Hillbury Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) of approval
 Field, High RR/2019/2818/P to allow amendments to plots 7 and 8.
 Street, *The two plots at the southern end of the site – the proposed
 Ticehurst change would impact the two properties immediately to the
 north. It was felt that the loss of the cat-slide roof and
 lifting of eave height detracted from the over all design.
 Recommendation for refusal.*

RR/2021/2336/P 15 Upper Demolition of existing detached garage, removal of existing
 Platts, front porch and construction of proposed single storey rear
 Ticehurst extension.
 TN5 7HD *It was felt that this was not in character with the AONB,
 was completely dissimilar to other property extensions
 permitted within the Upper Platts group of properties. The
 proposed footprint is inappropriate to the original –
 Recommendation for refusal.*

RR/2021/1889/P Bramdean, Station Road, Stonegate, Ticehurst TN5 7EP Relocation of
 existing drive and access to join the road away from the blind corner

*The current driveway meets the road on a blind bend and proposed exit and entrance
 would be safer. Original driveway to be removed. Recommendation for approval.*

RR/2021/2038/P Little Pashley Farm, Pashley Road, Ticehurst TN5 7HE Extension into roof
 space to provide additional accommodation and associated works.

*The proposal to lift the roof to a steep pitch creating more
 accommodation in the roof space would not have an adverse impact on neighbours. In
 keeping with ANOB. Recommendation for approval.*

RR/2021/2352/P Autumn Cottage, High Street, Ticehurst TN5 7BQ Demolition of existing
 kitchen and porch extensions and erection of single storey garden room extension.

Replacement of existing UPVC windows with wood framed and installation of rooflights.
 Removal of existing annexe roof and replacement with pitched roof with roof lights.

Good design, sympathetic with original building. Recommendation for approval.

RR/2021/2335/P New Pond Farm – replacement building – retrospective *It was felt that
 the building replaced the old picture framing building that had been demolished. Traffic
 generated was minimal – however there was an element of incremental creep with the
 application being retrospective.*

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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.

Present: Cllrs. Burley, Galpin, Ham, Killeen, Lansdowne, LeBouedec, Redknapp, Stephenson and Young.

In attendance: D. Cllrs, M Barnes and G Browne and C.Cllr. E Kirby-Green.

2910.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

Four members of the public were present:

- An ex-councillor advised caution when planning major village centre alterations and to ensure that any scheme was not so big that inflation could have an adverse effect on the out-come. He was advised that works would be carried out in a 'step by step' planning process.
- The suggestion in the last set of minutes of installing a lay-by in the wide green verge on the eastern side of Church Street was unacceptable to him. The chairman reported that the PCC had considered and rejected the idea. However, it is likely that the land is owned by East Sussex Highways rather than the church.
- It was explained that the council will have to prove that traffic speeds can be reduced to 30 mph before an application for a 20 mph limit can be considered.
- Clerk reported that having looked into the reduction of care places at Newington Court, Optivo are considering selling the unit. There was discussion about the lack of accountability of affordable housing providers. Original 106 or restrictive covenants to be investigated.
- Congratulations were forth-coming that a younger candidate had come forward to be considered for co-option to the council.

Report on social media points raised during the last month:

Speeding in Church Street.

2911.0 District and County Councillor Reports:

C. Cllr. E Kirby-Green had circulated a report to members: Main points:

- ESCC plan to improve bus routes and links if government funding is obtained.
- £5.8 million to be allocated for highway improvements over and above the on-going maintenance programme.
- Following up on the permanent pavement leak outside Westbourne, High Street.

D.Cllr. Browne reported that he had attended the licensing committee and supported the proposal to prohibit food vehicles from parking on the High Street/Church Street junction. It is still hoped that they will agree to move to outside the village hall, where there is parking for customers and they will not miss out on passing trade.

D.Cllr. Barnes reported:

- Battle had its Neighbourhood Plan adopted.
- Appointment of new deputy Chief Executive from Ashford with a portfolio for Economy and Tourism was felt to be a positive move for RDC.
- Disabled access to the village from Cross Lane Gardens – this remains an issue. Bollards would prevent cars parking on the pavement but there is no current enforceable legislation to prevent it.

2912.0 Declarations of Interest: Declarations of interest under the terms of the Council's Code of Conduct and Localism Act 2011 s.31.

There were no declarations of interest.

2913.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies to be recorded in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Crawley, Lloyd and Luckhurst – the reasons for non-attendance were accepted by colleagues and recorded.

2914.0 Adoption of the Minutes: Cllr. Young proposed and Cllr. Le.Bouedec seconded a motion that the draft minutes of the 5th October 2021 meeting be adopted and signed by the chairman – unanimously carried.

2915.0 Co-option of Cllr. to represent Ticehurst: CV Daniel Studholme had been circulated. Cllr. Studholme was unanimously co-opted by show of hands and joined members at the council table. Clerk provided register of financial declaration and acceptance of office (code of conduct) form for completion within 28 days.

2916.0 Village Centre : Cllrs. Young and Killeen reported on various matters:

- **Report circulated on 27.10.21 to members on resolution in principle to drive forward village centre plans to detailed design stage. The aims of the scheme were reiterated:**
 - **Reduce village centre congestion by time limiting parking in the day time.**
 - **Make the centre a safer place for pedestrians**
 - **To make the centre more attractive and enjoyable**
 - **To create a fluid parking (limited) to ensure shops enjoy more customers**
 - **To ensure the social/economic viability of Ticehurst**
 - **To create informal road crossings to access the village centre.**
 - **To achieve, in conjunction with the Londis shop, a disability entrance.**

It was agreed it had taken years to reach this point, but the time-limited grant awarded to the council will hopefully pay for the scheme. Detailed design will deliver the information to determine whether the village square can be resurfaced with the red tarmac, whether a disabled ramp or lift is possible for the entrance to the shop.

