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## TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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### MINUTES

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summoned to attend a meeting of Ticehurst Parish Council on Tuesday 1st March 2022 at Ticehurst Village Institute at 7.00 p.m.

Planning applications for consideration and recommendations of planning committee were reported to full council at 6.30pm

Cllrs. present for Planning: Cllr. Lloyd ©, Cllr. Galpin, Cllr. Luckhurst, Cllr. Burley, Cllr. Killeen.

Present: Cllr. M Barnes and Cllr. G Browne

#### Recent results

Reference	Location	Proposal	Status
<a href="#">RR/2021/3041/P</a>	1 Hillside, Station Road, Stonegate, TN5 7EW	Demolition of existing side extension and outbuilding and erection of two storey side extension with gabled rear projection and single storey rear extension.	Granted
<a href="#">RR/2021/3020/P</a>	2 Hillside, Station Road, Stonegate, TN5 7EW	Demolition of existing side extension and out-building and erection of two storey side extension and single storey rear extension	Granted
<a href="#">RR/2021/3021/P</a>	Old Carpenters Shop, Whiligh, Ticehurst TN5 7JU	Single storey side extension.	Refused
<a href="#">RR/2021/2989/P</a>	9 Eden Court, Ticehurst TN5 7AF .	Ground floor extension	Granted

#### New Applications:

Reference	Location	Proposal	Status
<a href="#">RR/2022/193/P</a>	8 Forge Field, Stonegate TN5 7ED	Single storey side extension and internal alterations <b><i>No Objection - fits in with driveway configuration and garden shape maintaining the cul-de-sac formation</i></b>	
<a href="#">RR/2022/160/P</a>	Stone Place, Tolhurst Lane, Wallcrouch TN5 7JG	Demolition of existing agricultural buildings; restoration of walled garden, erection of land management and agricultural buildings with associated works. <b><i>Objector to the proposal attended. Stone Bothy was reported as having been converted prior to permission having been granted. Access issues to Tolhurst Lane do not have seemed to be determined and would be objected to by neighbouring properties. Change of use of land inquiry requested by Cllrs. Cllrs. requested that Cllr. M Barnes call the application in for clarification of the issues raised by objectors.</i></b>	

<a href="#">RR/2022/114/P</a>	Forest Edge Motel, London Road, Flimwell, TN5 7PL	Removal of condition 2 imposed on RR/1999/1477/P. <b><i>Cllr. Ham declared a personal interest in the site. It was resolved that the condition for occupation was reasonable and there was no reason to alter conditions. Holiday let requirements should be adhered to with registration of tenants and home addresses and no occupancy should be allowed for more than 56 days per annum for any one tenant. Recommendation for refusal.</i></b>
<a href="#">RR/022/42/P</a>	Maplesden, Bardown Road, Stonegate, TN5 7EL	Form opening in external wall to fit new timber casement window on west wall of breakfast room <b><i>It was considered that this application was reasonable and was sensitive to the existing building. Recommendation for approval</i></b>
<a href="#">RR/2021/3045/P</a>	Westbourne Villa, High Street, Ticehurst TN5 7B	Installation of window. (Retrospective) <b><i>No objection</i></b>
<a href="#">RR/2021/3001/P</a>	Overys Farm House, Dunsters Mill Road, Three Legged Cross, TN5 7HR	Construction of detached building for flexible use as a car port, store and holiday let. <b><i>Cllr. Lloyd declared a personal interest and took no part in proceedings . It was felt that potentially the proposal could lead to independent dwellings within the countryside and AONB. Recommendation for refusal</i></b>

**Present:** Cllrs. Burley ©, Bassett, Galpin, Ham, Killeen, Lansdowne, Lloyd, Luckhurst, Redknap, Stephenson, Studholme and Young. D Cllrs. Barnes and Browne.

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.

#### **2970.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:**

- Owner of the fish and chip van attended and informed the meeting that he was applying to Rother DC for a license to trade within the village square (£25 a day). He was thanked for having moved into the Square itself rather than the top of the island. The generator that he uses is an inverter generator designed to lessen the noise impact.

