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TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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A G E N D A

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summoned to attend a meeting of Ticehurst Parish Council on Tuesday 10th January 2023 at Ticehurst Village Institute at 7.00 p.m.

Planning applications for consideration at 6.30 p.m. (recommendations of planning committee were reported to full council).

Present: Cllrs. Galpin ©, Bassett, Burley, Ham, Lansdowne, Lloyd, Luckhurst, Redknap and Studholme.

Land adjacent to Seacox Cocks, The Mount, Flimwell, TN5 7QP	Erection of a Pair of Semi-Detached Dwellings, together with parking, new access and landscaping. <i>Fresh application, similar to the previous one. Outside the development area but providing 50% affordable. Owner of the land was present who pointed out that a similar scheme at Mark Lilly's garage has recently received a permission but with tight conditions. The site has a tree preservation order on it and proceedings for breach of the order are being considered by Rother. Recommendation for refusal.</i>
2 Fern Villas, High Street, Flimwell, TN5 7PA RR/2022/2841/P	Proposed single storey side extension. <i>Cllrs. felt that this was a modest extension in keeping with the existing dwelling and with a cat slide roof. Materials to match original building. Recommendation for approval.</i>
Ridgeway Farm, Unit 1 Burnt Lodge Lane, TN5 7LA RR/2022/2800/P	Conversion of office building to form 1no.dwellingshouse. <i>It was felt that this application was preferable to the previous application approved by RDC. This application has a better design. Recommendation for approval.</i>

Cllr. Lloyd reported on the situation at Strakes Farm - he had made Mark Bright (enforcement officer) at RDC aware that the work being carried out did not appear to be in accordance with the permission granted. The pitch of the roof is steeper than the barn plans and looked more like a dwelling. Mark Bright will monitor the situation.

Cllr. Burley reported that the new government consultation paper on planning contained a proposal that applicants historical non-compliance might be taken into account when considering new applications.

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.

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Present: Cllrs. Burley©, Bassett, Galpin, Ham, Lansdowne, Lloyd, Luckhurst, Redknap, and Studholme.

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

3141.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

Two members of the public attended to ask Cllrs. if they supported the 'dark sky' work. Reference is made in the Neighbourhood Plan supporting darker skies and street lights are turned off at night. There will be an exhibition in Wadhurst on 19.2.23.

A member of the public requested that the mile stone at Flimwell (opposite Flimwell Park) be restored. Clerk was asked to organise its refurbishment. She was thanked for her work in organising the repair of the road surface at the traffic lights (due 30.1.23).

Report on social media points raised during the last month:

Green Grocers: Several people had commented on the closure of the shop and it was hoped that it will be retained as a village retail outlet.

Pot Holes: Many reports of the poor state of the roads were posted.

Cllr. Hodges had suggested that a regular report of PC activities be adopted for social media and in News and Views. It was felt that this would be a good idea and the draft budget reflects an amount to cover regular articles.

3142.0 District and County Councillor Reports:

Cllr. Mary Barnes reported that she and other councillors were concerned about the budget management at Rother, including the expenditure on plans for a refurbished town hall and a 3% pay rise for officers and staff.

Appeal hearings for the Parish: Bantham Farm 24.1.23 and Villa Flair 7.2.23 PC representation to be drafted by the clerk.

The parish council had received notification of Rother's intention to remove the recycling bins in Pickforde Lane car park. Cllrs. questioned the logic and were concerned that fly tipping would occur on site which they would then be financially responsible for clearing. *Rother have agreed to fence off the area for 1 month after removal on 22.2.23 and clear any rubbish during that time - thereafter, Ticehurst PC would be responsible for clearing but Rother reported that this has not happened in other villages.*

C.Cllr. Eleanor Kirby-Green reported on the appalling state of the local roads. Balfour Beaty commence their contract with East Sussex in March 2023. She felt that the standard of work was poor and with many more pot holes being reported than normal – 2800 last week.

- **Drainage:** Work is due to take place soon outside the Bell and an inspection from the Volvo Garage to the Chequers where it is accepted there is a problem.
- She committed to chasing up about reinstating the SLR meetings for Ticehurst.
- Information about whether the western imprint can be ground down is being sought by ESCC.

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

3143.0 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 declarations of interest.

3144.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies to be recorded in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85.

