

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at Ticehurst Village Institute at 7.00 p.m. ,

Present: Cllrs. Bassett, Burley, Ham, Heapy, Galpin ©, Killeen, Lloyd, Luckhurst, Redknap, Stephenson and Studholme  
 In attendance: D. Cllrs. Barnes and Browne.

Planning applications for consideration )recommendations of planning committee to be reported to full council) at 6.30pm

Reference	Location	Proposal
<a href="#">RR/2022/1540/P</a>	Millwood Cottage, Pashley Road, Ticehurst TN5 7HE	Demolition of existing single-storey side extension (former garage) and erection of a 2 storey side & rear extension to improve internal configuration and provide additional bedroom space. <i>No objections from immediate neighbours. Adjoining semi-detached dwelling has also been extended. The design was felt to be out of character with the original, almost doubling the original footprint of the dwelling and would impact on the privacy of the immediate neighbours.</i> <i>Incongruous extension to original and recommend for refusal.</i>

Bowl Development APP/C1435/W/22/3294192 – Clerk was asked to reiterate PC’s objection to the planning inspectorate.

WD/2021/2924/F <https://planning.wealden.gov.uk> - comments needed by 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022.

It was felt that, in particular the loss of the club house, would eradicate the social side of the venue. Clerk was asked to draft a response for refusal for the application.

Cllr. Galpin declared a personal interest in Bowl matters.

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.

#### 3051.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

Two members of the public were present.

- Beatrice Drewe Trust - Peter Reeves and Shelia Jemmett – Peter Reeves addressed members about the Trust have commissioned a report on what needs to be done to the building. The PC precept donation to the Trust has not changed since 2015. The insurance premium has doubled within that time. (The PC had invited the Trust to insure separately but they would also have to insure their own public liability insurance which the PC currently cover). In addition, the utility bills are going up. BDT have looked at the PC accounts and asked if the finance group or full PC would reconsider what is given to the BDT. This was considered in March 2022. Peter Reeves also mentioned that when the fair came to the

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recreation ground the Trust have always had the funds from the fair. The Clerk informed members that this had not always been the case and that as the owners of the land, the PC had received the rent.

Peter Reeves informed members that the Trust will be applying for grant funding and that Stephen Evans and John Pilcher have joined the board of trustees.

Members asked if they could put their charges up but they did not want to price themselves out of the market as Flimwell hall is providing new competition to the area. Cllr. Luckhurst asked if they had applied for any grants but they had not as none of their improvement schemes had been costed to date. Cllr. Stephenson pointed out that power companies are offering help to halls (which Flimwell has applied for). The chairman said that the PC would discuss the request and would consider assisting with any costed schemes.

Peter Reeves thanked councillors for listening and the Trustees left the meeting.

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

- Bins at Flimwell. – regular complaints about the bins not being emptied. Clerk was asked to contact the gentleman who should be carrying out this job several times a week to inform him that the situation will be monitored for the next three weeks and if it is not satisfactory the Parish Council would find an alternative contractor. Current contractor should be discouraged from excessive contact with the clerk or councillors over this matter. Rother Officer to be informed of the situation.

#### **3052.0 District and County Councillor Reports:**

Written report had been circulated to all members from C. Cllr. Eleanor Kirby-Green.

- Cllr. Mary Barnes reported that the Scrutiny Committee will be meeting next week. £485000 has been spent so far on fees for new building at Bexhill - plans to demolish part of the building. It is thought that the total cost will be in the region of £14-£16m. There are also plans to possibly alter the Highway around the area.
- National Local Gov Association visited today - Cllr. Barnes recommended that councillors access the scrutiny committee agenda and make comment back through the D. Cllrs.
- J V-H response brush off – 10 most important cases to be examined. Northern parishes group - suggesting that the group funds a private prosecution to the owners of Bantham Farm.
- Hurst Green will consider supporting Ticehurst's stance.

#### **3053.0 Declarations of Interest:** Declarations of interest under the terms of the Council's Code of Conduct and Localism Act 2011 s.31.

Cllr. Galpin declared a personal interest in the Bewl Water application and appeal.

#### **3054.0 Apologies for absence:** Apologies were recorded in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85.

