

1/06/12/2022

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 6th December 2022 at Ticehurst Village Institute at 7.00 p.m. The Chairman reminded the public that they were welcome to stay and address the meeting during the half hour for public questions on matters that were listed on the agenda.

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

Present: Cllrs. Galpin ©, Burley, Heapy, Ham, Hodges, Killeen, Lansdowne, Lloyd, Redknap

RR/2022/2793/T	10 Steellands Rise, Ticehurst TN5 7DH	T1 - Oak in front garden - reduce the crown by 3-4m, reduce overhang towards neighbouring dwelling by 4m. T2 - Oak in rear garden - reduce crown by 4m to old pruning paint. <i>These works have been approved in the past – recommendation for approval to reduce back to old cutting points.</i>
RR/2022/2686/L	Wisteria House Flat, 32 High Street, Ticehurst TN5 7AS	Installation of secondary aluminium windows in white finish to be fitted behind the existing windows. <i>It was considered that the addition of the internal frames will not be seen from the external façade of the building. Recommendation for approval.</i>
RR/2022/2673/FN	Flimwell Park, Hawkhurst Road, Ticehurst TN5 7FJ	Application to determine whether prior approval is required to erect an agricultural forestry barn for a mixed used forestry development. <i>It was felt there was insufficient information to make a recommendation - why the building needs to be so tall and an explanation of why it is needed. Cllrs. felt that a full application should be submitted.</i>
RR/2022/2674/P	Wishdown Cottage, Claphatch Lane, Ticehurst TN5 6HN	Demolition of existing two-storey rear extension; two storey replacement side and rear extension. <i>Whilst it was understood that the applicants want to maximise their view of the reservoir, it was felt that this extension would be another extension the original cottage, out weighing the original character and would add to light pollution, contrary to the night skies policy. Recommendation for refusal.</i>
RR/2022/2591/P	Stable End, Rosemary Lane, Ticehurst TN5 7PS	Installation of a Solar PV system to the pitched roof at the rear of property (south elevation). <i>No objections.</i>
RR/2022/2594/P	Country Furniture Barn, Hawkhurst Road, Flimwell, TN5 7QH	Extension to barn warehouse. <i>It was commented that this was a large extension to replace area that will be used for accommodation but there was no real reason to object - Materials to match the existing – Recommendation for approval.</i>

RR/2022/2533/P	Hazelhurst Point, Lower Hazelhurst, Ticehurst TN5 7LE	Variation of condition 2 imposed on RR/2022/727/P to add a flat roofed carport with PV panels. <i>No objection</i>
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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 have 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, Redknap.

In attendance: D. Cllr. Barnes, and C. Cllr. Kirby-Green.

3123.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

Jason Marsh from Ticehurst Football Club to explain what the club needed in any new pavilion that the Council were thinking of providing:

- two rooms and one shower (that doesn't work) currently.
- Request for a building with two changing rooms (slightly larger to accommodate the whole team rather than half of them), with shower facilities x 2 and loos - these could become compulsory for league games.
- Access to loos via an external door would also be useful – perhaps on the side of the building.
- Storage for the petanque club could also be provided within it.
- The football club started in 2018, with about 35 players – new ones joining recently.
- They play in the West Kent league Sunday league.

Clerk was asked to ascertain whether new foundations will be required – ask Passmores to re-visit. She was also asked to approach the Beatrice Drewe Trust to see if these facilities could be provided within the Institute.

- Clerk reported that she had met with Southern Water and has asked for a contribution of £12000 and £4000 towards the Pavilion and Petanque pitch extension.

Stonegate Football Pavilion - John Maxfield would like to be put in touch with Passmores to discuss the needs of a new pavilion at Stonegate.

Any new buildings would need protection to doors and windows to prevent vandalism.

Ian Fraser from the Petanque Club reported that £1000 has been raised to date. Wadhurst Warriors are considering some funding. Police and Optivo have also been approached for a contribution towards the extension.

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Berners Hill – Update on the use of Black Cat devices rather than hand held device. EKG still have to pay for surveys – as a deterrent - it wont help you to collate data needed for road changes. Burwash are looking at buying one – wait to see - find out if the Ticehurst speed device

Report on social media points raised during the last month:

No comments of note.

3124.0 District and County Councillor Reports:

D. Cllr. Barnes reported on Rother’s medium term financial strategy which anticipate that reserves will dip to below £5m. Chief financial officer is leaving in January 2023. She, and others have concerns that reserve levels are becoming too low. Plans for redevelopment of part of the town hall is likely to come back to planning in December with costs rising. £600,000 has been spent to date on plans and feasibility studies.

May 4th 2023 - election date for all district and parish councillors.

C. Cllr. Kirby- Green reported that drainage works, clearance and investigations will commence on 12th - 13th December in the High Street and St Marys Lane. She also reported that it has been established that some of the road re-surfacing on the B2099, post utility works, is unacceptable. This will be re-inspected once works are completed and the contractors will be required to make good.

Beech Farm Sedlescombe – questions had been asked at a meeting on 5th December at RDC about advice provided to cllrs. about declaring pecuniary interests. It was felt that the answers provided, fell short of an adequate explanation.

3125.0 Declarations of Interest: Declarations of interest under the terms of the Council’s Code of Conduct and Localism Act 2011 s.31. - No declarations were made.

3126.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cllrs. Luckhurst, Stephenson and Studholme, and recorded in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85. D.Cllr. Browne sent apologies.

3127.0 Adoption of the Minutes: 1st November 2022. Cllr. Heapy proposed, and Cllr. Ham seconded a motion for the chairman to sign as a correct record of those proceedings.

