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MINUTES

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summoned to attend a meeting of Ticehurst Parish Council on Tuesday 7th February 2023 at Ticehurst Village Institute at 7.00 p.m.

Planning applications for consideration - recommendations of planning committee were reported to full council under agenda item 3173.0.

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

RR/2022/2974/P	Eatonden Manor Farm, Battenhurst Road, Ticehurst TN5 7DU Removal of modern additions to the rear and side of dwelling, erection of new extension to rear of property, external alterations to repair the fabric and improve the appearance of the listed building and the installation of photovoltaic panels on the roof of a modern agricultural barn.
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Applicant present: *Stripped back the later additions in the most recent application. Pre-application advice has been sought from Rother. Insertion piece is subservient to the original house and obviously of a different era, in timber cladding with some glass. It is a much smaller addition than the previous application. It was felt that the current proposal showing a clear link between the two eras. Cautionary note was made about the longevity of the timber cladding coming down to the ground. Recommendation for approval.*

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

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

3160.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments: Two members of public present:

- Two notice boards at Springfields junction. The police one is not used and it was felt that it could be useful as a community board. Member of the public is happy to hold the key and post notices. Police have confirmed that they are not interested in using it. It was resolved to put it to good use and replace the back board in this and the parish board.

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- A member of the public asked about progress on getting a 20 mph limit in the village centre. Cllr. Killeen reported that there is a general move across the country to install this village and towns. Police report that it is not enforceable. It was suggested approaching other villages to promote a joint approach to East Sussex County Council and the police.

Report on social media points raised during the last month:

- Removal of the bins in Pickforde Lane.
- Removal of the rubbish in the Acres Rise to Farthing Hill ditch.
- Firework display in someone's garden. Cllr. Studholme reported that he removed the posts due some unpleasant comments and personal details being provided.
- Parking on the pavements of the High Street – preventing wheelchair access.
- Hilbury contractors are now parking on the northern side of the road preventing pavement access. C. Cllr. Kirby-Green reported that East Sussex cannot do anything and suggested involving the M.P.

3161.0 District and County Councillor Reports:

County Report: Budget was agreed today. 2.99% increase in the budget = £1.55 per Band D household.

Rosemary Lane has been inspected and needs repairs.

Survey of drainage works outside Marlpit Gardens has taken place - awaiting an update. SLR meetings have been put on hold due to the state of the roads which are taking priority.

Imprint report is being chased on a regular meeting.

Pot holes: Cllr. Kirby-Green reported that 23 gangs are out repairing pot holes. Some are temporary repairs. If you log a pot hole on line to East Sussex it is better to do it with a photo so that it doesn't need visiting by the Highways Steward. Cllr. Studholme to add the link for reporting to the Ticehurst face-book page. 4264 pot holes were worked on during January.

Rother Report:

The budget will be finalised on Monday 20th February - budget will be set at Rother. Huge amount of money to be invested in Sidley.

3162.0 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.

3163.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cllrs. Bassett, Burley and Heapy. D.Cllr. M Barnes had also sent apologies. Apologies were recorded in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85.

3164.0 Adoption of the Minutes: 10th January 2023. |Cllr. Studholme and Cllr. Galpin proposed and seconded a motion to adopt the draft as true copy of that meeting and the acting chairman then signed them.

3165.0 South-East Water: Compensation re water supply to local charities – Cllr. Stephenson reported that she had requested £18000.00 spread between 3 halls and 3 charities across the parish and been awarded £16000.00. She was thanked for her work in securing the funds.

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3166.0 Village Centre :

- Cllr. Studholme offered to investigate road side f(ully-funded) electric car chargers to stop parking on the pavements.
- Clerk has a meeting on 1st February Colin Edgly – funds available for V Halls AiRS at noon. Expresss ion of interest. TK and DS.
- Road Stone Plaque Flimwell – clerk has ordered plaque with updated milage.

3167.0 Ticehurst Sign: Update on village sign

Finger Posts: Cottenden sign was removed on 5th January for refurbishment and has now be reinstated. The arms and cap for the Stonegate post collected for a replacement post and installation.

3168.0 Playground Inspections: To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – written reports should be distributed prior to the meeting.

Farthing Hill –

Flimwell – Pot hole in the driveway has been commissioned for repair work. Cllr. Redknap. Cllr. to chase RDC re trees at Corner Farm.

Ticehurst - 30.1.23 – tree works carried out on Oaks at Ticehurst - increasing cctv camera range and lifting the younger Oaks to a good well balanced crown shape. Hedges have been cut.

Stonegate – Due to increased work load with the PC banking control, Cllr. Lansdowne offered to do the monthly check on this playground.

Stonegate hedging has been done.

Tree Works at Flimwell - application has been made to reduce the two Oaks.

Caloo Skate Park – Kate Jackson at Surrey Hills Solicitors had been instructed to draft a letter to Caloo requesting removal of equipment within a given time frame. Caloo were informed that Ticehurst PC were taking legal advice and that they should not come to site, as they had suggested. Solicitors have advised today that they do not feel this would be the best course of action. Cllr. Hodges had also taken advice and reached the same conclusion. It was resolved that Cllr. Studholme and the clerk should ask Caloo to replace all the equipment with a half pipe that would not require resurfacing the area.

