

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 5th April 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

Present: Cllrs. Lloyd ©, Burley, Luckhurst, Studholme, Ham and D Cllr. Barnes

Reference	Location	Proposal
RR/2022/439/P	2 Blenheim Way, Ticehurst TN5 7PQ	Proposed single storey side extension to existing master bedroom Cllr. DS declared a personal interest in the matter. It was felt that whilst the exterior line of the building was odd in that it was diagonal there was no reason to object to the application.
RR/2022/444/P	Ridgeway Farm, Unit 1, Burnt Lodge Lane, TN5 7LA	Conversion of office building to form 1 no. dwellinghouse. Cllr. SB declared a personal interest. It was felt that the design is ugly although it is accepted that the principle of conversion is accepted by RDC. It was felt to be a technical issue for RDC but it was suspected this the application may change into one of a re-build in the future - comment only.
RR/2022/391/P	Christmas Cottage, High Street, Ticehurst TN5 7PD	Part single, part two storey rear extension and canopy on side elevation. Additional pitches to roof line are subservient to existing but the design is not to be commended. Recommendation to approve.
RR/2022/359/P	Havenhurst, Pashley Road, Ticehurst TN5 7HE	Addition of car port with room above. It was felt that there was insufficient information to fully comment and more information should be provided - no particular objection on the face of the limited plans.
RR/2022/342/P	Cock Farm & Cock Farm Cottage, Bardown Road, Stonegate, TN5 7EJ	Discharge of the S106 agreement imposed on RR/90/1095/P. Enforcement action was never taken at the lack of compliance with the s106. Cllrs. declared a personal interest in the matter. No objections were raised.
RR/2022/242/P	Rowley, Burnt Lodge Lane, Ticehurst TN5 7LE	Removal of 2 no. existing outbuildings with replacement pool house and separate building for storage with associated external works/landscaping. Applicant present: Applicants have amended plans to meet the requirements of the RDC Heritage officer – lighting would be limited – it would not be seen from the road. No objections raised by councillors.

RR/2022/211/P	Shovers Green Barn, Installation of solar panels to garage roof. <i>South facing roof – Shovers Green, Stonegate Road, Wadhurst, TN5 7JY</i>	<i>would not be seen from the road, but would from the adjacent field. No objections.</i>
Fernham Homes	Variation of plans at Hilbury plots 7 & 8	<i>No objections had been made by planning committee members to the proposals - clerk to rely decision to RDC</i>

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.

2990.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

- Representative of Safeplay attended to remind councillors that they had not renewed their inspection (operative) contract with them. He stated that he only charges £20 per inspection – chair of finance felt it was more than this but various areas of the recreation ground at Ticehurst were treated as separate playareas.
- He commented on the installation of the skate park area and suggested that a post installation should be carried out. He was asked to re-send an email about renewal of the contract for discussion by members.
- A previous councillor attended to inform members that in his regular article in News and Views, he would be promoting thoughts about residents standing as councillors in the May 2023 elections and hoped that the council would support this push.

Report on social media points raised during the last month:

- Russian Embassy information on the Hawkhurst site – police have become involved.
- Lights on the outside of Newington Court being on all night - PC to ask Optivo if they could be switched off before midnight in accordance with dark skies policy of the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Wildflower verges – it was explained that E Sussex Highways retain this responsibility.
- Lights on the side of the Mark Lilly garages are disturbing drivers with their intensity - request that they are angled down to avoid blinding drivers.

2991.0 District and County Councillor Reports:

Cllr. E Kirby-Green had circulated a report updating members on ESCC policy on Ukrainian refugees reaching Sussex. Information is available on <https://new.eastsussex.gov.uk/your-council/ukraine-crisis>

Drainage works have taken place outside Westbourne, High Street Ticehurst and the 2-3 year run off of water has stopped.

The E Sussex Pension Fund has been awarded the 2021 Local Gov Pension Scheme Fund of the year and commended for the ‘Best Climate Change strategy’.

