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PLANNING - 6.30 p.m. 5th September 2023

Present: Cllrs. Burley, Galpin ©, Heapy, Hodges, Killeen, Lloyd, Luckhurst, Studholme

Cllr. M Barnes in attendance:

Reference	Location	Proposal
RR/2023/1696/P	Bricklehurst Manor School, Bardown Road, Stonegate, TN5 7EL	Internal and external alterations to school building and external works to school grounds, including new multi-use games area, new fencing and gates, and associated works. <i>External works are away from the listed building. Quite minor changes to the internal parts of the building. No adverse comments from neighbouring properties. No objections.</i>
RR/2023/1697/L	Bricklehurst Manor School, Bardown Road, Stonegate, TN5 7EL	Internal and external alterations to school building and external works to school grounds, including new multi-use games area, new fencing and gates, and associated works. <i>See above.</i>
RR/2023/1577/L	Pashley Manor, Pashley Road, Ticehurst, TN5 7HE	Installation of stairlift to the back stairs for private domestic use. <i>Reviewed in July meeting – no objection – listed consent Cllr. Lloyd declared a personal interest.</i>
RR/2023/1541/P	Old Battenhurst, Battenhurst Road, Ticehurst TN5 7DU	Replacement of dormer with a roof window and provision of insulation to loft room 1. <i>Good specification of product quality. No objection.</i>
RR/2023/1542/L	Old Battenhurst, Battenhurst Road, Ticehurst TN5 7DU	Replacement of dormer with a roof window and provision of insulation to loft room 1. <i>See above.</i>
RR/2023/1333/P	Windmill Hill & Strawberry Bank, Maynards Fruit Farm, Cross Lane, TN5 7HQ	Application to modify or discharge a Planning Obligation relating to RR/89/2821/P in order to remove the property (now known as Strawberry Bank) and its established curtilage from the terms of the agreement, so that it can be owned and inhabited by persons without also having a legal interest in the wider land holding. <i>1990 planning approval - should remain as part of the farm. This application is to remove that tie. Agricultural occupancy condition remains. Cllr. Lloyd declared a personal interest. No objections.</i>

A G E N D A

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summonsed to attend a meeting of Ticehurst Parish Council on Tuesday 5th September 2023 at Ticehurst Village Institute at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. Bassett, Burley ©, Galpin, Heapy, Hodges, Killeen, Lloyd, Luckhurst, Stephenson and Studholme. D. Cllr. M Barnes and C.Cllr. E Kirby-Green in attendance.

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 then 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.

3268.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

- Pot Hole issue – community team. East Sussex have been approached and they will not give any consideration to the idea of the public working within the highway. At the East Sussex Highways meeting this morning the Highway Steward was going to visit Tinkers Lane and Rosemary Lane. The criteria for pot hole repairs has not changed but is being considered. More importantly, the quality of the work has improved.
- Triangle of green at Three Leg Cross - E. KG reported that Jane Whitacker, (land technician) will contact the clerk about PC adopting the land. Cllr. Heapy to provide clerk with resident's contact details.
- Resident who lived on Pickforde Lane attended as they had been unaware of the intended car park extension. He was concerned about the loss of natural habitat but was reassured that planting will take place in Phase II. Lighting will be sensitive to dark sky policies and at a low level. To increase safety in safety in Pickforde Lane he asked that a mirror be positioned on the post opposite the Coach House. He was asked to investigate mirror types and come back to the clerk.

Report on social media points raised during the last month:

- Springfield garages - vehicles have been blocking the garage entrances.
- Sign requested for Pickforde Lane car park.
- Chip van has asked if they could use the phone box electrics for a fee. Clerk to investigate the power supply as it was not working in the summer.
- Lamp post opposite Hilbury Gardens has been reported as not working.

3269.0 District and County Councillor Reports:

County Council report: Road closure notice is up about work on 2.10.23 to grind the western imprint. This will happen over night 8 pm to 6 am.

Work on Wardsbrook road is in the budget for the drainage and then surface.

Drainage in High Street is more complicated than originally thought but is in this years budget.

Flooding outside the Priory appears to be due to the drains being blocked at the top. ES Highways are are considering changing the tops and jetting more frequently.

D. Councillor Report:

Contact with Bewl residents

Couple of local young ladies have produced a proof of concept to improve playground facilities.

Landscaping at Field Rise, is not happening despite residents paying a monthly fee. D. Cllr. Mary Barnes reported that she is following this up. Cllr. Heapy felt it would be Southern Homes rather than Thakeham developers who would be responsible..

North Eye at Bexhill – It was reported that this facility might become a secure short term holding centre prior to deportation.

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2nd November – Rother Residential Event. Manor Barn Bexhill - Cllr. Galpin to attend. Rural Rother Community Grants - clerk making an application. 20% match funding.

3270.0 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 a personal interest in two of the planning applications. Cllr. Galpin declared an interest in the Bewl Application.

3271.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from cllrs. Ham Redknap and Lee and were recorded in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85.

3272.0 Adoption of the Minutes: 4th July 2023. Proposed by cllr. Galpin and seconded by cllr. Luckhurst. The chairman then signed them as an accurate record of those proceedings.

3273.0 Feedback from Training with Trevor Leggo:

Communication methods and roles and responsibilities - decision making protocol. It was agreed that all council decisions should be collectively made. Cllr. Studholme thanked the clerk for her work and suggested that in the event of her leaving a period of having a replacement working with her for a period of 6 months would be important. It was resolved that encouraging more residents to join small working groups would ensure the natural feed into parish council work in the future (such as the new playground group).

Neighbourhood Plan Objectives draft was circulated to members and it was resolved that cllrs. should take responsibility for identified works.