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**Report on social media points raised during the last month:**

- Comments on dog mess.

**2971.0 District and County Councillor Reports:**

- Cllr. Kirby Green had circulated a report to members – main points raised:-
- 2022/23 budget had been approved on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022.
- Three contenders (Ringway Jacobs, Balfour Beatty Living Places and Colas) remain in the running for highway maintenance and infrastructure from May 2023. Successful candidates will be responsible for the new £730 m over the next 14 years. The announcement on the successful candidate will be September 2022.
- East Sussex Pension Fund: £200m portfolio has been invested to reduce carbon intensity levels.
- Schools – secondary school places were awarded 1.3.22 with 87.6 % securing their first preference and almost 96 % awarded a place at one of their preferred 3 schools.
- D. Cllr. Browne reported that RDC were enjoying reasonable success rates with enforcement matters and that RDC were allowing hybrid meetings (without a vote if not in the chamber).

**2972.0 Declarations of Interest:** Declarations of interest under the terms of the Council's Code of Conduct and Localism Act 2011 s.31.

Cllrs. Ham and Lloyd declared personal interests during the planning meeting that preceded the full meeting.

**2973.0 Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr. Le Bouedec (isolating) and Cllr. E Kirby-Green and reasons were recorded in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85 on acceptance by colleagues.

**2974.0 Adoption of the Minutes:** Cllr. Luckhurst proposed and cllr. Lloyd seconded a motion to adopt the draft notes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 as a true record of those proceedings – upheld by members - they were then signed by the chairman.

**2975.0 Vacancy for councillor to represent Ticehurst:** It was with regret that members heard of the resignation of Cllr. Young as she is planning to move away from the village. The chairman thanked her for all her work, notably on the village centre project and the Neighbourhood Plan and she was presented with a gift and card from members.

**Contact Details:** Cllr Galpin would like passport photos of all councillors for web site. Clerk has distributed form for cllr. details to be published - address and phone number – email addresses to be added once all have a generic [ticehurstparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:ticehurstparishcouncil.co.uk) address.

**2976.0 Village Centre :** Cllrs. Young and Killeen reported on various matters:

- Village Centre meeting was held on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2022. Cllr. Young reported that there was now an agreement in principle with ESCC for the scheme. However, their recommendation was to use the s278 route to achieve the project. Cllr. Kirby-Green has agreed to involve officers and Huw Merriman to discuss this route as opposed to be included within the capital programme. Cllr. Liz Young

further reported that she has summarised the changes in the square and put it on the web site and collated an album of events held in the village centre.

- RDC prohibition on street trading commences 7.3.22 – J Hampson RDC officer will visit traders.
- Smoking Shelter at the Cherry Tree –D. Cllr. M Barnes reported that she will visit the site soon.
- Dog Bins - T N & Vs have reimbursed PC account for purchase of two dog bins – clerk to arrange installation on delivery.
- Update on alley/footpath resurfacing - Cllr. Lloyd to chase contractor.
- Signage – it was resolved to proceed with simple, clear signage to mark the free car park to the rear of the Bell via Pickforde Lane and reduce the clutter of unnecessary signage in the village centre. Milk Maid's alley to also be marked once it becomes a pedestrian route to the extended car park.

**2977.0 Platinum Jubilee Celebrations:** N & Vs and Fete Committee met on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and started planning a weekend of celebration. Cllr. Killeen and clerk attended.

An event is planned for Saturday afternoon 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

A group in Berners Hill Flimwell have asked the PC to apply for the £500 RDC fund on their behalf but it was felt that with three events in Stonegate, Flimwell and Ticehurst, it would not be appropriate to support one hamlet over any other.

Cllr. Studholme reported that Paul Allan from Wadhurst could provide a 5-6 minute firework display accompanied by music. Cllr. Killeen to report to the committee.