2992.0 Declarations of Interest: Declarations of interest under the terms of the Council’s Code of Conduct and Localism Act 2011 s.31.

Cllrs. Studholme, Lloyd, Luckhurst and Burley declared personal declarations of interest during the planning meeting.

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2993.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies to be recorded in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85. Cllrs. Stephenson, Le Bouedec. Galpin, Bassett and Lansdowne had given apologies for their absence which were accepted by colleagues.

2994.0 Adoption of the Minutes: 1st March 2022 draft minutes had been circulated to all members and posted on the parish council web site. Cllr. Killeen proposed and Cllr. Lloyd seconded a motion that they were a true record of those proceedings and the chairman was authorised to sign a copy for parish council record.

2995.0 Vacancy for councillor to represent Ticehurst: Clerk informed members that RDC had advertised the vacancy and if no 10 electors request a full election the post can be filled as a casual vacancy from May 2022. Two people have expressed an interest to date.

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 address.

It was resolved to ask Cllr. Galpin which information and pictures were missing.

2996.0 Village Centre : Cllr. Killeen reported on various matters:

- **Village Centre meeting held on 24th February 2022 -** It was resolved to keep the improvements to the village centre simple and achievable using the s278 route. Cllr. Kirby-Green was thanked for her assistance with clarification on this. It was felt that a design and build scheme with an approved contractor would best suit the work. Clerk was requested to invite quotations on this basis and to ask preferred contractor for the car park to update quotation in the Bell Field if necessary.
- **RDC prohibition on street trading commences 7.3.22 –** J Hampson RDC officer will visit traders. RDC web site advertises pitches at £25 per day. Bexhill traders can pay an annual fee of £250 for Bexhill Farmers Market - it was noted that the fish and chip van was complying with the request not to park on the western end of the island but as a consequence cars had started to park there. As a temporary experimental solution it was resolved to accept the offer of a planter on the end of the island to deter parking and to enhance the red white and blue colour scheme for planting during the Jubilee summer celebrations.
- **Smoking Shelter at the Cherry Tree –** D. Cllrs. Browne and Barnes reported that they had visited the site and established that RDC will only remove the curfew if a smoking shelter is established which is unnecessary due to the natural overhang of the roof line. However, they also informed the meeting that RDC would not pursue the matter.
- **Dog Bins -** T N & Vs have reimbursed PC account for purchase of two dog bins – clerk has arrange installation. Whilst RDC have accepted the additional three bins (now 11 in total) they have informed the parish that they can not take on anymore collections.

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- **Update on alley/footpath re-surfacing** - It was resolved to ask the preferred contract to order materials in the name of the PC, having them delivered to site and that works would then be undertaken before the end of the month. Cllr. Studholme offered to provide ducting at cost to put under the new surface to allow power supply in the future to the new car parking area.

2997.0 Platinum Jubilee Celebrations: Cllr. Killeen reported that the committee were organised for the event starting with a parade through the village at 2.30 p.m. on 4th June. Wadhurst Band will play in the afternoon and another band in the evening. Teas, games, inflatables, barbeque, hog roast would all be available. First aiders are still needed for the event. A meeting on site will be held on 12th April to discuss logistics. Information will be widely available on social media, News and Views and at the Annual Assembly. The financial advisory group informed the meeting that three lots of £250 would be made available to each ward of the parish to assist with their celebrations.

2998.0 Playground Inspections: To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – written reports should be distributed prior to the meeting.

Flimwell - Bark chippings are needed (five bags have been ordered) and the police notice board has fallen down - clerk to arrange removal.

Farthing Hill - No report available

Ticehurst- Report to be circulated. Bark chippings have been ordered - Caloo installation is felt to be unsatisfactory - clerk to arrange post installation inspection by an independent inspector as soon as possible - payment to Caloo to be postponed.

Stonegate – kick boards may need replacing – bark chippings needed and these have been ordered.

