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PLANNING AGENDA - 6.30 p.m. 3rd October 2023

Present: Cllrs. Burley, Galpin ©, Ham, Heapy. Lee, Lloyd and Studholme

Reference	Location	Proposal
RR/2023/1965/P	30 Farthing Hill, Ticehurst TN5 7BW	Erection of shed. (Retrospective) <i>Pleasant design – no objections - recommendation for approval.</i>
RR/2023/1974/O RR/2023/1775/O	Hoppers Hut, Wards Lane, Ticehurst TN5 6HP Carters Cottage	Lawful Development Certificate for the Existing Use of building as independent dwellinghouse (C3 Use), with associated parking area and garden. <i>It was felt that it was up to the owners to prove constant dwelling use - there was no 106 on the properties. Test the evidence for RDC and owners. Cllr. Lloyd and Studholme declared personal interests - knowing the family.</i>
RR/2023/1941/O	2 Gibbs Reed Farmhouse, Pashley Road, Ticehurst TN5 7HE	Certificate of lawfulness for the existing subdivision of a single property and associated garden space to be used as 2x dwellings; the creation of 3x rooflights, replacement of windows with UPVC, new external door and associated internal alterations. <i>Listed in 1987. The split of the units was prior to this date and owners are seeking to sort out the legalities for the properties - for RDC Legal Team. No objection.</i>
RR/2023/1896/TN	Berners Hill and Rosemary Lane - (Crossing Between), Flimwell, Ticehurst TN5 7NG,	Notification Under the Electronic Communications Code (Conditions and Restrictions) Regulations 2003 (as amended) to install a new fibre telecommunications cabinet. <i>No comment to make.</i>
RR/2023/1904/P	6 Sunnybank, Hawkhurst Road, Flimwell, TN5 7QR	Proposed garden building <i>Low level subservient to the house – many others have built constructions in their gardens. Recommendation for approval.</i>
RR/2023/1811/P	Stile Cottage, Broom Hill, Flimwell, TN5 7NJ	Removal of an existing outbuilding and erection of an Oak framed garage with usable loft space. <i>Concerns were expressed about the size of the new outbuilding – no detail about driveway access and it is close to the oaks on the boundary line. Concerns were expressed about the root protection zone of the oak tree. It was felt that more information with an arboriculture report, design and access statement together with more site information should be submitted by the applicant before comment can be determined.</i>
RR/2023/1810/P	Norwoods Farm - Land at, Dunsters Mill Road, Ticehurst TN5 7HP	Install high voltage underground cable through Norwoods Farm to allow removal of high voltage overhead line spans. <i>Utility application for RDC to determine.</i>

RR/2023/1795/P	Old Farmhouse Beaumans, Claphatch Lane, Ticehurst TN5 6HL	Change of use from agricultural land to residential to form new access drive. <i>Seeking to change use of some land to get a new driveway It would be quite a long track and some concerns were expressed about impact on the landscape. No adverse comments. Independent dwelling each property Biodiversity officer comment should determine the recommendation.</i>
RR/2023/1748/P	4 Berners Court Yard, Ticehurst TN5 7NE	Single Storey rear extension <i>fills full width of back of the house – same drawings – happy before was lawful use and now full application</i>
RR/2023/1451/P	Bantham Farm	<i>Was sent to Hurst Green PC as a consultee - re notification process clerk to ask for extension beyond 7.11.23</i>

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs. Burley ©, Galpin, Ham, Heapy, Hodges, Killeen, Lee, Lloyd, Redknapp and Studholme. **In attendance.** D. Cllr. Barnes.

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summonsed to attend a meeting of Ticehurst Parish Council on Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at Ticehurst Village Institute at 7.00 p.m.

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.

3283.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

Two residents attended volunteering to improve the variety of children’s play equipment at the recreation ground for different age ranges and to provide a shaded seating area. They stated that they were willing to work within the community to ascertain what people want. Clerk offered administration support. It was felt that this fitted with the Neighbourhood Plan objectives. As a start, they intend to run a community event (Food Fayre) on 16th December 2023 to raise funding for a sensory room. Clerk to re-circulate their initial document to members. Chairman reiterated that the Parish Council was non-political.

Report on social media points raised during the last month: Cllr. Studholme reported that it had been a fairly quiet month. Posts pointing out the need for better signage for the car park had been the only issue to report.

3284.0 District and County Councillor Reports:

District - D. Cllr. M Barnes reported that the budget is now very tight and she had concerns that they might be near a s114 situation. She had been surprised to find out that Miles Joyce is still employed in Planning Dept (expensive) until October 2023, assisting in training the new head of planning - Kemi.

D. Cllr. T Killeen reported that she has become involved in the Health and Well Being board. The new Local Plan is being worked on and she had been impressed with the

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methodology of the emerging plan ensuring that all aspects of life are being considered for those living and working locally.

Health Watch is going to look at the issues and concerns experienced with the surgeries in Ticehurst and Wadhurst. Dr. Sarah Jakes - (Sussex Out Reach support work) - would like to visit the village and address the Council. It was suggested that 7th November, prior to the next meeting, would be a suitable date.

3285.0 Declarations of Interest: Declarations of interest under the terms of the Council's Code of Conduct and Localism Act 2011 s.31. Cllrs. Lloyd and Burley had declared an interest in two planning matters and that personal interest had been minuted.

3286.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from cllrs. Luckhurst, Bassett, Stephenson and Kirby-Green and on acceptance by colleagues, were recorded in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85.

