

TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summoned to attend a Zoom Meeting of Ticehurst Parish Council on Tuesday 4th January 2022 – Ticehurst Village Institute at 7.30 p.m. Due to high Covid infections it was felt safer to meet remotely without resolutions, whilst government advice is sought - NALC advice in December was to cancel meetings but Ticehurst had already had their meeting and approved the draft budget for 2022-23 – to be ratified before end of January 2022.

Present: Cllrs. Burley ©, Galpin, Lansdowne, LeBouedec, Lloyd, Luckhurst, Redknapp, Stephenson, Studholme, and Young.

In attendance: D. Cllrs. Barnes and Browne and C. Cllr. Kirby-Green.
Charlie Bassett in attendance.

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

2937.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

There were no members of the public present.

Report on social media points raised during the last month:

- Some members of the public are commenting that the speed activated devices are encouraging speeding – the under calculation is apparently as car speedometers read 10% faster than the actual speed being actioned.
- Public irritation about the fast food prohibition order requested
- Flimwell allotment vandalism and theft.

2938.0 District and County Councillor Reports:

Cllr. Browne reported that the enforcement team at Rother are being supportive and chasing up breaches within the parish.

Cllr. Barnes reported that the full RDC council meeting will be 31.1.22 and planning has been moved to February.

Cllr. Kirby-Green reported a complaint about the road surface on the eastern side of the Flimwell traffic lights - she has raised this with Highways Steward but it might be a Highways Agency issue.

2939.0 Declarations of Interest: Declarations of interest under the terms of the Council's Code of Conduct and Localism Act 2011 s.31.

Cllr. J Galpin declared a pecuniary interest in the Bewl Water application as his company have submitted the application – therefore he left the meeting.

2940.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies to be recorded in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85.

Cllrs. Ham and Killeen - their apologies were recorded on acceptance by members.

2941.0 Adoption of the Minutes: 7th December 2021 draft minutes had been circulated to all members and posted on the parish council web site. They were proposed as a correct record of those proceedings by Cllr. Galpin and seconded by Cllr. Young.

2942.0 Vacancy for councillor to represent Ticehurst: As this was not a full meeting as it was held remotely it was not possible to fill the vacancy – however, Charlie Bassett whose CV had been circulated, was invited to address members. He reiterated that he had lived in the village all his life and farmed locally. His keen interest in the village and local community had lead him to put his name forward for the Ticehurst vacancy. He was thanked by the chairman and asked to attend the February meeting.

2943.0 Village Centre : Cllrs. Young and Killeen reported on various matters:

- Instruction to go to detailed design has been given to i-transport – Cllr. Young reported that the plan is moving on to the stage II safety audit and detailed design stage.
- New license has been granted for device at Marlpit Gardens and installation by Coppards is awaited. General feeling is that the speed activated devices are effective in slowing traffic - Malatite have informed Cllr. Studholme that the displayed speed can not be adjusted - clerk to query whether they are faulty with suppliers.
- RDC have issued consultation advice for limiting trading in church street and the village square - Cllr. Studholme updated members on the current situation - the Pizza van now parks within the Square and the chip man is also making efforts to do so - he has been spoken to by ESCC about cables on the pavement and obstructing the junction - ESCC have asked for photographic evidence if this continues. Clerk was asked to contact RDC about whether the PC would have any flexibility about setting up a designated space within the village centre on a rentable basis.
- Smoking Shelter at the Cherry Tree –Cllr.Studholme reported that due to restrictions on public being outside after 10 pm, the owners want advice on where they can build a smoking shelter. Cllr. Mary Barnes committed to finding out if they needed advice and would get contact details from Cllr. Studholme.
- Electric Charging Points in the Bell Field Car Park - clerk is meeting with Sevadis 11.30 am on 11th January 2022. Cllr. Galpin confirmed that lockable bike racks can be provided within the new car park layout.
- Grant for Platinum Jubilee celebrations might assist with embellishments for the new car park to make it an attractive space, as well as providing more parking.

2944.0 Playground Inspections: Playground reports were received Cllrs.

Chains provided by Sovereign Play for reinstatement of new cradle swing are not the correct ones – replacement ones received in December were still wrong and returned to Sovereign.

Flimwell - Dog bin has broken - clerk to ascertain whether it could be fixed.

Farthing Hill - lock to double gates has broken.

