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MINUTES

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summonsed to attend a meeting of Ticehurst Parish Council on Tuesday 6th June 2023 at Ticehurst Village Institute at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. Burley ©, Ham, Hodges, Lee, Redknap and Stephenson.

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

Co-option of two councillors to fill the Ticehurst and Stonegate vacancies:

Charlie Bassett (Stonegate) and James Galpin (Ticehurst) were unanimously voted on to the council - they then took their places at the council table and were handed register of interest forms to be submitted to RDC within 28 days, electronic copies of council document forms and acceptance of office forms. *Forms were posted on 7.6.23 to Rother's monitoring officer.*

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.

3236.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

Amended application for the Vineyard site on Pashley Road – 3 members of the public attended. It was reported that the ESCC highways department have moved away from their objection having spoken to the applicant's representatives who assured them that there will be no additional traffic coming to the site on the basis of the amendment.

- The public informed the meeting that currently there is no equestrian use of the land as claimed.
- The land continues to be used domestically (which is in breach of the enforcement notice applicable to the site).
- Cllr. M Barnes had spoken to the case officer who had still not reached a recommendation for the application. It would still be a new property in the countryside which is against planning policy.
- It will be called in if it is recommended for approval.
- Local residents will have legal representation at any meeting. Next planning meeting will be on 22nd June 2023.
- Clerk was asked to speak to Sarah Shepherd to ascertain the likelihood of a call-in so that people can be put on notice for 22.6.23 and request permission to address the planning committee.
- C. Cllr. Kirby-Green committed to talk to the Highways officer about the reasons for the change of opinion from them.
- Cllr. Kirby-Green advised sending detailed objections to every member of the planning committee if it is called in.

Report on social media points raised during the last month:

3237.0 District and County Councillor Reports:

Cllr. M Barnes reported that Doug Oliver remains the leader of the council, two deputies have been appointed - Christine Bayliss and Sue Prochak.

D. Cllr. Killeen has joined the planning committee and scrutiny committee.

Banky Field properties still have mould issues and none of the landscaping has been attended to. Clerk to inquire about what is happening.

Meeting on Thursday 2.00 p.m. with Southern Homes. Clerk to collate a list of issues with affordable housing stock within the parish.

C. Cllr. Kirby-Green reported that Balfour Beatty have started the new highways contract and appear to be carrying out works to a better standard. The highways steward is very positive about the standard of works and the speed of delivery.

Rydon Homes meeting tomorrow (7.6.23) at 1.30 pm about Singehurst traffic calming works.

Cllr. Kirby-Green reported that the Flexi-bus is working well on approved routes.

SLR meetings are re-starting.

3238.0 Declarations of Interest: Declarations of interest under the terms of the Council's Code of Conduct and Localism Act 2011 s.31. Cllr. Lloyd declared an interest in the contractor commissioned to do landscaping work around the pétanque pitch.

3239.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies were recorded in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85. Apologies were received from Cllrs. Heapy, Killeen, Lloyd, Luckhurst and Studholme.

3240.0 Adoption of the Minutes: 9^h May 2023. Proposed as a true record of those proceedings by cllr. Galpin, and seconded by Cllr. Stephenson. The chairman duly signed them.

3241.0 Watts App Communication proposal. There had been a mixed opinion about the use of an additional, immediate form of communication. Members were reminded that any such communication could be subject to a freedom of information request. Cllr. Hodges offered to moderate it if a group chat was set up. To discuss at the July meeting.

3242.0 Village Centre:

- Village Centre update - email from Ruby Brittle was circulated – updating the council about various highways queries made over the last three years.
- SLR meetings will resume soon,
- date for imprint grinding is awaited and they are aware of the hole in the pavement in the square.
- ESCC Highways have also been asked about when the informal crossing can be installed and what materials can be used to surface the village square.
- Mile Stone sign at Flimwell – plaque has been delivered and will be installed soon.
- Funding for Coronation celebration – report on balance carried forward for future events was circulated showing a £2402.62 credit balance.
- Car Park – Clerk to set up a meeting with Coppards.

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3243.0 Ticehurst Sign: The new sign is now up. Charlie Bassett was thanked for his work in achieving this.

3244.0 Playground Inspections: Playground reports were received from members:
Farthing Hill – Cllr. Heapy had sent a report from her phone, but it had not yet arrived – to be circulated at a later date.