Cllr. Heapy thanked Cllr. Killeen and felt that she shouldn't have to lead on this.

Cllr. Heapy to take on the housing part of the plan. It was resolved that this item should appear on each agenda to keep momentum going.

Cllrs. were asked to study the document and consider taking on the responsibility for one or more items, working towards a revision of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Sheena Carmichael and John Pilcher have been approached to see if they would head up a group to revise the plan.

Many of the objectives identified during the Neighbourhood Plan process have been achieved and it was felt that updates in News and Views and on the Facebook pages should celebrate and inform residents.

3274.0 Village Centre :

- Village Centre update. Resolution to have teams call with i-transport as they were adamant that the informal crossing had been agreed in principle.
- Report on meeting with ESCC Highways 5.9.23. Minutes circulated.
- Bus stop markings have been suggested on northern side of the road which would prevent parking outside the Bell.
- Double Yellow Lines are enforced by RDC staff.
- Singehurst – speed limit changes are to go ahead.
- Parking on the pavements – apply for a license for a row of bollards near the estate agents. It was also resolved to draft a gentle note for car windows asking people to consider pavement widths for those with mobility issues.
- Bridge repairs at Stonegate – East Sussex are dealing with repairs.

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- Village centre signage – clerk was asked to order the finger post quoted for by Jakks and for two signs on the nearest lighting columns.
- Car Park extension – extension is nearly complete. White lining will be done this week. Phase II will be to make the alterations to the existing car park – exit on to Pickforde Lane, and getting the charging points put in.

3275.0 Allotments: Cllr. Galpin as carried out an inspection and identified vacant or unused plots for allocation to those on the waiting lists. Cllr. Galpin to report. Two plots vacant – hopefully will be taken soon. £30 per plot was agreed for the current year.

3276.0 Playground Inspections: To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – written reports were distributed prior to the meeting.

Farthing Hill – Cradle swing has been replaced. New latch fixed on pedestrian gate. New bar on the swings has been installed.

Flimwell – Understorey hedge line reduction has started and should be completed by the end of the week.

Ticehurst - Report circulated by cllr. Lloyd to all members.

- Large Oak – inspection needs to be carried out.
- Petanque pitch has had water outlet points added and whilst some appear blocked the drainage has improved. It was resolved that the balance (less £1000) be paid to the contractor – asking them to return to make the outlet holes larger and at a lower level. Grass cutting has improved after a meeting with the contractor.
- Grass cutting will next happen on Friday and then another cut and collect the one after that – Quotation requested for cut and collect during the season to improve the quality of the service.

Stonegate

- Cllr. Burley reported that the hedge is over grown and weeds in the surface. Clerk to ask hedging contractor to attend. Gate is not working again – Cllr. Bassett to look at the issue. Cllr. Lloyd to spray the weed growth.

Caloo Skate Park Caloo have issued legal action for payment. Surrey Hills Solicitors are preparing TPC defence. Insurance company have been informed.

Proposal for improvements at Ticehurst with a range of children’s play equipment and other family facilities. A mother has joined the BDT with a view to putting young families opinions to the Trust.

Acres Rise to Farthing Hill - plan to clear stream and remove rubbish. New rural grant fund has been announced by RDC - clerk is collating a bid for funding.

3277.0 Pickforde Lane - pedestrian route to Farthing Hill: Overhang of trees. Clerk to commission works.

3278.0 Finance Report:

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

- Pavilions: Cllr. Studholme met with the scouts and the football club at the Bell Field. A quotation has been obtained £90,000. It was resolved to get two other quotations. Cllr. Hodges to speak to football club about potential grant funding.

Football Club would also like container storage. It was resolved to grant the football club funding for a container £2800 ish subject to planning.

- Stonegate Pavilion: Drainage report has still not been forwarded.
- It was resolved that the clerk circulate the estimated amounts for the original modular pavilions to compare to the quotations.
- Defibrillators - M & S have been asked to carry out all recommended works and to register the defibrillators with the emergency services.
- Second half of the precept has been received.

AUGUST	Into account	Out of account
The Bell		274.00
BT		90.49
RDC Rates		65.00
Nest		209.35
Play safety		810.00
J Brooker		590
Countrymans		1362.37
Corex		39.80
Europlants		552.54
Cash and Carry		43.02
Tates		137.70
ESALC Training		269.34
R Studholme		1996.00
N Power		527.51
Football Club Jubilee		250.00
Lloyds		7.00
M & S Electricals – defib inspection		180.00
T Woodgate - ash at Bell Field		1056.00
Coronation costs		18.58
K Giles		79.20
Football Club – 2 years donations		600.00

3263.0 Planning Report:

- Land at Seacoxers - Whilst the neighbour to this site was present a discussion about the enforcement issues was discussed at the beginning of the meeting. Enforcement notice has been issued by East Sussex for the unlawful access today and RDC are also preparing papers to enforce unlawful use of the land. The appeal for the 4 houses has not yet been determined.
- Appeal at Bantham Farm - appeal was dismissed. There is still another one pending.
- Bewl Application for a permanent camp site. Resolution to object. Cllr. Galpin declared an interest and took no part in the proceedings.
- Decisions made at the planning meeting at 6.30 pm to be communicated to the Rother planning portal.

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

- Pavilions
- Neighbourhood Plan

3266.0 Confidential Matters due to on-going litigation: Beech Farm, Sedlescombe.. It was reported that until the High Court has registered and quashed the decision it can not be re-determined by Rother.

3267.0 Date of the next meeting: Meeting closed at 9 pm Date of the next meeting - 3rd October 2023

Signed.....Chairman

Dated 3.10.23