Cllr. Lansdowne and C. Cllr. Kirby-Green

**3055.0 Adoption of the Minutes:** 7th June 2022 draft minutes had been circulated to all members and posted on the parish council web site. Cllr. Luckhurst proposed and Cllr. Killeen seconded a proposal that they be adopted as a true record of those proceedings. The Chairman then signed them.

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**3056.0 Vacancy for councillor to represent Ticehurst to replace James Le Bouedec.** One candidate was present, but the other person putting themselves forward was unable to attend having tested positive for covid. It was resolved to post-pone the decision. Mr Lee informed the clerk that he would be away on the next Council meeting date.

**3057.0 Village Centre :**

- **High Street Imprint report** - exchange of emails with ESCC had failed to find any records of noise impact consequences. The parish council email trail does not include any such material. It was resolved to set up a meeting with EK-G and the relevant officers at East Sussex Highways.
- **Car Park** – Following a conversation with the clerk, Quin Coppard will re-quote for alterations and delay – conditions
- **Update on alley/footpath resurfacing** - Cllr. Lloyd reported that the type one topping was being laid. Material costs have gone up dramatically and the total cost was likely to be in the region of £4500 - ESCC are making a financial contribution.
- **Knotwood - Disclaimer** - it was resolved to arrange for the spraying of the small bits of knotweed that have re-emerged in a neighbouring garden to the Bell Field. This would be on the basis that in order to protect the Bell Field and the council had been advised that the encroachment on to the Bell Field had come from the rear gardens of properties there who had over the years, used back gates to put their garden waste on to the Bell Field headland. No responsibility for any neighbouring properties is taken by the Council or Ltd company directors.
- **Communications about the difficulties faced by disabled people trying to access the village centre, with persistent car parking on the pavements had been received** – it was agreed to bring this to the attention of East Sussex Highways again.

**3058.0 Fun Fair visit to Ticehurst:** Report on the weekend 23<sup>rd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022 – The fun fair had been well attended and a rent of £500 had been given to the Council for rent of the land. £30 contribution for water used was to be passed on to the Beatrice Drewe Trust. It was resolved to pay for top soil and grass seed if the football club would fill in any small indentations created by the large vehicle wheels.

**3059.0 Playground Inspections:** To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – written reports were distributed prior to the meeting.

**Flimwell** - East Sussex Highways have indicated that the grass cutting outside the Corner Farm fence-line is their responsibility

**Farthing Hill** - No report.

**Ticehurst** – Cllr. Lloyd reported that the Ash trees have been removed due to infection of Ash die-back in the interests of safety.

**Stonegate** – Playground hedge has been cut too low – Clerk to remind contractor to allow it to grow in height and not to cut the internal side of the hedge on neighbours side.

**Graffit** has been removed - Caloo didn't attend meeting requested for 12<sup>th</sup> July. A phone call resulted in the post installation report being sent to them. *They will be attending site on 18<sup>th</sup> July to meet clerk and councillors.*

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**Insurance claim external lavatories at Ticehurst – Draft conditional letter circulated for approval to the Beatrice Drewe Trust regarding the handing over of insurance monies – resolution to send should include an estimate time-frame. Clerk and Chairman to send letter once the final wording has been agreed.**

**It was resolved that the Beatrice Drewes Trust request for additional funding should be considered for the 2022 -23 budget. Clerk was requested to draft a response to this end but also adding that costed proposals for refurbishment projects should be submitted to justify any additional donations or precept changes. It was resolved that all donations granted should be seen to be fair and consistent.**

**Cllr. Killeen had shared a Pod Cast on Village Halls with Cllr. Studholme as he had been approached at the Annual Assembly about joining the Trust**

**It was resolved that the clerk should sign the council up to a years subscription with AiRS.**

**3060.0 Stonegate Hall – Electrical connect to defibrillator required Cllr. Studholme committed to getting this done. Cllr. Luckhurst to supply contact details to him to gain access.**

**3061.0 Electric Charging Points: Cllr. Studholme reported that if permission is granted to go across the allotments and Newington Court boundary from the electricity sub-station it might be an affordable way of getting the power to the car park for electric charging points.**