Flimwell – Flimwell - new zip line sleeve is needed and some graffiti was reported. New liner for the bin has also been ordered.

Ticehurst - Circulated. There has been more vandalism on site. The veteran oak at the car park entrance needs and inspection when the ivy can be stripped from the main stem. It was resolved that the metal railing and bolts that hold the surround to the main playground should be removed.

Stonegate – Cllr. Burley offered to move latch on gate.

Bark chippings for all playgrounds to be ordered and spread before the summer holidays.

Petanque Pitch Extension has been completed. Landscaping works have been commissioned around the pitch - cllr. Lloyd had declared a personal interest at the finance meeting last week.

Caloo Skate Park Follow up

Acres Rise to Farthing Hill - plan to clear stream and remove rubbish. It was resolved to ask John Brooker to organise works.

3245.0 Dog Bins. The bin at the entrance to Springfields has had a bin liner placed over the top, Clerk has been informed that the lock has broken and Biffa can not open it - Clerk to replace if it can not be mended. A new bin opposite the school has replaced the one that had been removed.

3246.0 Finance Report:

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

- Pavilions: cheapest £20k on its own timber shed - . Cllr. Lee to look at potential grants and he would get in touch with John Maxfield.
- Reserves movement - agree to move CIL money into CCLA. Cllr. Burley had looked at the Lloyds deposit accounts not worth it.

	Into account	Out of account
Biffa Waste		138.96
The Bell – coronation	149.20	
Fernham Homes coronation	1500.00	
Countrymans – grass cutting		1362.37
Corex G's		50.97
Horizon Skills		150.00
Iden Signs – coronation		237.60
RDC Cil on Singehurst	94803.69	
A Beach – coronation flowers		185.00
Majestic Metals		310.00
RDC Rates		65.00

BT		90.49
Nest		209.35
Kazamataz		300.00
Locality		600.00
Saxophobia - coronation		200.00
Punch and Judy		300.00
Cakes and gazebos – coronation		290.98
One Com		13.19
Lloyds bank		11.25
N Power		724.63
RBS year end		594.00
Glasdon – dog bin		436.55
Honey Barrett		39.00
Castle Water		22.33
Biffa Waste		111.16

3247.0 Planning Report:

Reference	Location	Proposal
RR/2023/974/O	Weald Ridge, High Street, Ticehurst TN5 7HT	Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed installation of PV solar array on the Southern roof face and 9.5kw battery on Eastern flank wall. <i>Planning documents do not really indicate what the installation would look like. Not in conservation area and not a listed building - recommendation for approval.</i>
RR/2023/860/P	The Old Coach Works, High Street, Ticehurst TN5 7EX	Change of use and minor external alterations to create one new self-contained age-restricted residential extra-care apartment. <i>Not been in use for no interest in it. Minor alterations difficult to object.</i>
RR/2023/853/P	Acres Rise, Ticehurst TN5 7DD	Proposed dormers on the front elevation. <i>Matches existing. Recommendation for approval.</i>
RR/2023/839/P	Abbey Lea, Bardown Road, Stonegate TN5 7EL	Extensions to existing dwelling. External and internal alterations. Covered pergola and canopy attached to rear of existing dwelling. Associated hard and soft landscaping. <i>Previous permission has expired. New application is by S Langer, who originally designed the house. Similar to the previously approved scheme. Slight change in layout. No real reason to respond differently.</i>
RR/2023/840/P	19 Acres Rise, Ticehurst TN5 7DD	Erection of two storey side extension and alterations including loft conversion. <i>Not adverse impact on any one.</i>

BEWL - modified application to lessen light pollution. Being urged to oppose it Cllr. Lloyd will meet with a Wealden Councillor and report back. Feels it will go to appeal Cllr. E Kirby-Green reported that an application to make the area a Site of special interest designation is being applied for. It was felt that the owners need to produce an over-all plan, rather than the current situation of incremental planning creep.

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3248.0 Training: ESALC – Trevor Leggo can do bespoke training for Ticehurst on 3rd, 4th or 17th July. It was resolved that the Clerk should circulate these potential dates to maximise the number of councillors able to attend.

3249.0 Items for the July Agenda Street clutter. Whatsapp.

3250.0 Confidential Matters: Beech Farm, Sedlescombe. Members of the public withdrew.

3251.0 Date of the next meeting: The meeting closed at 9.05 p.m. and the next meeting was diarised for 4th July 2023

Signed.....Chairman

Dated 4.7.23