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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 4th April 2023 at Ticehurst Village Institute at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllr. Lloyd ©, Burley, Ham, Heapy, Luckhurst, Redknap, Stephenson and Studholme.

Planning applications for considered - (recommendations of planning committee were reported to full council)l at 6.30pm **Members of the public present = 18**

Reference	Location	Proposal
RR/2023/576/P	Apsley Court, The Coach House, Pickforde Lane, TN5 7BJ	Demolition of existing conservatory and link and construction of single storey extension connecting main dwelling to kitchen. <i>No objections.</i>
RR/2023/507/T	Flimwell Recreation Ground, High Street, Ticehurst TN5 7FE	T3 - Oak - crown reduction by 25% (1.75 to 2m) and removal of major deadwood to protect public safety as there is a pedestrian pathway directly below the tree. T4 - Oak - width reduction of 25% (2.5m) to balance the crown and removal of deadwood. <i>TPC are the applicant so conflict of interest exists - no comment.</i>
RR/2023/477/O	Orchard House, High Street, Ticehurst TN5 7BB	Certificate of Lawfulness for the existing use of Orchard House and Orchard Cottage as two separate residential dwellings. <i>Has been used as two dwellings for decades. It was felt that this regularised the situation.</i>
RR/2023/478/P	West Lynden, Lynden Lane, Stonegate, TN5 7EF	Change of use of a residential annex to create a separate dwelling. <i>There was a separate building tied with a 106 agreement to the main dwelling although they are quite separate. This does represent the creation of a new dwelling in the countryside. He wants to lift the 106 agreement that specified that it should not be a separate dwelling. Leave the legalities to Rother District Council. Comment only as above.</i>
RR/2023/437/P	5 High Street, St Ann's, Ticehurst TN5 7PF	Creation of pavement cross-over from highway to front driveway. <i>It was observed that an enormous amount of work has been carried out. The garage got planning permission for tourist accommodation – neighbour is concerned that this idea for a separate access will ultimately lead to the creation a separate dwelling. Highways has objected. Neighbours are concerned about their legal access rights. It was felt that due to the poor quality of the plans it is difficult to make proper comment.. If granted, a condition that it can't become an independent dwelling should be imposed. Recommendation for refusal.</i>
RR/2023/361/P	6 Forge Field, Ticehurst TN5 7ED	Residential side extension and loft conversion with rear facing flat roof dormer. Removal of hedgerow to form new permeable driveway. <i>No objection to ground floor single extension, but the dormer rooflight is out of scale with the roof form and completely removes the visible pitch of the roof. Recommend refusal.</i>

Parish Council Meeting

Present: Cllrs. Burley ©, Ham, Heapy, Hodges, Killeen, Lloyd, Luckhurst, Redknap, Stephenson and Studholme.

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

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 are welcome to stay and observe the rest of the meeting in accordance with Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1.

3198.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

Old Vineyard Pashley Road RR/2023/272/P: Cllrs. were asked if the application been called in to committee - Cllr. Barnes confirmed that was the case. Highways have come back with a solid recommendation against the application. Concerns were raised about alternative access potential in the future. The verge to the highway will be owned by ESCC. It was reported that there are 150 letters of objection on the planning portal. A neighbour reported that the boundary shown on the application is wrong by about 1.5 m which can be evidenced and confirmed that the driveway is owned by two properties there. Bridle path fence separating the field from the bridle path down to the style has fallen over, ownership of the fence is not known. C. Cllr. Kirby Green will inform ESCC that the fence is down and a horse is trespassing on the bridle path.

A representative from **Three Leg Cross** addressed the meeting on behalf of local residents.