3128.0 South-East Water: Compensation re water supply to local charities – Cllr. Stephenson had updated the clerk – response is due by 15th December 2022. Clerk reported that one parish received a cheque for £2500 compensation who had not put in a claim.

3129.0 Village Centre : Cllr. Killeen to report:

- **Meeting on 7th November - no news back from ESCC. They will look into the specification of the imprints and are happy to revive the SLR meetings. Email received 7.12.22 circulated to members from R Brittle.**

3130.0 Ticehurst Sign: The new sign has an improved wooden surround, Cllr. Bassett to arrange re-installation on new post – old post to be retained.

3131.0 Playground Inspections: Playground reports were received from Cllrs. and distributed to members.

Farthing Hill – Cllr. Heapy reported that the pedestrian and double gate need attention and the rocker is rather worn.

Flimwell – Cllr. Redknap reported that grass needs removing from the play pits.

Ticehurst – Cllr. Lloyd reported on maintenance works that he has carried out, especially with leaf clearance with the new leaf blower. The chairman thanked him for the many hours of work he undertakes at the recreation ground.

Stonegate – No report available.

Trees:

- Two veteran oaks to be deadwooded and lift and reduce canopies of the two smaller oaks near the petanque pitch increasing CCTV coverage of the area. Oaks in hedge line on southern boundary.
- Oaks at Corner Farm- clerk has requested quotations for tree works and applied for permission to RDC to carry out reductions.

Caloo have agreed that their repair work was not up to standard. Their proposal is to lift all equipment on to small stacks, skim the area with a better surface, realigning pieces of equipment and adding a fun box for smaller users – additional cost £12500. Cllr. Studholme requested, in his absence, that no decision is made until an alternative contractor has quoted for the work.

Cllr. Hodges commented that there is no circuit which would be normal for a skate park – the initial design of the area seems to be questionable.

Clerk was asked to seek advice on whether the council can demand that the equipment is removed, or as an alternative ascertain whether Caloo can provide a half pipe which would obfuscate the need for resurfacing.

3132.0 Banky Field – CEO of Optivo has been asked to visit the village to discuss all matters relating to their properties - no response to date.

Since the meeting on 31st October 2022 with the RDC planning officer, there has been no communications.

D.Cllr. M Barnes reported that ventilation in the houses is an issue - RDC have received complaints about mould (bedrooms, bathrooms and lofts) which are being investigated by the Environmental team. Cllr. Galpin commented that this might be due to insufficient ventilation.

3133.0 A21 – eastern side of the road surface: Cllr. Killeen reported that Nick Harris of Highways has authorised repair work between now and March, having recognised that the surface is dangerous, but there is still a question about who are going to adopt it following completion of the work. Councillors were grateful for the persistence of the local resident who has succeeded in Highways having recognised the need for action.

3134.0 Email addresses for new councillors: Councillors were asked to assist each other in getting everyone on to the new email address system.

3135.0 Finance Report:

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

- Finger Post at Stonegate – new post needed and arms and cap re-fitted.
- Finger Post at Cottenden will be collected before Christmas and returned in the new year - hopefully both will be reinstated at the same time.
- Finger Post at Flimwell has been cleaned – work on-going.
- Stonegate Village Hall - subsidence claim – without prejudice donation of £1500 agreed.
- Hanging Baskets – agreed to leave as all year round.
- Land in Sight - subscribe to professional level and ask Burwash and Westfield for £500 contribution to access the service.

Recommendations from the financial advisory group to members – meeting date 3.12.22, were all agreed by members.

Payments made since the last meeting:

	Into account	Out of account
Castle Water		15.00
Honey Barrett		39.00
Stonegate Village Hall		1500.00
Stonegate PCC		750.00
Flimwell Hall		1500.00
Countrymans		1335.65
Glasden		335.12
Europlants		521.28
N Power		942.19
Lloyds Bank		28.25
J Brooker		320.00
Iden Signs		127.20
David Kendon		400.00
Rother – rates		65.00
Biffa		96.48
Nest		199.64
RALC		90.00
ESALC		48.00
Miss Watts		172.90
Khift – to be shared with other parishes.		3936.00
BT Plc		79.09
Lamberhurst Equipment		582.00
Planning Subscription		258.50
Viking		106.33
Shaun Colvin		550.00
Europlants		88.19
D Studholme		192.00
Government Events – High St		120.00
Forest Trees		650.00

3136.0 Planning Report: Planning applications considered at the planning meeting 6.30 p.m. – Cllr. Galpin reported to members on the recommendations made earlier in the evening.

Bantham Farm - Ticehurst has submitted comments to the inspector at appeal as has the collective northern parishes group.

Bryants Farm conversion has been refused.

It was reported that the Government appear to be backing away from mandatory housing targets enabling adjustments for areas with particular landscapes and factors influencing housing numbers.

3137.0 Neighbourhood Plan: Policy revision and consultation process results. Cllr. Killeen had circulated a list of tasks/updates that need attention and asked members to commit to exploring one topic each. Cllrs. Ham and Redknap reported that they were working on the Flimwell matters. Cllr. Killeen was asked to re-circulate the list so that members could choose a topic of interest at the January 2023 meeting.

3138.0 Dates for 2023 – election year and Annual Assembly. It was resolved to set 28th March 2023 for the annual assembly so that residents can be encouraged to stand for election.

AGM May meeting was set as the 16th May 2023 after the election on 4th May 2023.

3138.0 Items for the January Agenda: Budget/Precept for 2023/2024.

3139.0 Confidential Matters: There were no members of the public present at the meeting. Beech Farm Sedlescombe.

3140.0 Date of the next meeting: 10th January 2023

Signed.....Chairman

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