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**TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL**

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**PLANNING AGENDA - 6.00 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Present: Cllrs. Burley, Bassett, Galpin©, Ham, Killeen, Lee, Lloyd, Stephenson and Studholme. In attendance: D.Cllr. M Barnes.**

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
<a href="#">RR/2023/2033/P</a>	Ivy Cottage, Berners Hill, Ticehurst TN5 7NH	Construction of sand school for private use <i>Re-submission of an application which was previously refused. It was felt that this impact on the landscape is less than the previous application. Tree line obscures the view from Rosemary Lane. No lighting is requested in compliance with Dark Skies policy. Any future application for lighting would be resisted. The area is part of the significant green gap identified within Ticehurst's Neighbourhood Plan and further ancillary buildings should be resisted. Access should be restricted to area by the property itself and not from Rosemary Lane.</i> <i>Conditional recommendation for approval.</i>
<a href="#">RR/2023/2024/P</a>	Landscapes Rise, Cross Lane, Three Leg Cross, TN5 7HQ	Removal of existing conservatory. Erection of a single storey rear extension and first floor extension over former garage. <i>First floor does not overlook anyone. No objections raised.</i>

**7.00 p.m. Presentation**

**Dr. Sarah Jacques founder of Sussex Outreach Support addressed members about the work they are doing.**

**The new CEO of Rother Voluntary Action – was not available and had sent apologies but would like to attend a meeting at some point.**

**Dr. Jacques explained how rurally placed Ukrainians had highlighted issues accessing services in the countryside. Consequentially she has set up the Sussex Outreach Organisation to assist them and other residents in the rural areas. The Levelling Up Dept. have also acknowledged that this is an issue. Four stations: Etchingam, Robertsbridge, Rye and Battle (being renovated), are going to be used as hubs, attracting in organisations and services to provide assistance and advice for those who need it. It will also enable organisations to be present together and identify where they overlap in service provision and how they can better work together and signpost people to the help they need. They aspire to provide a mobile unit to reach more areas. Data collated from inquiries can be used to lobby for resources, funding and increased service provision. It is hoped to provide pop-up sessions in Ticehurst parish, working towards a more permanent service.**

**The Chairman thanked Dr Jacques for attending and for the work they are doing.**

## MINUTES

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summonsed to attend a meeting of Ticehurst Parish Council on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023 at Ticehurst Village Institute at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs: Burley ©, Bassett, Galpin, Ham, Killeen, Lee, Lloyd, Redknap, Stephenson and Studholme.

In Attendance: D. Cllr. Barnes 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 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.

### 3298.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

There were no members of the public present.

**Report on social media points raised during the last month:** Comments about 'The Stand' outside the Bell have on the whole been positive. The official opening 1.15 pm on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2023. It is hoped that the Lord Lieutenant or a deputy will attend.

### 3299.0 District and County Councillor Reports:

#### County:

- Flexi-Bus is not being used as much as anticipated. Cllr. Galpin reported the app requests are met with 'outside the operational area' which might account for lack of use.
- The meeting with Highways about the village centre was positive.
- Marlpit Garden side of the High Street flooded in the recent bad weather. Balfour Beatty will commence works for 10 days from 27<sup>th</sup> November, digging up the road to repair drains and install 4 inspection chambers. Traffic lights will be in place - 9 am to 4 pm during works.
- UKPN road closure issues in Dale Hill caused bus diversion. The Chairman thanked all those who dealt with the many phone calls and emails on the subject.

#### District:

- Financial Report – budget is tight but the new director of finance is good keeping tight control over spending. Rother has benefitted from investment in the area unlike Hastings.

**3300.0 Declarations of Interest:** Declaration of interest were made by Cllr. Galpin with regard to planning applications at Bewl Water and this was repeated prior to the agenda point 3309.0 under the terms of the Council's Code of Conduct and Localism Act 2011 s.31.

**3301.0 Apologies for absence:** Cllrs. Heapy, Hodges and Luckhurst had sent their apologies which were accepted by members and recorded in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85.

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**3302.0 Adoption of the Minutes:** Cllr. Killeen proposed and Cllr. Lee seconded a motion that these were an accurate record of those proceeding on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023 and duly signed by the chairman.

**3303.0 Neighbourhood Plan:** PC members had seen the revised Neighbourhood Plan document and agreed with the content. The revised plan will be sent to RDC for inclusion on their website, as the latest version of the Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan. An initial meeting of lead councillors to work on policies had been held – members are asked to consider where they can assist. Regular updates will be published in News and Views and web site.

**3304.0 Village Centre:**

- Village Centre update – report on imprint works – local resident has thanked the council and it appears that the noise reduction has been achieved.
- Meeting with E. Sussex Highways was positive with agreement in principle for the informal crossing - resolution required to move forward. ESCC will assist with the s278 process. Clerk was asked to gain a quotation for the detail design and Mark Weston will assist in the s278 procedure. Testing of the village square sub surface needs to be done to determine potential top surfacing options.
- Bridge repairs at Stonegate have been delayed due to bad weather.
- Village centre signage - Jakks have committed to providing the sign before the end of November.
- Milk Maids Alley - Rob Graham will finish final surfacing before end of November 2023.
- Car Park extension update on works – Coppards are booked to return on 4.12.23. Shops on the High Street have reported that parking seems to have been reduced.
- Limited parking hours in the Square will improve matters and Mark Weston felt that this should be done in conjunction with the village square resurfacing and the informal crossing.
- It was resolved to repaint the lines marking the disabled parking bay. It was felt that one disabled bay at the south-eastern end of the square and re-line the existing one.
- Meeting with Richard Upton to be arranged by the clerk.
- Dark Skies policy in conjunction with Wadhurst and Mayfield is being investigated and directional guards for the street lights are being looked into.
- Electric Charging Points – resolution to proceed. Rother D C will need to give permission as the freeholder-(Graham Burgess). The clerk was asked to check with lawyers that the proposal was sound and safe to enter into.
- Notice Boards – Clerk to contact Acorn Workshops for quotations to replace the three ward boards.