Cllrs. Heapy, Hodges, Killeen and Stephenson. Reasons for absence were accepted by colleagues and recorded.

3145.0 Adoption of the Minutes: Cllr. Galpin proposed and Cllr. Lansdowne seconded a motion that the draft notes were a true record of the proceedings on 6th December 2022 and duly authorised the chairman to sign them.

3146.0 South-East Water: Clerk reported that they had requested parish bank account details, but to date, nothing had been received in compensation for lack of water supply.

3147.0 Village Centre:

- **Finger Posts** – Clerk reported that Jakks had picked up the Cottenden Post and the Stonegate village centre post and would reinstate in about two weeks. *Cottenden Post has been reinstated.*
- **Mile Stone sign at Flimwell** – refurbishment – it was resolved to carry out the work.

3148.0 Ticehurst Sign: Update on village sign.

3149.0 Playground Inspections: To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – written reports should be distributed prior to the meeting.

Farthing Hill – Cllr. Heapy reported that the gates are mended and there were no issues noted on site.

Flimwell – Cllr. Redknap reported that there is a large pot hole in the entrance driveway to the site. Clerk was asked to organise repairs. Some large limbs were lost from trees during the recent bad weather. Clerk awaiting permission from RDC to carry out crown reduction on the trees.

Ticehurst – Play Equipment was reported to be in good order but there is a lot of tidying up and leaf blowing to be done.

Stonegate – Nothing to report.

Caloo Skate Park – resolution required – web site exhibits a £40,000 half pipe park for a parish council in 2015. Cllr. Studholme had circulated an email listing issues that the current park presents. Clerk had taken advice from ESALC and it was resolved to use the solicitor Kate Jackson to write to Caloo requesting immediate removal of the equipment on the basis that the council have no confidence in the company to provide a safe recreation facility.

3150.0 Banky Field – Wayne Francis from Optivo/Southern Homes will be meeting with councillors on 13.2.23 to discuss any affordable housing matters within the parish.

3151.0 A21 – eastern side of the road surface: Programmed in for repair work on 30.1.23.

3152.0 Email addresses for new councillors: Cllrs. Burley, Lloyd, Ham, Killeen, Lansdowne, Galpin and Stephenson are now able to use the new email addresses. Cllr. Galpin offered to help anyone else needing assistance.

3153.0 Finance Report:

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

- Allowances – Cllrs. resolved not to start a parish councillor allowance.
- Football Pavilion:
- Annexe – compensation for water use - it was resolved that Cllr. Studholme would speak to the householder about a token amount per year.
- It was resolved to carry out work on the Stonegate trees near the hall and an ash leaning over the football field and to fell the dead ash on the boundary with the Bell Field. Cllr. Lloyd reported that he had commissioned the agreed works at the Ticehurst recreation ground with a local tree surgeon.
- NALC are negotiating a pay rise for parish clerks (dated 1.4.22).

Recommendations from the financial advisory group for budget to be resolved at a meeting on 26.1.23 and submitted to Rother District Council.

	Into account	Out of account
BT Group		79.09
Rother		65.00
Europlants		88.19
J Brooker		295.00
Corex		176.76
RBS Ltd		520.00
Glasdon		28.04
Billy Howard – Ticehurst Sign		150.00
David Kendon		50.00
Nest		199.64
Construction SAF		178.20
Shaun Colvin		1400.00
Land in Sight		1944.00
Biffa		96.48
N Power		723.84
Lloyds Bank		7.00
Honey Barrett		39.00
Castle Water		15.00

3154.0 Planning Report: Planning applications considered at the planning meeting 6.30 p.m. – applications and recommendations were listed prior to the PC agenda.

3155.0 Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr. Hodges has offered to take on the rights of way aspects within the plan.

3156.0 Dates for 2023 – election year and Annual Assembly (27th March 2023 booked) – 16th May not available for AGM – 9th May 2023. Clerk was asked to check whether the May meeting could take place on 9th May 2023.

3157.0 Items for the February Agenda: Training date for councillors with Trevor Leggo.

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3158.0 Confidential Matters: Beech Farm, Sedlescombe. Members of the public to withdraw - Contractual Matters.

3159.0 Date of the next meeting: 7th February 2023

Signed.....Clerk

Dated 10.1.23