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Ticehurst – Cllr. Lloyd reported that he had spent the last two days reviewing CCTV coverage around the village due to graffiti, categorised as hate crime, by the police was painted on to the youth shelter and adjacent bins on Sunday – footage shows three persons, destabilising the lighting and camera column. Further incidents have been reported through the village just before and after this time. Police will take footage from the cameras to investigate. They were also seen throwing something at a car before running off - the clerk was asked to get Streetlights to install a brighter light to enhance camera coverage. Investigations are on-going.

Stonegate – Air pellet indentations have been observed in the wooden equipment - hedge has been cut again and is too low - clerk to inform contractor.

Cricket Pavilion – Electrical connect to defibrillator required – invoice paid for one third of recent works to Cricket Club for payment. Clerk to check on delivery of cases and keep Cllr. Studholme informed.

Update on **skate park** area – quotation has been updated and awaiting installation.

2945.0 **Finance Report:**

Expenditure since December parish council meeting listed below:

Final draft budget for 2022-23 circulated after consideration by finance group – no changes since the December meeting when Cllrs. had agreed the budget subject to any changes suggested by members - as there had been no changes - clerk was asked to submit to RDC.

Insurance costs were considered £4966.66 for the PC contribution and accepted - BDT share would be £4572.51 which they can consider - as they share the PC public liability cover they would need to obtain separate cover for this if they decide to insure separately.

Report of expenditure against budget report circulated and accepted by members.

Reconciled Bank reconciliation circulated and accepted by members.

	£ money in	£ money out
Nationwide waste		209.91
Bookers cash and carry		140.10
HMRC Shipley		2447.61
Sovereign Play		135.40
Countrymans – grass		859.46
Europlants		63.55
BT Group		72.36
Portal Plan		262.00
Studholme electrics		149.99
Tate Fencing		72.90
Flimwell Cricket Club	283.00	
Nationwide waste	522.26	
R Studholme		2097.00
S Veenswyk Colvin hedging		1400.00
J Brooker		325.00
Fenland Leisure		299.00
HSBC CCLA		10000.00

E.ON		318.70
Biffa waste		85.08
Service charges Lloyds		7.00
Honey Barrett		39.00
Castle Water		8.39
Beatrice Drewe Trust		4000.00
Battle Area Transport		600.00
St Peters Stonegate		750.00
Stonegate Village Hall		1500.00
Flimwell Village Hall		1500.00
CAB		100.00
Ticehurst Scouts		100.00
Ticehurst Football Club		100.00
Hawkhurst Cottage Hospital		100.00
St. Michaels Hospice		100.00
Victim Support		100.00

2946.0 **Planning Report:** Planning applications considered

Application at Bewl WD/2021/0638/F – draft letter circulated and accepted for submission to Wealden DC quoting N Plan rural policies.

Reference	Location	Proposal
RR/2021/2859/P	Abbey Lea, Bardown Road, Stonegate, TN5 7EL	Conversion of existing swimming pool into games/entertainment room with attic space to be used guest accommodation, to include 2no. bedrooms, sitting room, a kitchenette and a bathroom. Demolition of existing courtyard wall and the construction of a triple car port. <i>Approved subject to s106 tying new building to main dwelling – previous application of a similar nature had been approved about 12 years ago.</i>
RR/2021/2864/P	Wardsdown Coppice, Union Street, Flimwell, TN5 7NX	Proposed mixed ancillary building with additional parking area for main dwelling. <i>Cllrs. were concerned about the terminology of ‘ancillary’ use as it could be used as a separate dwelling despite the proximity – on the basis of consistency with previous recommendations, members felt that whilst the fenestration indicated it would not be sold separately to the main dwelling, if approved by RDC, a s106 should be attached to the permission. Comment only.</i>

Cllrs. who drafted the response to RDC Call for Sites and attended meeting with RDC planning policy officers, were thanked for their thorough and comprehensive work.

2947.0 **Firework display:** Cllr. Studholme asked whether the PC should support re-

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introducing a village firework display due to 95% positive response to an on-line survey. Cllr. Luckhurst quoted many of the new regulations that need to be complied with re storage, explosives license, electronic firing system etc. Clerk and Cllr. Studholme to investigate the requirements and report back to Council.

2948.0 Items for the February Agenda: Cllr. M Barnes gave apologies.

2949.0 Date of the next meeting: 2nd February 2022 - in person or remotely, dependant upon government advice.

Signed.....Chairman

Dated.....

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