

TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summonsed to attend a meeting of Ticehurst Parish Council on Tuesday 4th July 2023 at Ticehurst Village Institute at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. Lloyd ©, Bassett, Galpin, Ham, Heapy, Hodges, Killeen, Lee, Luckhurst, Redknapp, Stephenson and Studholme.

In attendance: D. Cllr. Barnes and D. Cllr. E 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 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.

3252.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

There were no members of the public present.

Report on social media points raised during the last month:

- Defibrillators – Cllr. Lloyd attended the Flimwell day for training. It was accepted that the parish defibrillators need to be on the national register and a contract put in place with M & S Electricals to ensure they are all regularly serviced.
- Comments had been made about the primary school (both positive and negative.)
- Newington Court – a lot of information is being put on to social media with little factual merit. PC intend to put something in N & Vs in September after the consultation process with current residents is complete, enabling them to make their own decisions without undue pressure. It was resolved that Southern Homes should be asked to publicise regular up to date reports.

3253.0 District and County Councillor Reports:

DISTRICT – Pashley Road site was considered at the last meeting. The vote was against the application (6/7 votes).

Field Rise - Mould and land issues - No update. Grounds maintenance around the properties appears to have stopped.

Tipping in Rowley Lane has been cleared. It was reported that this is happening on a regular basis.

Pickforde Lane potholes - Rother are aware of the issue and intend to fill them.

Rough Field Bungalow – a complaint has been to RDC enforcement officer as it appears that a bungalow is being built next to it. A caravan has been installed on the site without permission. Ben Hook (RDC) is looking into the matter.

D. Cllr. Killeen reported that people have been complaining about verges being cut during ‘No Mow May’ – individuals can write to ESCC to request that areas are not cut.

The trial for grass verges not being cut will be rolled out to all parishes - areas around junctions will be kept clear. It was felt that the verge cutting was not being done to a very good standard.

National Highways are responsible for the area around Corner Farm, where grass growth precludes adequate sight lines.

D. Cllr. Killeen reported that she had attended a meeting about funding for housing support and benefits. There is still money available for those in and out of work on low incomes suffering from high cost of living crisis.

D. Cllr. Killeen reported that she is part of group looking at the RDC Local Plan – two points of interest for Ticehurst:

- Green to the Core and
- Living well locally. Health and well being board looking at preventative approaches to create better living conditions.

RDC Training – very good meeting on ethics codes of conduct had been attended by both D. Cllrs. It was agreed to ask Trevor Leggo to cover similar issues on 1st August - depersonalising social media.

House holders living on the banks of Bewl have contacted their district councillors about the many planning applications about activity there. Wealden Council, not RDC determine these applications. TPC did ask RDC to comment on the 11 accommodation units at the old Bistro building. The RDC officer was of the opinion that it would boost local employment and disappointingly made a favourable comment. It was felt that a composite plan for the whole site (as recommended by a planning inspector) rather than numerous small applications should be requested. An application to have site recorded as SSSI designation has been made.

COUNTY COUNCIL:

- EKG £15.7 million on roads and drainage. High Street drainage has been brought up again. ESCC met with local residents, including Cllr. Galpin this morning.
- Singehurst Rydens have been in touch with ESCC, making payment for the costs of amending the Traffic Regulation Order and are drawing up plans to extend the 30 mph zone.
- C.Cllr. Kirby-Green reported that having asked at County Hall, there were no plans to reduce the speed limit at the entrance to Flimwell Park. Brian Banks had been involved at the time - Cllr. Kirby-Green to follow up with him.
- Drain cover on the island in Ticehurst village square has been replaced.
- Wardsbrook road is on the schedule for repairs.

3254.0 Declarations of Interest: Declarations of interest under the terms of the Council's Code of Conduct and Localism Act 2011 s.31. Galpin allotments – Cllr. Lloyd declared a personal interest in application RR/2023/1275/O.

3255.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cllrs. Burley and Bassett and were recorded in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85.

3256.0 Adoption of the Minutes: Cllr. Stephenson proposed and Cllr. Galpin seconded a motion to accept the draft notes for the meeting on 6th June 2023 as a true record and the chairman was authorised to sign them.

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3257.0 Watts App Communication proposal. It was resolved to ask Trevor Leggo for advice about parish means of communication at the training event on 1.8.23. Cllr. Luckhurst felt that as it was on private phone numbers and could be subject to a freedom of information request she would be unwilling to use it. Other councillors felt that it would speed up the work of the council.

3258.0 Village Centre :

- Village Centre - Unfortunately the meeting on 3rd May with East Sussex County Council was cancelled. It was suggested that councillors could offer to go to Ringmer offices to facilitate a meeting.
- Street Clutter. The clerk reported that she is in the process of getting quotations for directional signage for the village shops to negate the need for the A boards in the village centre. Quotations for signage, pointing out where the car park is and for a new finger post at the entrance to Pickforde Lane are also being obtained.
- Mile Stone sign at Flimwell – refurbishment has been completed.
- Singehurst – Cllr. Kirby-Green covered this in the C. Council report - 3253.0
- Car Park - start date 21.8.23.
- Plaque for the Coronation – quotations for the plaque are being sought from Majestic Plaques.
- Christmas Lights - wires are starting to bite into the bark on the trees - Cllr. Heapy committed to getting them loosened.

3259.0 Allotments: Rents and inspection date to be resolved. It was felt that a small rent rise would be applicable, as the rents have remained at £25 for over 15 years.