3287.0 Adoption of the Minutes: Cllr. Heapy proposed and cllr. Studholme seconded a motion that the draft minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2023 be accepted as a true record of those proceedings and were duly signed by the chairman.

3288.0 Neighbourhood Plan: Members had been asked to consider the summary of actions resulting from consultation during the neighbourhood planning process and to volunteer to work on elements of the plan that they think they might be able to assist with.

As a separate issue, Sheena Carmichael and John Pilcher have agreed to meet to discuss what would be involved in updating the Neighbourhood Plan when it expires.

There are four sections of the current Neighbourhood Plan that need to be assessed to ensure that points that arose from consultations are regularly considered:

- Housing, Cllrs. Heapy, Studholme
- Employment, Cllr. Hodges
- Infrastructure, Cllr. Lee
- Environmental. Cllr. Galpin - with community actions
- Clerk to minute meetings
- It is hoped that 3 councillors could be involved in each of the 4 topics - lead Cllrs. (above) to approach colleagues and hold first meetings before the next meeting.

It was suggested that a policy on Travellers and Gypsies should be considered, but it was also argued that RDC should have a stance on this and move forward with their plans to purchase land to provide a central base for them in the Rother District.

3289.0 Village Centre :

- Village Centre update – imprint works were carried out on 2nd October 2023. The area will be monitored to ascertain whether the noise levels have lessened and water retention abated. Initial thoughts were that it had mitigated noise levels.
- Meeting with E Sussex Highways booked 10 am The Bell 27th October 2023
- Village centre signage. Jakks will provide an updated quotation on the price for finger post for Pickforde Lane and lighting columns. It was resolved to delegate authority to the clerk to commission finger post and two signs for the lighting columns.

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- Car Park extension has been completed – Coppards will return to construct the exit point (quotation to be provided) in the near future and to provide a quotation for a close board fence (with room at rear for hedge maintenance) along the boundary to the south where the fence has failed.
- Residents in the flats in Milk Maids Alley now have a bin store and can apply to RDC for refuse collection by taking the bins to the pavement on collection days.

3290.0 Allotments: Cllr. Galpin as carried out an inspection and identified vacant or unused plots for allocation to those on the waiting lists. It was resolved that rents be raised to £30 a year and that the clerk should issue invoices and agreements.

3291.0 Playground Inspections: To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – written reports should be distributed prior to the meeting.

Farthing Hill – Cradle swing has been replaced. Nest swing chains have been replaced.

Flimwell – Understorey hedge line is scheduled to be completed out over the next fortnight.

Ticehurst - Basket ball hoops have been replaced. Petanque pitch has had water outlet points enlarged and the drainage has improved. Retained sum to be paid to Countrymans. Cycle route is being re-painted.

It was resolved to re-new the Multi- court lines before the routes are lost.

Stonegate – brambles from the hedge are intruding into the ground. Hedge contractor to return for an additional cut.

Caloo Skate Park Caloo have issued legal action for payment. Surrey Hills Solicitors are preparing TPC defence. Insurance company to be informed. Clerk was asked to respond to the latest letter back to Surrey Hills.

3292.0 Pickforde Lane - pedestrian route to Farthing Hill Overhang of trees clerk to commission works.

3293.0 Finance Report:

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

- Part invoice from Coppards has been submitted to RDC to draw down on the remaining grant obtained 3-4 years ago. (Received 25.9.23) Clerk has provided invoice to RDC as requested.
- Cheques for Khift Ltd, Fenland Leisure and J Brooker were signed as instigator of BACS payments is away.
- Defibrillators - M & S have up dated all the PC defibrillators. Eden Court Defibrillator has been delivered to them for refurbishment. PC would be responsible for replacement pads as and when needed.
- M & S Electrical have been asked to repair the broken electrical supply to the phone box. They have reported that the unmetered supply is of inadequate strength and are looking to see if the matter can be resolved with input from UKPN.

SEPTEMBER	Into account	Out of account
Precept received	75075.00	
British Telecom		90.49

Viking Direct		49.04
J Brooker		560.00
Countrymans contractors		1362.37
Europlants		442.03
Zoom		143.88
RDC – arch dig fee		116.00
RDC rates		65.00
Nest		209.35
Receipt?	500.00	
Tates		56.10
Fenland Leisure		67.60
Viking Direct		14.39
Net Wise Web		238.80
Scouts		300.00
Littlejohns Audit		756.00
N Power		523.99
Lloyds		7.00
Rother rest of grant	85000.00	
Coppards		110658.60
Stonegate PCC		750.00
Flimwell Village Hall		1500.00
Stonegate Village Hall		1500.00
Beatrice Drewe Trust		4000.00
M & S Electricals		1092.84
HMRC PAYE		2789.03
Biffa		120.82
M Stephenson		81.25
Honey Barrett		39.00
Castle Water three payments		39.25

3294.0 Planning Report:

- Land at Seacoxers - UKPN have been asked not to connect the site. M Bright to serve enforcement order on owner this week.
- Appeal at Bantham Farm 3.10.23 – clerk, Graham Browne and Robert Banks attended - clerk reported that it appeared to have gone well and the salient points made.
- Decisions made at the planning meeting at 6.30 pm to be communicated to the Rother planning portal.
- Report from Clerk re meeting with CEO of RDC.

3295.0 Items for the November Agenda: Initial draft precept for 2024-2025

3296.0 Confidential Matters due to on-going litigation: Beech Farm, Sedlescombe.

3297.0 Date of the next meeting: The meeting closed at 8.44 p.m. and the date of the next meeting set for 7th November 2023

Signed.....Chairman Dated 7.11.23

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