Insurance claim external lavatories at Ticehurst – resolution required.

Cllrs. Lloyd and Studholme reported that at a meeting with the conservation officer for Rother it was recommended by him that the window to the rear of the store shed be exposed by removing the single skinned walls of the outside block erected in the 1960's (which became listed by default as they were attached to the main building). Clerk was asked to inform the insurers that the sum originally offered to make good the damage was acceptable to close the issue and that the PC would arrange a safe resolution to the matter.

2999.0 Wallcrouch Phone Box and Defibrillator: It was resolved that the Wallcrouch phone box (owned by the PC) should be inspected to see if it is stable and worth refurbishing.

An alternative location for a defibrillator could be on the north wall of builders merchants if the phone box proves to be too problematical.

3000.0 Stonegate Hall – Electrical connect to defibrillator required Cllr. Studholme reported that he has not yet done this but it is on his list to do.

3001.0 Update on skate park - installation has been completed but is not satisfactory – detail under Ticehurst Playground report 2998.0 above.

3002.0 Electric Charging Points: Cllr. Studholme had inquired with UKPN cost of feeding that supply to the car park (with additional capacity for the future) for 4 fast

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charging points and 6 slower points – Initial quotation £123579. Whilst this is not achievable Cllr. Studholme committed to look at alternative quotations and options for a village provision.

3003.0 Wealden Computers Hawkhurst: Have expressed an interest of providing a contract price to re-establish and provide new email addresses for councillors and to provide remote and one to one computer assistance to councillors when needed. Contact numbers are 01580 388591 or hello@wealdentechnology.co.uk

Councillors were asked to contact them directly with any computer issues they have and the clerk will seek advice from them about ensuring that all councillors have a dedicated parish council email address.

3004.0 Allotments: Allotment inspection (to be arranged with Janet Hall and Cllr. Galpn) is needed prior to renewing tenancies for 2022/23.

3005.0 Finance Report:

Expenditure since March parish council meeting listed below:

Report of expenditure against budget report circulated.

Reconciled Bank reconciliation circulated.

Final payments for 2021/22 year to be made before close off.

Letter to payroll department at H Barrett signed for 12 month back pay to clerk on government salary increases just announced from 1.4.21.

It was resolved that Cllr. Ham be added as a signatory to the account as she is already a Lloyds banking customer.

Concerns were expressed about Rother's finances - clerk was instructed to request that the balance of the CIL grant £85000 be sent to the Parish Council without delay.

	£ money in	£ money out
Iden Signs		£390.00
Tate Fencing		£80.20
R Studholme year loo cleaning		£2800.00
Horizon Skills		£130.80
J Brooker		£250.00
Ajgibl GBP Client – cyber insurance 2 years		£734.16
Greenfinch		£102.95
BT Group		£72.36
Cash and Carry		£78.64
Eon		£347.81
Nest		£186.27
R Studholme – installing bins etc		£650.00
S Colvin – allotment hedges		£2650.00
Net wise		£18.00
Biffa		£89.76
Service Charge Lloyds Bank		£14.65
Fernham Homes	£960.00	
Ticehurst Community Friends	£700.00	
Castle Water		£42.39
Hone Barrett		£39.00

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3006.0 Planning Report: Planning applications considered at the planning meeting 6.30 pm – applications listed prior to the PC agenda. – All applications for approval apart from Ridgeway for comment only.

3007.0 Firework display: No progress to date.

3008.0 Annual Assembly: Resolution to plan the event - Tuesday 26th April 2022 7 p.m. Posters have been put up and spelling mistake amended.

19 stall holders to date have committed to the event. Prize for best presented stand has been donated by the Bell (dinner for two with bottle of wine).

3009.0 Items for the May Agenda: No discussion. May meeting will be the AGM of the Parish Council with statutory documents for review by members.
Casual Vacancy.

3010.0 Date of the next meeting: 3rd May 2022

Signed.....Chairman

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