**2978.0 Playground Inspections:** To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – written reports should be distributed prior to the meeting.

Flimwell - Cllr. Redknap had circulated a report – green matter left near parallel bars and it was resolved to purchase a dog bin for installation at Corner Farm site.

Farthing Hill - Rubbish bins need emptying.

Ticehurst - A meeting is being arranged with the conservation officer from RDC about the necessity to replace the external lavatories through the insurance claim.

Stonegate – Apart from bb gun pellets the equipment is fine – one life rope has been burnt (clerk to order replacement) and deep water sign needs replacing.

Insurance claim external lavatories at Ticehurst – resolution required – meeting 17<sup>th</sup> March 12 noon.

Ticehurst – Gym equipment has been repaired by Fresh Air Fitness – 17.1.22.

**2979.0 Cricket Pavilion** – Electrical connect to defibrillator required Cllr. Studholme to report as new box to house the defibrillator has been installed at Flimwell - still has the Stonegate one to connect.

**2980.0 Update on skate park** - installation to commence on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

**2981.0 Electric Charging Points:** Cllr. Studholme to inquire with UKPN cost of feeding that supply to the car park (with additional capacity for the future) for 4 fast charging points and 6 slower points. West Sussex are rolling out grants for car park installations, East Sussex do not have a policy so far (but they share the same chief executive).

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Planning Permission for the extension to the car park has not yet been sent out for consultation - Car charging positions to be shown on the plan - D. Cllrs. were asked to chase at RDC as it was submitted in November.

**2982.0 Wealden Computers Hawkhurst:** Have expressed an interest in providing new email addresses for councillors and to provide remote and one to one computer assistance to councillors when needed. It was resolved that the clerk proceed with this route to have back up assistance.

**2983.0 Allotments:** CCTV sign collected and awaiting installation  
Ticehurst – hedge reduction has been carried out - well received by local residents and allotment tenants.

**2984.0 Finance Report:**

Expenditure since February parish council meeting listed below:

Final draft budget for 2022-23 has been submitted to RDC.

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

Reconciled Bank reconciliation circulated and accepted by members.

Finance meeting set for 9 am 31.3.22.

	£ money in	£ money out
J Brooker		£275.00
Broxap		£856.80
WEL Medical		£297.60
Corex Enterprises -		£328.25
Idea Signs		£52.80
Ajgibl GBP Client		£3590.86
Rialtus Business support		£148.80
BT Group		£72.36
Cash and Carry		£51.11
Safeplay playgrounds		48.00
Nest		£186.27
Glasdon UK – bin		£667.40
Netwise		£360.00
Glasdon UK – 2 x dog bins		£743.81
Lamp post hanging basket		£37.66
Biffa		£89.76
Service Charge Lloyds Bank		£7.00
News and Views	£620.00	

**2985.0 Planning Report:** Planning applications considered at the planning meeting 6.30 pm – applications listed prior to the PC agenda.

Cllrs. Burley and Lloyd reported that they had attended a remote group meeting with other councils about enforcement issues within RDC – requesting that RDC spend more money on enforcement, which ultimately should be self-funding from court fines awarded against offenders.

Cllr. Lloyd updated members about continued applications at Bewl to convert buildings into overnight accommodation – a meeting will be set up for local parish councils to discuss the best way of resisting this due to the bird population and night sky issues.

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**Cllr. Lloyd reported on a shooting incident at Bewl within the Nature Reserve which is being investigated. Cllr. Studholme asked for a written copy of the Nature Reserve status**

**2986.0 Firework display: Cllr. Studholme to update members on proposals for November at the next meeting.**

**2987.0 Annual Assembly: It was resolved to hold the Annual Assembly on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2022 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Clerk to organise the event.**

**2988.0 Items for the April Agenda: 20 m.p.h limit. VAT Allocation, Annual Assembly arrangements, Internal Audit appointment**

**2989.0 Date of the next meeting: 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Signed.....Chairman**

**Dated.....**