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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 November 2022 at Ticehurst Village Institute at 7.00 p.m.

Planning applications considered by members (recommendations of planning committee were then reported to full council) at 6.30pm

Present: Cllrs. Burley, Galpin ©, Ham, Heapy, Hodges, Killeen, Lansdowne, Lloyd, Luckhurst, Redknap, Stephenson and Studholme.
D. Cllrs. Browne and Barnes **C. Cllr.** Kirby-Green.

Reference	Location	Proposal
RR/2022/2524/P	Rose Cottage, Lynden Lane, Stonegate, TN5 7EE <i>Materials to match in colour, type and style to original building. Recommendation for approval.</i>	Single Storey Rear extension. <i>Low-key extension – no objections from the neighbours.</i>
RR/2022/2504/P	Kiln House, High Street, Ticehurst TN5 7HX <i>It was felt that there was a lot of glass in the extension which would have an impact on night skies and wildlife. Ecology survey would have assisted. Recommendation for approval.</i>	Erection of replacement pool house. <i>Proposal has a pitched roof rather than the existing flat roof. Isolated property – no impact on neighbours.</i>
RR/2022/2507/P	Oakdore House, Bardown Road, Stonegate, TN5 7EJ <i>Improvement on the previous application in form with the existing building. Concern that scale of upstairs space is rather small. Recommendation for approval.</i>	Conversion of double garage to form annexe. <i>Small annexe with bedroom and bathroom upstairs.</i>
RR/2022/2351/P	Bryants Farm, Wards Lane, Ticehurst TN5 6HP <i>History of storage of fishing boats for Bewl. Bryants Farm house is a listed building at the top of the drive within the same curtilage. Sheltered bay of the reservoir. N. Plan policy is to avoid building on the edge of Bewl Water. Sufficiently separated from the listed farmhouse. In AONB. Protection of dark skies has not been addressed. Recommendation for refusal.</i>	Conversion of barn to 4 bed dwelling. <i>Same shape and form with openings for windows and doors. Outside development boundary – would be an isolated house application. Re-use of redundant farm buildings but it is not a traditional farm building. It is a concrete clad building and should be treated as a proposed new house. Not exemplary in design. Precedent would be dangerous.</i>

Comments submitted to RDC 2.11.22

Parish Council Meeting

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 ©, Bassett, Galpin, Ham, Heapy, Hodges, Killeen, Lansdowne, Lloyd, Luckhurst, Redknap, Stephenson and Studholme.

3105.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

Berners Hill –E Cllr. Kirby-Green to speak to East Sussex Highways about their thoughts on data collation from a Black Cat device. Clerk reported that Etchingham are not willing to share use of their new machine but Burwash might consider shared use.

Report on social media points raised during the last month:

- **Newington Court** – No contact has been made by Optivo to Ticehurst PC.
- **Speed restrictions in Burwash.** EK-G Police have queried the design of the scheme and would not be able to enforce a lower speed limit. In order to proceed with the process, engagement between the police and Highways needs to take place prior to it going to full council. Burwash would not be able to afford the engineering works that have been recommended. It is hoped that as 20 mph are rolled out across the country having signs and road markings to indicate it is a 20 mph area will reduce the speed of the majority of drivers . Data of existing speeds is necessary to prove that the likelihood of being able to drop the speed to 20 mph is credible.

3106.0 District and County Councillor Reports:

C. Cllr. Kirby-Green circulated a report to all members:

- New highway contract has been awarded to Balfour Beatty Living Places from May 2023 for 7 years with a potential for 14 years. Handover from Costains – staff remain and it is hoped that the new positivity will inspire better working practices.
- Ukranian Host Payment – ESCC have awarded a top up payment to host families for the winter.
- Blocked drain in Ticehurst High Street has been cleared and the cause of the problem will be investigated.
- Quality of works on the Wallcrouch Road is being looked prior to the meeting on 7th November so that it can be discussed on that date with Dale Poore.

