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PLANNING AGENDA - 6.30 p.m. 6th February 2024

Present: Cllr. Burley, Galpin ©, Ham, Heapy, Hodges, Luckhurst , Lloyd, Stephenson

Reference	Location	Proposal
RR/2024/145/P	Stone Place, Tolhurst Lane, Wallcrouch, TN5 7JG	Single storey and double storey extensions to the rear of the property with internal amendments to suit amended layout. Proposed rooflights on the second floor, and ceiling height above portion of second floor hallway and en-suite bathrooms to be adjusted with a new dormer above. <i>Clumsy detailing and different materials to existing are proposed. Fairly minor in scale considering the size of the building. The drawings were not clear to work out the elevations. It does not overlook anyone else. Slight concerns about the design quality and chosen materials. Recommendation for approval.</i>
RR/2024/138/P	Broomden Farm, Burnt Lodge Lane, Ticehurst TN5 7LD	Erection of residential dwelling for farm manager and change of use of land to residential curtilage. <i>This was applied for some time ago – concentrating on animal husbandry to justify the application. Rural Estates Surveyor at ESCC should be consulted about the need for this dwelling. Recommend it be sent for consultation with consideration for agricultural/forestry employees only.</i>
RR/2024/8/T	11 Steellands Rise, Ticehurst TN5 7DH	T5 - Oak - Lift crown by 1metre and reduce crown by 4 metres. Remove dead wood and broken branches. <i>Replica application from 5 years ago – going back to old cutting points. Recommendation for approval.</i>
RR/2023/2643/P	Green Hedges, High Street, Flimwell, TN5 7PA	Demolish existing single storey rear extension and replace with new single storey extension. <i>It was felt that the design of the building was not very attractive. No adverse comments and it will not affect neighbours. Recommendation for approval.</i>
RR/2023/2621/P	Elliots, Shrub Lane, Ticehurst TN19 7ED	Extension and renovation of existing dwelling. <i>This property never received planning permission in the first place – the scale of this proposal is enormous compared to the original size of the building. Being in AONB you wouldn't be able to double the size of the original farm building and therefore is not appropriate. Proposal is unrecognisable from the original. Trees wrap around the property. Scale and size within the location makes it unacceptable – over development. Recommendation for refusal.</i>
RR/2023/2583/P	Hazelhurst Point, Lower Hazelhurst, Ticehurst TN5 7LE	Demolition of existing dwelling and replacement with new dwelling and associated carport. <i>Last application was an amended scheme on the first and of good design. They have not been able to afford that scheme with a lesser pitch to cut costs. Inoffensive, but not as good as the second application and the roof pitch does not adhere to AONB design guidance. Recommendation for approval.</i>

Comments put on to RDC planning portal 7.2.24

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7.00 p.m. Inspection of Beatrice Drewe Trust Institute.

Members were shown the stripped back main bar of the Institute and the historical features that have been uncovered during works.

MINUTES

Present: Cllr. Burley©, Bassett, Galpin, Ham, Heapy, Hodges, Killeen, Lloyd, Luckhurst, Redknap and Stephenson.

In attendance: D. Cllr. Kirby-Green.

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summonsed to attend a meeting of Ticehurst Parish Council on Tuesday 6th February 2024 at Ticehurst Village Institute at 7.30 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 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.

3330.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

- Excessive speed in Flimwell High Street – A local resident asked what could be done to reduce speeds.
- D. Cllr. Killeen pointed out that during the Neighbourhood Plan consultancy process the council had been asked to make the village roads safer. She has meetings with other villages who are all looking for the same thing.
- Resident asked for speed display signs.
- Clerk was asked to ascertain the cost to do a speed survey to provide to ESCC Highways and to ask the police to attend with their mobile units to record individual speeds and issue appropriate fines.

- A resident of Three Leg Cross asked how much progress had been made about halting the erosion of the green triangle where the phone box library stands. The clerk had spoken to ESCC who had confirmed that they own it and would not permit bollards or a fence on the edge of the island. Any structures would have to have a license and be 450 ml from road edge. The resident suggested rebuilding the eroded edges with soil and turfing it to hold it in place. Plastic temporary bollards could be placed there whilst the turf took hold and became stable. Cllr. Galpin pointed out that the parish council had no authority to carry out such works and could not grant permission for any individual to work on land belonging to ESCC.

Report on social media points raised during the last month:

- Comments on-line about parking on pavements and preventing wheel-chair access to pavements.
- It was resolved to ask Cllr. Hodges to put something on face book pointing out how antisocial parking on pavement is and reminding residents. This is and telling residents what the PC can and can't do. Clerk to repeat the flyers on offending cars.
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- There was some debate about where the footpath at Flimwell should be as the entrance does not adhere to the maps. Cllr. Kirby-Green offered to take the matter up with Matthew Harper at ESCC and it was suggested that the deterioration of the path by people using motor bikes was a matter for the police or a civil issue for the land owner.