- He reported on the concerns about pot holes, the highways steward has been out to visit. As an example of localism, Wingham PC put forward a team (trained by local highways) and now repair small pot holes to prevent them getting bigger. C. Cllr. Kirby-Green reported that she has been in touch with Carl Taylor (head of Highways ESCC) to see if East Sussex could follow Kent's example (the liability issue would need to be clarified). It was felt that if that could be achieved it would fulfil part of the Neighbourhood Action Plan.
- The Scrutiny Committee are looking at Highways performance. Balfour Beatty are taking over at the beginning of May 2023. The main issue is the criteria about when they will deal with a pot hole but not other adjacent minor holes. She is putting forward the argument about increased carbon emissions, going back to the same places.
- **Small island of green outside the Bull in Three Leg Cross** is being eroded by vehicles. The drains are not working there. There has been a huge shrinkage of the green. C.Cllr. Kirby-Green reported that she has raised it with county - ownership should be ascertained and if unadopted, would the PC adopt it? Highways Steward has raised it as an issue and the conservation officer at RDC would like to be involved in any decision on this.

Report on social media points raised during the last month:

Cllr. Studholme reported that fly tipping in Pickford Lane car park was the main issue. Currently locals are clearing up the rubbish but RDC should be informed to clear the rubbish until 23.4.23 and to prosecute fly tippers.

3199.0 District and County Councillor Reports:

County Report: Still chasing the imprint work at the western end of the village.

Singehurst Road: Requirement by Rydons to extend the 30 mph limit within the 106 agreement. ESCC are saying that it is too expensive with engineering works and are now arguing that it will make speeding worse. The reduction in speed limit at this point is mentioned in the Neighbourhood Plan. C.Cllr. Kirby-Green has asked Nick Skelton at Highways why there has been a change of opinion. They are of the opinion that a developer with small development shouldn't be expected to pay such a high cost. C. Cllr. Kirby-Green has argued that what they were they be expecting to pay should be given to the PC.

Rother – A Lower Platts resident has complained about increased lorry traffic and others commented that it was the same in Stonegate. It was concluded that it is likely that the Shrub Lane to Cottenden Road resurfacing might be the reason with loads of materials being delivered.

Bowl Water Applications: Cllr. Lloyd reported that he had spoken to Asma Chowdry, the officer at RDC assigned to the Bistro application to 11 units of accommodation. Rother did not comment in August 2022 when they had the opportunity. Asma Chowdry felt that Rother could not object, as government guidelines for conversion of redundant buildings and increasing employment would support the application. It was felt that Wealden and Rother should work together. The detrimental impact on wildlife is not being recognised by RDC. Cllr. Barnes reported that Jeff Pyrah has more concept as does Sarah Shephard and she is in touch with them about this application.

An act of Parliament in 1968 made provision for recreation and conservation. Contrary to dark skies policy. Wealden bio-diversity officer has put in a very decent report. Applying for SSSI status. Robert Banks suggested an amalgamation of Wadhurst's, Ticehurst's and Lamberhurst's Neighbourhood Plans as a joint policy.

3200.0 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 declaration of interest.

3201.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies from cllrs. Galpin and Bassett were recorded in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85.

3202.0 Adoption of the Minutes: Cllr. DS proposed and Cllr. Ham seconded a motion that the draft minutes of 7th March 2023 were an accurate record of that meeting and the chairman signed each page.

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3203.0 Land at Three Leg Cross: Members of the public have reported that the triangle of green where the old phone box is sited, is being eroded by vehicles parking. This was covered under public questions.

3204.0 Village Centre :

- Village Centre update Cllr. Killeen requested that C. Cllr. Kirby-Green chase Dale Pore to be reminded that we are waiting for information from him about the crossing and surface appropriate for the square.
- Ticehurst Coronation Champions Cllrs. Killeen and Heapy reported on the plans for 8th May 2023. A plaque to celebrate local volunteers has been suggested on the rear of the phone box that can be added to over the years. This is in line with the King's wishes. Draft list of volunteer organisation was circulated. Royal British Legion - rear of the phone box.
On an annual basis the plaque can be added to recognising people in the community and asking for nominations.
The PC agreed to contribute in principle when all costings have been ascertained.
- Flimwell are celebrating on the Sunday 1- 4 pm and Ticehurst 12 – 5 pm on the Monday.
- Clerk has asked the new High Sheriff or someone from L Lieutenants office to attend.
- Road closure.
- Funding for Coronation celebration 8.5.23. Fernham Homes will contribute.
- Road Stone Plaque Flimwell – clerk to chase plaque with updated milage. 6.4.23

3205.0 Ticehurst Sign: Update on village sign.

3206.0 Playground Inspections: To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – written reports should be distributed prior to the meeting.