D. Cllr. Barnes reported:

- that the plan to develop Town Hall site was turned down at Planning. £663,000 has been spent so far on the plans and feasibility study. It will return to planning committee at some point. The cost of the new building will be over £20 million. The parking arrangements were felt to be insufficient. There were concerns about the design of the building and that it was not subservient to the existing Town Hall.

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- Staff pay review resulted in a £1500 increase and working from home allowance will be subject to a HR review.
- It has been decided that there will be no replacement of the Bexhill Leisure Centre and the Rye swimming pool closed today. Signposting to leisure facilities will replace these sports venues.

East Sussex have agreed to meet re the imprints at 10.00 am 7th November 2022 – Cllr. Killeen and Burley to attend. Meet at 9.30 for coffee.

Beech Farm Sedlescombe – also for discussion in confidential matters at meeting end.

3107.0 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 conflicts of interest.

3108.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies to be recorded in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85. All councillors were present.

3109.0 Adoption of the Minutes: Cllr. Ham proposed and Cllr. Heapy seconded a motion that the draft minutes of the parish council meeting held on 11th October 2022 were an accurate record and the chairman was duly authorised to sign.

3110.0 South-East Water: Compensation re water supply to local charities – Cllr. Stephenson reported that Flimwell, Ticehurst and Stonegate were eligible for charitable donations from S.E Water due to the July 2022 lack of supply. Six suggestions of charitable organisations across the three wards of the parish had been provided by the clerk to cllr. Stephenson, who offered to put those forward to S E Water.

3111.0 Village Centre : Cllr. Killeen to report:

- Village Centre update meeting on 7th November to be reported at next meeting.
- Bell Field car park: Clerk reported that Coppards could commence works in January 2023. Clerk to alert James Cook of the likely dates. Pre-commencement conditions on the permission for the car park extension – need to appoint someone. Cllr. Galpin to advise the clerk on suitable contractors.

3112.0 Ticehurst Sign: Sign has been removed – the frame has been mended, rubbed down and repainted – see recommendation from financial advisory group. 13ft oak post. 6 x 6 inches. Cllr. Bassett offered to look into sourcing a post. Aluminium double sided sign can be produced by Iden Signs (that would not weather) for about £200. It was resolved to go ahead and arrange for all components to be sourced and the sign reinstated.

3113.0 Playground Inspections: To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – written reports should be distributed prior to the meeting.

Farthing Hill – Cllr. Heapy to carry out visits in future .

Flimwell – No problems reported.

Ticehurst - No problems reported.

Stonegate – No problems reported.

Tree Inspection at Flimwell – report circulated to members. Removal of limbs over gardens has left smaller limbs with little resistance and therefore vulnerable to windblow - recommendation to reduce the canopies of both trees. It was resolved to apply to obtain quotations and carry out the works - Cllr. Bassett offered to obtain two quotations.

Caloo have responded and are not willing to remove the skate park equipment - Cllr. Lloyd displayed photographic evidence of continued movement where the metal plate continues to move. It was resolved to invite Caloo to attend site on Monday 7th in the afternoon together with Cllr. Heapy and Cllr. Lloyd and the clerk. Clerk was asked to contact PC insurance company for advice.

3114.0 Banky Field – A meeting took place on 31st October 2022 between the agent for Optivo, Rother District Council and Ticehurst Parish Council - report on the meeting was circulated to all members. It was resolved to await the outcome of that meeting but there were more questions about the methodology of how the top soil was spread and how the ground was prepared – Clerk was requested to find the last report that planning officer Mark Cathcart wrote. There seems to be little accountability – clerk to reiterate the request for an independent survey.

3115.0 Electric Charging Points: Cllr. Studholme reported that there was no update on a cross country route from electricity sub-station to the car park.