**3305.0 Allotments:** Allotment invoices have been sent out – clerk to check Cllr. Galpin's list against RBS allotment programme.

**3306.0 Playground Inspections:** Playground reports were received from Cllrs.

Farthing Hill – No Report - no complaints received during October.

Flimwell – Understorey hedge line is finished – brushwood will be chipped once the ground is hard enough. An additional half days work was carried out to sympathetically

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reduce Silver Birch tree at the request of No 23 Corner Farm and after consultation with Cllr. Lloyd. An additional request has been received for the PC apply for, and carry out

works to the largest Oak near playground - Cllrs. resolved that this reduction and lifting of the adjacent Red Oak should be carried out once permission has been granted.

**Ticehurst** - Report circulated – Children are using the Pickforde Lane car park for skate boarding Cllr. Lloyd has spoken to parents and children. There have been complaints about noise Central parking bays will improve matters.

Petanque drainage is much improved and the players are pleased with the work and thanked the parish council for their assistance.

Childrens' cycle area lines and multi-court lines have been repainted.

**Stonegate** Brambles have been cut back and the weed spraying has been successful.

**Caloo Skate Park** Clerk have provided advice to Surrey Hills Solicitors to respond to the solicitors for Caloo. A draft response had been received on 7<sup>th</sup> November from the solicitors and it was resolved to instruct that this be sent. 25% offer and you remove it if you don't want to we will do this at our expense. Available to you for 28 days. and we take it out if you want it come and get it - will remain on site for.

**3307.0 War Memorial:** Quotation has been received for £870 - the work was carried out on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> November. The pointing on the WWI memorial will be checked next week and a quotation submitted if works are necessary. Clerk will try to obtain a retrospective grant from the War Memorial Association.

### **3308.0 Finance Report:**

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

- Defibrillators - M & S have up dated all the PC defibrillators. Eden Court Defibrillator has been delivered to them for refurbishment.
- M & S Electrical have been asked to repair the broken electrical supply to the phone box. UKPN quotation is excessive. Cllr. Studholme suggested that the power supply in the lavatories be used for the Christmas lights.
- NALC have agreed pay increases for parish clerks – letter of instruction sent to Honey Barrett accordingly signed by Cllrs. Burley and Lloyd.
- Biodiversity Report - quotation for work by John Feltwell had been received. It was resolved that money has not been allocated in the 2023/24 budget and the quotation would not be affordable in the current financial year.
- It was agreed to pay for the removal of graffiti from the wall of a private house. The car park that adjoins this property is full of abandoned cars and fly tipping. Clerk was requested to attempt to get the cars and rubbish removed.
- Grant bid for the rural fund was successful and works to clear the stream between Acres Rise and Farthing Hill should start in November 2023, to be completed by December 2023. Clerk was thanked for her work in obtaining the funding.

### **Expenditure during October 2023:**

OCTOBER	Into account	Out of account
BT		90.49

RDC		65.00
NEST		209.35
J Brooker		720.00
Khift		2832.00
Fenland Leisure		331.40
Lloyds		8.70
N Power		512.77
Move to reserves		10000.00
Surrey Hills		1650.00
Corex		57.46
Europlants		442.03
Countrymans		1362.37
Fenland Leisure		380.20
R Studholme		1396.00
Skip/brookers and one.com		378.97

**3309.0 Planning Report:** Cllr. Galpin informed members of decisions taken at the 6.30 planning meeting.

- Land at Seacoxers – enforcement notices have been served by RDC and ESCC. Appeals for houses on the site are still pending. Enforcement action on the breach of the Tree Preservation Order should be processed - D. Cllr. M Barnes was asked to ascertain what was happening about the TPO. It was felt that it was very unsatisfactory that the existing system allows for repeated applications to go to appeal before enforcement proceedings are enacted on the illegal occupancy of the land.
- Appeal at Bantam Farm 3.10.23 – Clerk reported that she had attended and that the inspector seemed to take on board the parish comments.
- Pashley Appeal 20.2.24. It was resolved that the Parish Council will make representation. Local residents have employed a solicitors who has put forward reasons that the appeal is out of time and the grounds for appeal are not met.
- Bewl - clerk drafted and posted comment on latest applications. James Galpin (in a professional capacity) and Cllr. Lloyd were invited to the Wadhurst Parish Council planning meeting to discuss this matter.
- Decisions made at the planning meeting at 6.00 pm to be communicated to the Rother planning portal.

**3310.0 1066 Bus and A21 Streetlights:**

National Highways have confirmed yesterday that they will be carrying out a temporary fix on the street lighting around the crossroads in the next two weeks with permanent repair work being carried out within the next six months.

1066 bus has returned to its normal route now that the UKPN road closure at Dale Hill has ended.

**3311.0 Items for the December Agenda:** Topics only – not for discussion.

Civility and Respect Policy

Precept – first draft.

**3312.0 Confidential Matters due to on-going litigation discussed after meeting**

**3313.0 Date of the next meeting: 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 9 pm close**

Signed.....Chairman

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Dated

5.12.23