**3062.0 Email addresses for new councillors: Cllr. Galpin to check whether he has the log on details to access the '@ticehurstparishcouncil.co.uk emails which would allow new members to sign up.**

**3063.0 Allotments: Most allotment rents have been received. Drone mapping has been carried out by Cllr. Galpin.**

**3064.0 Finance Report:**

**End of year accounts 31.3.22 have been finalised. Cllr. Ham proposed and Cllr. Killeen seconded the motion that they should be adopted by council. This was unanimously supported and the chairman signed the AGAR for submission to PKF Littlejohns.**

**Members resolved to adopt the suggestion of the internal auditor to have a reserve account policy for the PC - Financial advisory group to draft the policy and circulate that recommendation to the full council in September 2022.**

**Resolution to adopt the accounts and send for external audit.**

**Notice of electors rights published on the boards.**

**Balanced bank reconciliation and detail actual expenditure against budget were circulated to all members and adopted by resolution.**

**List of payments and receipts since the last meeting:**

	<b>Into account</b>	<b>Out of account</b>
<b>Donegan – allotment rent</b>	<b>15.00</b>	
<b>Galpin – allotment rent</b>	<b>50.00</b>	

To reserves		10000.00
BT Group wifi		79.09
J Clark		395.00
Stonegate jubilee contribution		250.00
Countrymans grass cutting		1335.65
Europlants hanging baskets		621.88
J Brooker		260.00
Paint for bollards Church Street		116.28
Rother DC		65.00
Nest		199.64
R Studholme		997.00
Countrymans		1335.65
Countrymans		225.00
A Foster – Jubilee reimbursement		228.00
Playsafety		474.00
Studholme Electrics		168.00
Wealden Group		40.00
Wale – allotment rent	25.00	
Hyland – allotment rent	25.00	
Jubilee Income	770.00	
Biffa		71.04
Lloyds Bank		7.85
R Graham Milk Maids Alley deposit		600.00
VAT Rebate	14783.51	
Axa Insurance – external loos	8702.99	
Honey Barrett		39.00
Castle Water		15.00
HM Shipley		2834.14
Europlants		417.02
Eon		60.12
S Colvin Hedging contract		1400.00
J Feaver tree work at recreation ground		1140.00
		36.00
Preston-Lee – allotment rent	25.00	
R Graham – path		1600.00

**3065.0 Planning Report: Planning applications considered at the planning meeting 6.30 p.m. – applications listed prior to the PC agenda.**

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Meeting held at 6.30 p.m. Notes made at that meeting to be put forward to Rother.

Villa Flair RR/2021/2804/P– Going to committee 21.7.22 - PC representation - PC have recommended refusal but it has been listed for approval by the officers. PC representation is required - request to speak to Lisa Cooper. Highways require a widening of the track but the PC are informed that the hedge line is owned by Chestnut Cottage. It was resolved that the Clerk and Chairman would attend the planning meeting to speak against the application. Clerk to register PCs interest in being able to address the Planning Committee.

Slaves Dream – original plan has been submitted for appeal - New application has been granted with conditions.

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**3066.0 Neighbourhood Plan: Policy revision and consultation process results. Clerk and Cllr. Killeen to go through the NP and put items for consideration to the September meeting.**

**Cllr. Killeen reported that a local artist has produced a map of footpaths and bridle-ways around the parish for the Bell - The Bell has given permission for the PC to use the map for production on card to distribute to other outlets in the village and for the web site.**

**Clerk was asked to ascertain if the N Plan needs to be updated to remain valid. Clerk was also asked to write to Malcolm Johnson (CEO at Rother) to ask why the N Plan, (which had considered the Villa Flair plot and dismissed it as unsuitable) was being ignored by the Rother planning officer.**

**3067.0 Items for the September Agenda: Co-option of Ticehurst Councillor. Neighbourhood Plan update.**

**Interim planning meeting was set for 26<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

**28<sup>th</sup> July 2022 Finance Meeting Thursday 9 am Woodland Enterprise Centre**

**3068.0 Date of the next meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022 The meeting closed 8.35 p.m.**

**Signed.....Chairman**

**Dated.....**