3260.0 Playground Inspections: To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – written reports should be distributed prior to the meeting.

Farthing Hill – No report

Flimwell – Understorey hedge line cut quotation has been obtained and a vote to accept was secured. Cllr. Redknap circulated a report regarding the playground. Pot hole at the entrance needs filling. Finger Post refurbishment at Corner Farm needs to be completed.

Play bark chippings have been ordered for all playgrounds.

Ticehurst - Carp filming at Ticehurst Pond – waiting for date of visit.

Large Oak – inspection to be carried out.

Metal and wooden edgings have been removed around the playground.

Cllr. Lloyd had circulated a report regarding works at the Ticehurst Recreation Ground.

Stonegate Cllr. Burley has fixed the catch on the gate to Stonegate Playground.

Caloo Skate Park Waiting for play inspectors

Petanque Pitch - few issues with the drainage - contractors have recommended that a french drain is installed on the interior western side – Countrymans have been asked to carry out the work prior to full payment. Landscaping around the edge has been completed to a good standard.

Acres Rise to Farthing Hill - plan to clear stream and remove rubbish. Clerk was instructed to ask John Booker to organise works with Bernard. Cllr. Studholme offered to carry out a risk assessment prior to works.

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3261.0 Pickforde Lane - pedestrian route to Farthing Hill: Clerk has received a complaint about the overhang of trees and is seeking a quotation to cut them back.

3262.0 Finance Report:

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

- Pavilions: Stonegate - Cllr. Luckhurst was asked to check if the drainage report has been paid for - £400 ish – to release the report.
- TG Escapes and Modulek also do modular pavilions – Clerk has contacted both. Scouts messaged Cllr. Studholme and he is arranging a meeting to discuss the condition of the scout hut and the electrical installation.
- It was resolved that a sub-committee of Cllrs. Hodges, Galpin and Studholme (with the clerk) to ascertain the best solution for the pavilions and costings be established and brought back to full council.
- CCLA movement of funds form to be completed.
- Defibrillator contract – clerk reported that she has asked M & S Electricals to provide a service to regularly check all four defibrillators in the parish and register them with the emergency services.

	Into account	Out of account
S Rudd – face painting at Coronation event		500.00
M Stephenson – grass Corner Farm		125.00
Countrymans – grass		1362.37
J Brooker		795.00
Europlants		659.09
BT		90.49
Ticehurst News and Views – pétanque	1000.00	
HMRC vat rebate	8903.44	
RDC		65.00
Nest		209.35
HMRC		2789.03
Mr Tait – one com		92.24
Corex		68.40
Glasdon		92.17
M Stephenson		100.00
One Com		21.59
Countrymans		5040.00
Mark Cooper		800.00
D Kendon		450.00
Netwise		420.00
N power		595.60
Lloyds		7.00
J W Clark – landscaping		2500.00
Cash and Carry		77.77
Khift		4380.00
Rdc Dog bins		1887.60
Biffa		99.14
Honey Barrett		39.00
Castle Water		12.33

3263.0 Planning Report:

Reference	Location	Proposal
RR/2023/1275/O	Pashley Manor, Pashley Road, Ticehurst, TN5 7HE	Lawful Development Certificate for proposed works to a listed building to insert a stairlift on the back stairs for private domestic use. <i>Subservient staircase in the house for the owner. Should be a listed building application rather than lawful certificate. Service stairwell. No reason for negative feedback Lloyd declaring personal interest – mobility of house-holder necessitating installation.</i>
RR/2023/1059/P	Bell Hotel, High Street, Ticehurst TN5 7AS	Temporary installation of a small retail kiosk in front of The Bell Public House. <i>Temporary whilst the rest of the work is going on - differs from the approved application Red line on the application plan indicates ownership to the road edge. Looks like it projects over the land that the Bell own - would it intrude into the route of pedestrians. The position or serving hatch should be altered to ensure that any customers queuing do not intrude into the route of pedestrians. Argument that parked cars also intruding into the area. Recommending that it stays within their legal boundary. Responsibility is for the owner to ensure No reason to be negative. Prefer the original design</i>
RR/2023/1060/L	Bell Hotel, High Street, Ticehurst TN5 7AS	Temporary installation of a small retail kiosk in front of The Bell Public House.
RR/2023/1046/O	4 Berners Court Yard, Flimwell, Ticehurst TN5 7NE	Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed single storey rear extension. <i>Seeking confirmation that they don't need planning. No issues</i>

Vineyard - Pashley Road – close vote at Rother (7/6) – Clerk, Cllr. Lloyd and Cllr. Burley attended the meeting at Bexhill. Cllr. Burley spoke against the application as did the local residents' agent.

Compulsory purchase work is being considered by RDC to provide sites for travellers. ESCC feel that another 20 sites are needed.

D. Cllr. Barnes reported that she has repeatedly brought up the need for conditions about where spoil from development sites is taken to.

3264.0 Training: ESALC – Trevor Leggo has been booked for training on Tuesday 1st August 2023. Cllrs. were asked to inform clerk of their availability and food choice preference.

3265.0 Items for the September Agenda: Topics only – not for discussion.

3266.0 Confidential Matters: Beech Farm, Sedlescombe. Members of the public to withdraw.

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3267.0 Date of the next meeting: The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m. and the date of the next meeting set for 5th September 2023.

Signed.....Chairman

Dated 5.9.23