3331.0 District and County Councillor Reports:

County Council – Cllr. Kirby-Green reported that the budget had been agreed and there were no new cuts to services. Rates will see a 2.99% increase and 2% for adult social care.

Councils across the country are lobbying central government for funding – ESCC has been awarded an additional £5.3 million which will be spent on adult social care.

£9million remain in reserves – much of which will be used on highway repairs.

It was reported that there is a bad pot hole at Bardown corner.

It was reported that Rosemary Lane and Tinkers Lane road conditions are dreadful.

Twenty-seven gangs are working on the pot hole issues at the moment.

Church Street drainage report is being done soon and then repairs will take place.

District Council - D. Cllr. Killeen reported that funding from the Levelling Up Dept. have been received by Rother and expenditure is being spread across Rother (including the funds that Ticehurst won to clear out the stream) Projects such as Rye swimming pool and a welcome centre at Camber will also benefit.

Budget management is good with new financial team.

Enforcement improvements are being looked at, taking into account limited staffing.

3332.0 Declarations of Interest: Declarations of interest under the terms of the Council's Code of Conduct and Localism Act 2011 s.31. There were no declarations of interest.

3333.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cllrs. Lee and Studholme and their reasons for absence were accepted by colleagues and recorded in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85. D. Cllr. Mary Barnes also sent apologies.

3334.0 Adoption of the Minutes: Cllr. Stephenson proposed and Cllr. Redknap seconded a motion that these were a correct record of the meeting on 12th December 2023 and duly signed by the chairman.

3335.0 Neighbourhood Plan: Updated document to be circulated – initial meeting of lead councillors was held – members are asked to consider where they can assist.

There was no input for the February 2024 News and Views.

We need to do an update in March as it receives positive response from the public. Activities in Flimwell

New local plan from RDC will come out for consultation in April 2024, it can then be used at the end of the year to update our Neighbourhood Plan.

3336.0 Village Centre:

Village Centre updates:

- Signage – Clerk reported that she was still trying to source a heritage finger post.

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- Several years ago Bill Talbot had designed visual advertising of painted figures on the upright sleepers carrying carrier -bags advertising village shops. It was felt that this should be costed for consideration by the business group and members.
- Walking Routes: Cllr. Hodges reported that at his meeting with the chair of the business group, digitising the walking booklet would be a good way of getting the area available to tourists on line.
- Directional arms on lighting columns – Clerk to ask B Talbot to quote.
- Milk Maids Alley - Rob Graham has been working on the final surface this week and will replace the two broken fence panels to the south of the new area of car park next week – ordering panels on PC account at Tates.
- Business advertising on planters. Cllr. Hodges reported that the business group had suggested that sponsoring the village square planter with a sign would be a way of getting some of the A boards out of the village island.
- Car Park extension update on works – Coppards will be returning to do the lines for the entrance and exit to the car park soon and re-do the disabled bay in the village square - they were not willing to add another bay without the permission of ESCC. It was agreed that the lines could be done in the lower car park and the clerk was asked to get Coppards to do this.
- Directional guards for street lights – It was resolved to wait until the group of villages working together with David Field received notification on how to get certified as dark sky areas before purchasing any parts.
- Electric Charging Points – awaiting permission from RDC. D. Cllr. Killeen reported that she is waiting for an email from RDC confirming that they were willing to allow the PC to move ahead with the project. Cllr. Lloyd voiced some reservation about the need for the scheme.
- Notice Boards have been ordered x 2.
- List of Highways issues for Highways Steward requested.
- Lymden Lane give way sign
- Myskyns – Grit Bin lid
- Dale Hill by temporary lights – road has broken away.
- Cllr. Kirby-Green suggested that the clerk should have a Teams call with ESCC Highways on a 6-8 week basis listing all defects – this works well in Burwash.
- Cllr. Kirby-Green reported that ESCC were going out to consultation on 9.2.24 about the yellow lining and bus stop areas for Ticehurst - she will forward the email and asked everyone to respond positively.
- Drainage to rear of Acres Rise Garages - Cllr. Bassett agreed to find and clear old drainage points into the now cleared stream to lessen the issue.
- Request for new glass in community notice board – this has not be budgeted for.
- Civil Parking Enforcement - A member of the public had suggested to the clerk that Ticehurst should copy Headcorn's lead in banning all parking in the village centre for half hour at lunch time.
- Rural Grass Cuts. Ticehurst has signed up for the additional cuts.
- Graffiti – new spate of graffiti on road signs and properties, in Burnt Lodge Lane and Milk Maids Alley. J Brooker is trying to find out who is responsible.
- Structural Engineers have been contacted to give a quote for stability survey in the square.
- It was resolved to accept the quotation to install a culvert /bridge across from the Warren to Banky Field with rails and measures to stop motor bikes using it.