It was pointed out that the final scheme will be a compromise between what was originally envisaged and what will be allowed by the safety auditors, for example it has become apparent that yellow lines will be needed at the junction of Church Street and the High Street. Parking surveys have proved that within the square at any one point, 8 -10 cars will be parked for most of the day, diminishing the opportunity for people to park and use the village shops in a village where 5000 cars pass through each day. It was agreed to request that the traffic congestion outside the old hairdressers is addressed within the scheme.

It was explained that an additional piece of land would be offered to the garage to ensure that their display vehicles were not intruding into the proposed time-limited areas.

Cllr. LeBouedec proposed that the scheme be adopted and taken to detailed design, and Cllr. Ham, seconded the motion - the motion was carried, with the exception of Cllr. Galpin who argued that parking in the square should be restricted to a very small number of cars (5) and that a good landscaping scheme should dominate the village centre to improve the area for residents. It was pointed out that the scheme does deliver on two

policies within the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr. Burley thanked Cllrs. Young and Killeen for their work on this project.

- New license is awaited for device at Marlpit Gardens.
- RDC have issued consultation advice for limiting trading in church street and the village square – posted on web site.
- Cllr. Galpin reported on meeting with Richard Upton 21.10.21 - Having shared the plans for the extended car park, providing an additional 50 parking spaces and leaving spaces for landscaping and improved football viewing areas, Richard Upton was happy to contribute financially, on the basis that layers of improvement could be added as funds allow to aesthetically improve the area. It is planned to provide electric charging points within the car park and potentially create an ‘in and out’ system. Cllr. Galpin will move to make the planning application.

2917.0 Playground Inspections: To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – written reports to be distributed prior to the meeting.

Most of the ‘red’ identified works have been remedied or are awaiting parts:

- Slide at Flimwell has been removed – awaiting new one – area temporarily made safe.
- Brambles over parallel bars at Flimwell have been removed.
- Signs that were recommended at all playgrounds have been erected.
- Swing at Farthing Hill will be replaced as soon as the new one arrives.
- Rocker at Ticehurst - new handles have been received and will be installed this week.
- Fresh Air Fitness are going to come and service all the gym equipment and replace any missing parts.

Complaint about the grass cutting on 26th October at Ticehurst has been lodged with Countrymans as the ground was churned up with a broken machine. They attended the next day to remedy the situation.

Flimwell - Report was circulated by Cllr. Redknap It was resolved that J Brooker take over emptying the bins as this has not been done for over two months.

Farthing Hill - Report circulated by Cllr. Young

Ticehurst – Report circulated by Cllr. Lloyd

Stonegate – Report circulated by Cllr. Luckhurst

It was recommended that bark chips should be raked out as lorries would not access the playgrounds now that the ground is met.

Cricket Pavilion – Contractor has carried out the necessary works - portion to be paid by the cricket club – clerk to action.

Update on **skate park** area – quotation has been updated and awaiting installation date. Clerk had requested a date, but this has not yet been received.

2918.0 Finance Report:

Expenditure since last parish council meeting listed below:

Transaction Description	Debit Amount
NATIONWIDE WASTE	145.53

SAFEPLAY PLAYGROUN	60
EAST SUSSEX ALC LI	120
CASTLE WATER LTD	5
CASTLE WATER LTD	3.39
HONEY BARRETT LIM	39
BIFFA WASTE SERVIC	39.78
STUDHOLME ELECTRIC	850
STREETLIGHTS	1520.54
ROTHER ASSOCIATION	90
SERVICE CHARGES	7
I-TRANSPORT LLP	876
HMRC SHIPLEY	2447.61
EUROPLANTS LTD	710.54
EAST SUSSEX ALC LI	48
COUNTRYMANS CONTRA	1309.46
E.ON	318.7
FOREST TREE SURGEO	2163.38
NEST	186.27
HMRC SHIPLEY	2447.61
BT GROUP PLC	72.36
SOCIETY OF LOCAL C	234
RIALTAS BUSINESS S	142.8
PURER SOLUTIONS LT	60
J BROOKER	300
GLASDON UK LTD	21.2
EUROPLANTS LTD	66.53
NATIONWIDE WASTE	165.62

**Report of expenditure against budget report circulated and accepted by members.
Reconciled Bank reconciliation circulated to all members.**

2919.0 Planning Report: Planning applications considered at the planning meeting 6.30 pm – applications listed with comments to be sent to RDC prior to the PC draft minutes.

- **Enforcement Proceedings - Birchenwood occupancy matter was heard in Hastings Magistrates Court on 28.9.21 – guilty pleas put forward Fine £180 (reduced from £270). Victim Surcharge £34 and costs contribution of £600 (reduced from £1278) – The occupant has to remove the caravan and clear the land - RDC are ready to take further action if this does not happen.**
- **Land at Stonegate – change of use - official report needs to be submitted.**

2920.0 Management Plan for the ditch has been received - Lund Fund application has been partially successful - clerk reported on meeting with J Brooker about employing local workforce to remove the rubbish from the stream and hire skips for removal as discussed last month It was resolved that this work should take place in the spring.

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2921.0 Defibrillator for the parish: Cllr. Luckhurst reported that the cover and additional pads needed had been ordered.

2922.0 Items for the December Agenda:

- Firework display for Ticehurst.
- RDC Infrastructure consultation – report on meeting.

2923.0 Date of the next meeting: 7th December 2021

Signed.....Chairman

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