A21 – eastern side of the road surface: Cllr. Killeen reported that land ownership is still being disputed. East Sussex are in agreement that there is an urgent need for repairs but hold maps showing that this piece of road is the responsibility of the Highways Agency. The A21 Safety Package Team are in the process of arranging a meeting in Flimwell with councillors and residents.

3116.0 Email addresses for new councillors: Cllr. Galpin provided a handout to enable members to access their new email addresses. He provided assistance at the end of the meeting to set up the clerk's account and some members. On 15th November he would also be available to help anyone struggling to connect.

3117.0 Finance Report:

Reserve Policy – draft has been considered by the financial advisory group and circulated to all members.

Budget against actual expenditure and balanced bank reconciliations circulated to all members.

Cllr. Luckhurst went through the list of recommendations from the finance advisory group. It was resolved to move ahead with all proposals

- **Football Pavilion:** Cllr. Studholme reported that the football team would like to be involved. It was resolved that he would speak to the captain and Passmores about likely costs.
- **Annexe** – compensation for water use – offer a token gesture of funding.
- **Finger Post at Stonegate:** Costing replacement – arms and cap have been salvaged.
- **Finger Post at Flimwell** has been cleaned – dependent upon weather will be repainted next week.
- **Stonegate Tree work** – Cllr. Luckhurst to ascertain who invoiced the hall. Clerk had spoken to the contractors who believed they were working for the insurance company and invoiced accordingly.
- **Petanque extension** – due to popularity of the course - £8400 quotation had been received. Members resolved that it would be a good thing to support and

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requested that the clerk speak to the organisers about them doing some fund raising towards the total. It will be necessary to do a crown reduction of the young oaks and deadwood the veteran oak prior to works.

- Stonegate school - it was felt that they should benefit from the excess of fund raising for the Jubilee celebrations as well as the Flimwell and Ticehurst school.
- Finance Meeting set for 5.30 pm on 9th November 2022.
- Donations to organisations to be made by cheque: Flimwell Hall £1500 Stonegate Hall £1500 Stonegate Church, Football and Scout Clubs.
- 3rd December Christmas lights – clerk to let insurers know.

Payments made since the last meeting:

	Into account	Out of account
Castle Water		15.00
Honey Barrett		39.00
Streetlights		1520.54
Horizon Skills		315.60
Coppard Plant		1440.00
Biffa		141.00
BDT		4000.00
Europlants		629.92
N Power		639.85
Lloyds Bank		7.00
J Brooker		380.00
Countrymans		1335.65
Landor Links		126.00
Rother – rates		65.00
SE Rail		117.00
Nest		199.64
Corex Enterprises		39.80
HMR Shipley		2744.68
PKF Littlejohns auditors		720.00
Europlants		417.02
BT Plc		79.09
N Power		4050.52
RBS Rialtus		142.80
Cash and Carry		30.14

3118.0 Planning Report: Cllr. Galpin reported on four applications considered before the full parish council meeting.

District Councillors reported that they are tending to call in all applications within their areas to ensure more careful consideration. It was requested that Bryants Barn be called in by D. Cllr. Barnes.

- Date for training on affordable housing provision 15th November 6.30 p.m.
- Enforcement action at Vineyard site, Pashley Road to remove owner from site.

3119.0 Neighbourhood Plan: Policy revision and consultation process results. Cllr. Killeen had circulated the NP progress identified in the plan. Members were asked to consider the topics and were encouraged to take a lead on some of them.

3120.0 Items for the December Agenda:

Petanque Pitch extension

Finger Post update

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Stonegate Tree Work
Ticehurst Sign
Banky Field
Skate Park
Neighbourhood Plan wish list.

3121.0 Closed Session: Members of the were asked to public to withdraw due to potential litigation matters on this agenda item. Beech Farm RR/2022/840/P.

3122.0 Date of the next meeting: The meeting closed at 8.55 p.m. and the date of the next meeting was set for 6th December 2022

Signed.....Chairman

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