Acres Rise to Farthing Hill - plan to clear stream and remove rubbish. Cllr. Studholme had received a quotation for £295 per load for clearance by Biffa who will take mattresses which can not be put in skips. It was resolved that the clerk and Cllr. Studholme arrange for local labour to pull the rubbish out of the stream to designated sites for removal by Biffa. Parish Council to provide suitable boots and gloves for workers.

3169.0 Banky Field and other Optivo sites:

Clerk has an appointment on 13.1.23 with Wayne Francis 10.30 am. Cllrs. Lloyd and Studholme to attend the meeting.

3170.0 A21 – Eastern side of the road surface: This had been programmed in for repair work on the 31.1.23 which had been completed very satisfactorily.

3171.0 Email addresses for new councillors: By the end of the meeting all councillors were able to confirm that they had access to the generic parish council email addresses.

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3172.0 Finance Report:

Budget against actual expenditure and balanced bank reconciliations circulated to all members and signed by the chairman.

- Pavilions: Clerk reported that there was a possibility of gaining youth funding for a substantial pavilion at Ticehurst - Cllrs. Galpin, Studholme offered to assist.
- Annexe – compensation for water use - Cllr. Studholme reported that he had not yet managed to talk to the householder - more rubbish has accumulated.
- Finger Post at Flimwell has been cleaned and will be repainted when it is warmer.
- It was unanimously agreed that unused pockets of money should be vired to reserves so that the councils start the new year with the budget – It was resolved that the clerk and cllr. Luckhurst arrange to move funds before 31.3.23.
- National Lottery grant application has been made for £8500 for Coronation celebrations three wards has been made by the clerk.

Delegated authority from meeting on 10th January 2023 - final budget was sent to RDC for 2023/24 £150150.00

	Into account	Out of account
British Telecom		79.09
Rother District Council		65.00
Nest		199.64
HMRC		2647.24
Cherry Tree		250.00
J Brooker		320.00
Corex		119.85
Glasdon		869.37
Lloyds		7.00
N Power		818.42
Biffa		120.60
Stonegate Hall		1500.00
Honey Barrett		39.00
Castle Water		15.00

3173.0 Planning Report: A planning application was considered at the planning meeting 6.30 p.m. – notes provided.

Other Planning Matters:

Land at Three Leg Cross – Cllr. Lloyd reported that an interim planning meeting was held last week with regard to a planning application at Huntley Mill for houses on land that had been illegally stripped of trees. The Forestry Commission have issued a re-stocking order on the land and RDC should consider the area as woodland.

Villa Flair - informal appeal at RDC 7.2.23 – Cllr. Lloyd reported that he had attended the appeal earlier in the day. The site was then visited by the inspector later that day.

Bantham Farm - informal appeal at RDC 24.1.23 – update - there is also a further appeal pending.

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Delegated decisions from RDC:

TICEHURST RR/2022/2183/P Land at Broomden Farm, Ticehurst Erection of agricultural residential dwelling on existing base of agricultural building. Planning Permission refused

TICEHURST RR/2022/2591/P Stable End, Rosemary Lane, Ticehurst Installation of a Solar PV system to the pitched roof at the rear of property (south elevation). Planning Permission granted subject to conditions

TICEHURST RR/2022/2594/P Country Furniture Barn, Hawkhurst Road, Flimwell, Ticehurst Extension to barn warehouse. Planning Permission granted subject to conditions

TICEHURST RR/2022/2674/P Wishdown Cottage, Claphatch Lane, Ticehurst Demolition of existing two-storey rear extension; two storey replacement side and rear extension. Planning Permission granted subject to conditions

TICEHURST RR/2022/2793/T 10 Steellands Rise, Ticehurst 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. Application Withdrawn.

3174.0 Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr. Hodges has offered to take on the rights of way aspects within the plan.

It was agreed that a small group, chaired by Cllr. Killeen, would meet to tabulate tasks that need updating within the Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllrs. Galpin and Heapy offered to take on a role.

It was requested that once the tabulated list of task was circulated that Cllrs. would commit to considering a task each. It was agreed that an out of date plan would leave the parish more vulnerable to planning applications that did not meet the policies within the plan.

3175.0 Dates for 2023 – election year and Annual Assembly (27th March 2023 booked) –

Training: ESALC – Trevor Leggo is booked for Tuesday 14th March 6.30 – 9.00 pm for training and visioning in Ticehurst - most councillors committed to attend.

3176.0 Items for the March Agenda: Charging points for pavements
Caloo update
Coronation Celebrations

3177.0 Confidential Matters: Beech Farm, Sedlescombe. Members of the public to withdraw - Contractual Matters.

3178.0 Date of the next meeting: The meeting closed at 8.20 p.m. p.m. Date of the next meeting was set for 7th March 2023

Signed.....Chairman

Dated 07.03.23