3337.0 Allotments: Allotment fees are being received and outstanding fees have been chased. The process has flushed out a few that are not renewing and then being able to allocate those plots to people on waiting list.

3338.0 Playground Inspections:

Farthing Hill – Coach bolt needed – Cllr. Bassett to action.

Elimwell – Understorey hedge line is finished – brushwood will be chipped once the ground is hard enough. Permission has been granted to reduce and thin Oak to rear of 29 Corner Close and to lift the adjacent Red Oak. Clerk was asked to organise works.

Ticehurst - Report to be circulated.

Stonegate - Fine – brambles and weeds gone, gate mended Ash trees with Chalara have been taken down at the top of the recreation field by Cllr. Lloyd.

Bell Field – Storage Container – As part of the pavilion work a 20 ft permanent container is needed behind the pavilion. Cllr. Galpin was asked to apply for planning permission and it was agreed that it should be painted green once installed and then have a coat of anti-graffiti paint on it.

Caloo Skate Park Clerk have provided advice to Surrey Hills Solicitors to respond to the solicitors for Caloo. Awaiting response to PC offer to pay 50% and each party pay their own costs.

3339.0 CCTV 4G – wireless CCTV quotation has been received for lighting column in the Pickforde Lane car park. It was resolved to hold on this to see if fly tipping diminishes.

3324.0 Finance Report:

Draft Precept for 2024- 2025 has been sent to Rother

- Budget against actual expenditure and balanced bank reconciliations circulated to all members and bank reconciliation.
- SHEDS for allotments 5 x £400 – have been ordered and a list of ones for repair to be collated.
- Insurance will be paid this week - clerk to obtain separate invoices for PC & BDT
- Finance Meeting reviewed the budget against actual and reported that the PC is globally within budget but might need to vire between some headings.
- An estimated £35000 will be recoverable in VAT which would pay for any settlement with Caloo and then have a good balance to start looking at alternative skate provision - Cllr. Hodges and Studholme were asked to project manage
- Clerk was asked to see if Rother would provide 75% of stream grant to balance cash flow for the year.
- BDT Doors – clerk was instructed to speak to Noahs about cost of the two front external doors.

DECEMBER and JANUARY	Into account	Out of account
RDC Rates		65.00
J Brooker		570.00
Corex		26.89
Horizon Skills		362.40

Bassett and Feaver		16200.00
Sussex Rural Comm		144.00
Allotments	75.00	
Nest		287.07
N Power		782.94
Lloyds Bank		10.40
Shaun Colvin hedging		1600.00
Countrymans Contractors		1362.37
Land Tech		1356.00
Chris Butler Archaeological		1419.36
Biffa		147.28
Honey Barrett		39.00
Castle Water		73.57
Strimming		35.00
Mr Tait		110.24
Phone Box Paint		60.60
Streetlights		189.60
Glasdon		93.00
BT Group		90.49
RDC		65.00
RDC Coronation grant	500.00	
Lloyds		7.00
Nest		219.06
N Power		806.29
HM Shipley PAYE		3361.16
J Brooker		560.00
Allotments	95.00	
RDC Rate rebate	131.30	
Honey Barrett		39.00
Castle Water		73.57
Biffa		151.02

3325.0 Planning Report:

- Land at Seacoxers – enforcement notices served by RDC and ESCC. Appeal pending
- Appeal at Bantham Farm 3.10.23 – Dismissed It is understood that the latest application will be recommended for refusal.
- Pashley Appeal – date has been set for 20.2.24. Residents are employing T Taylor.
- Decisions made at the planning meeting at 6.30 pm to be communicated to RDC.
- Beech Farm application the committee meeting has been moved to 14th March 2023 – Tim Taylor has confirmed his availability. Cllr. Mier has resigned as chairman of the planning committee.
- Meadow Field - approach has been made regarding potential development and community land bank. Clerk to meet with AiRS.
- Banky Field - Clerk to follow up with S Shepherd about conditions and commuted sum.
- Battenhurst Camp Site – Teams meeting with case officer tomorrow Mary Barnes.
- Cottenden Road - a mobile home has been put on the equestrian site – they have been told that it needs planning permission.
- Just off Battenhurst Road - railway carriage is being lived in - clerk was instructed to submit a complaint to enforcement.

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3326.0 Annual Assembly - It was resolved to have the meeting in Flimwell Hall due to building works in Ticehurst date booked for 30th April 7.00 – 9.00 pm.

3327.0 Items for the March Agenda: Topics only – not for discussion.

3328.0 Date of the next meeting: 5th March 2024

Signed.....Chairman

Dated 5.3.24

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