Farthing Hill – Circulated by Cllr. Heapy – no issues.

Flimwell – Circulated by Cllr. Redknap pothole needs filling and finger post finishing.

Ticehurst - Petanque pitch - needs some landscaping done post installation. No point at the moment - create a French drainage system all the way round the edge

Stonegate – bark needs raking which Cllr. Burley offered to do.

Petanque Pitch Extension has been completed. Some landscaping is needed around the edges.

Caloo Skate Park – Report has been forwarded to solicitors for opinion.

Acres Rise to Farthing Hill - plan to clear stream and remove rubbish when the weather is better.

3207.0 Pot Hole Repairs: Suggestion to purchase temporary pot hole repair kits.

3208.0 Electric Charging Points for High Street.

3209.0 Dog Bin Pickforde Lane Car Park. Bins have been delivered and awaiting installation - CCTV signage for the car park have also been put up. Wifi link to the recorder here is too far and needs to be linked to the Bell. Store cupboard would be suitable - ducting is there from the building. Cllr. Studholme to talk to the new manager about this so that CCTV can be installed.

3210.0 Finance Report:

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

- **Pavilions:** Clerk to send Cllrs. Studholme and Hodges floor plans of the proposals and Cllr. Studholme will speak to the scouts as they have not contacted the clerk or Cllr. Killeen as arranged.
- **Moved £30 000 into reserves**
- **First half of the precept has arrived.**

	Into account	Out of account
CCTV		73.60
Europlants – hanging baskets		88.19
R Studholme – loo cleaning for the year		2950.00
Nest		306.41
Stonegate Hall		3000.00
Came and Co		2216.91
Beatrice Drewe Trust		1711.63
Flimwell Village Hall		3000.00
Flimwell Playing Field		2333.00
Cash and Carry		43.49
Corex		39.80
Europlants		88.19
J Brooker		320.00
K Giles		100.80
Mark Stephenson		25.00
BT		79.09
Rother District Council		65.00
Castle Water		15.00
Honey Barrett - payroll		39.00
Iden Signs		480.00
N Power		545.26
Ticehurst Scouts		575.00
Lloyds Bank		7.85
B Drewe Trust		4000.00
Football Club		275.00
B Drewe Trust – jubilee		140.00
Biffa		138.96
Castle Water		15.00
PAYE HM		3341.81

3211.0 Planning Report: Planning applications considered at the planning meeting 6.30 p.m. – applications listed prior to the PC agenda.

3212.0 Neighbourhood Plan: Cllr. Hodges has offered to take on the rights of way aspects within the plan. It was requested that Cllrs. undertake to review one section each of the plan to ensure that decisions made by the council are compliant with the policies made within the plan.

It was resolved that the dedicated training from Trevor Leggo would initially concentrate on councillors duties and what they can and can not do and then move on to a visioning exercise for the parish, relating to the Neighbourhood Plan – using that exercise to delegate various tasks amongst councillors.

3213.0 Annual Assembly: It was felt that the evening had been a great success.

3214.0 Training: ESALC – Trevor Leggo has been postponed until after the elections.

3215.0 Items for the May Agenda (AGM – election of Chair and Vice Chair, policy adoptions):

3216.0 Confidential Matters: Beech Farm, Sedlescombe. Members of the public to withdraw - nothing to report

3217.0 Date of the next meeting: 16th May 2023

Signed.....Chairman

Dated 16.5.23