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**TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL**

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**PLANNING MINUTES - 6.30 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

**Present: Cllrs. Burley, Ham, Hodges, Lloyd, Luckhurst and Studholme.**

**Apologies: were received from Cllr. Galpin.**

**D. Cllr. M Barnes in attendance.**

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposal</b>
<a href="#">RR/2024/228/P</a>	Hoppers Hut and Carters Cottage, Wards Lane, Ticehurst TN5 6HP	Application to discharge the Section 52 Agreement dated 15 January 1988 in connection with planning permission RR/86/2740, which restricts the use of Hoppers Hut and Carters Cottage to holiday accommodation only. <i>Request to lift restriction of holiday accommodation - concerns were expressed that this would enable the houses to be sold off and would request that a 106 agreement be considered, tying the dwellings to the main property, Newbarn which is a listed building and obfuscating the potential loop hole.</i> <i>Cllr. Studholme declared an interest having worked there.</i>
<a href="#">RR/2024/196/T</a>	The Hall House, 4 The Acorns, Stonegate, Ticehurst TN5 7EY	Oak (T1) - Overall reduction by 3-4mtrs <i>There is no explanation of the reason for the application as stated on the TPO application – more detailed information should be supplied – request tree officer visit the site to assess.</i>

**7.00 p.m. Meadow Field Ticehurst – presentation by AiRS.**

**Graham Maunders from AiRS introduced himself, explaining that the charity AiRS, had been working in the area since 1931. He works within the housing hub of the organisation, advising and supporting towards the provision of local housing for local communities. They aim to promote the long term role for the community in ownership and stewardship.**

**They have been approached by the owner of Meadow Field, William Everett, with the proposal of gifting the land to the parish council (that lays within a protected green space in the Neighbourhood Plan, described as a ‘green oasis’). An initial view of the Parish Council’s thoughts is sought to see if it is an idea worth exploring. A public footpath runs through the site – south to north. Cllr. Studholme thanked Mr Maunders for having taken the time to come and present to the council. Other examples in Sussex have remained economically viable. The combination of grants and loans would provide the money for any build out. A community land trust would own the land and buildings in perpetuity with a board of trustees.**

**It was felt that the community land trust scheme was a good idea, but it would be likely to attract adverse comment from those living to the south and north of the field. Mr Maunders explained that it would only be for a small number of houses and consultation with the residents of surrounding properties would be necessary. It was resolved that**

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councillors would look at the site and resolve at the April meeting whether it could be further explored.

### MINUTES

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summonsed to attend a meeting of Ticehurst Parish Council on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Ticehurst Village Institute at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. Burley ©, Ham, Heapy, Hodges, Killeen, Lee, Lloyd, Luckhurst, Redknap, Stephenson and Studholme.

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.

#### 3346.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

**Southern Homes** - Two residents shared information about additional charges for the shared-ownership properties on the site for grounds maintenance feeling that work is not being done to a satisfactory standard.

- 6<sup>th</sup> March zoom meeting has been organised with Southern Homes.
- River clearance. Silt from the stream will be rotovated and grass seeded when the ground is dry enough and going forward that area will get two rough cuts a year by Southern Homes.
- Southern Homes had explained to the council that the individual contracts allow for retrospective financial adjustments dependant on what has been spent.
- Members informed the residents that they would be paying for a safe bridge with hand rails over the newly cleared stream between The Warren and Field Rise.
- It was resolved to find out if there is an organisation to complain to if nothing is resolved.

#### Report on social media points raised during the last month:

- Signage in chemist is now turned off at night.

#### 3347.0 District and County Councillor Reports:

##### COUNTY:

Cllr. Kirby-Green reported that there are 27 pot hole gangs working but it is impossible to fill pot holes when it is raining hard– temporary repairs will be marked with a ‘T’.

- B2099 is on the programme for repair works.
- Dale Pore is retiring soon.
- Cllr. Lloyd reported that the new culverts on the Ticehurst to Wadhurst are good but the outfalls into the fields are still blocked and it is pointed out that accumulations of leaves and rubbish on top of the culverts prevents water getting away.
- Bardown and Lynden Lanes are in bad condition.
- Rosemary Lane was due for maintenance today.
- SLR meeting with Highways Liz Humphries – contact.

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- Flashing signs number plate recognition need police co-operation to investigate.

#### **DISTRICT:**

- The draft local plan 12 week consultation will start in April 2024. RDC will be coming out to the villages to consult. First thoughts are that it is an improvement with very thorough work done by Jeff Pyrah. Appendix A Scrutiny Report Annual Assembly would be a good occasion to start consultation. 460 pages – will have a smaller document that affects parish councils.
- Budget out this week – charge for a brown bin = 37% rise.
- £800,000 spent on the town hall plans so RDC are looking for ways of saving money.
- Strike action might occur on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- Clerk questioned whether the commuted sum for Banky Field was ring-fenced at RDC and was assured that would be the case.

**3348.0 Declarations of Interest:** Declaration of personal interest were received from Cllr. Studholme regarding planning application RR/2024/228/P under the terms of the Council's Code of Conduct and Localism Act 2011 s.31.

**3349.0 Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllrs. Galpin, Heapy and Bassett and were recorded in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85 on acceptance by members.

**3350.0 Adoption of the Minutes:** Cllr. Killeen proposed and Cllr. Stephenson seconded a motion to accept the draft minutes for 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 as a true record of those proceedings. On acceptance, the chairman signed the documentation.

**3351.0 Neighbourhood Plan:** The chairman thanked Cllr. Killen for the explanatory article in the News and Views keeping residents up to date with council decisions and actions. Members were reminded that the list of action points should be re-visited each month to ensure that progress is made.

#### **3352.0 Village Centre :**

- Village Centre update – Presentation by Bill Talbot Signage for the lighting columns and a column for signage for eight shops who have expressed an interest. Re-movable fingers to allow for changes in shops requiring advertising. Parking signs £354 x 2 £2080 on the post. The quotations were accepted with a unanimous vote.
- Milk Maids Alley - Final coating has been laid after a few delays with the weather. It will compact and go hard when the rain stops. Contractor has also been asked to repair leaking gutter which spills water = on the path.
- Business advertising on planters. Business group meeting in April to discuss.
- Car Park extension update on works – Coppards to do fencing and lines soon.
- Directional guards for street lights – clerk has requested information from Streetlights.
- Electric Charging Points – RDC have confirmed that they have no objection with us moving ahead with the work – it was resolved to sign the initial contract with Believe.
- Notice Boards – ordered. Clerk to chase.

- List of Highways issues for Highways Steward requested.
- Use of Island in village square by the Church Members agreed to request.
- Use of the recreation ground and car park for fund raiser. This was raised in public question time. Councillors approved of the use of the car park for refreshment vans.
- Tree works needed at the recreation ground and Bell Field. Clerk to ask J Feaver if he wanted to quote. The dead birch has been removed. Members were shown pictures of the large cavities in the major laterals of the oak. Members accepted Woodland Enterprises offer of £1000 for the Portacabin – cost to remove with WEL.

**3353.0 Open Air Cinema** – Proposal for drive in cinema in Bell Field Car Park. Clerk was asked to obtain more details.

Cllr. Studholme informed members that on 19<sup>th</sup> March 4.30 pm to 8.30 pm free food and drinks are being offered at the Bell for local residents.

**3354.0 Playground Inspections:** To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – written reports should be distributed prior to the meeting.

**Farthing Hill** – Cllr. Bassett had reported that there were no issues and he has mended the rocker.

**Flimwell** – 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 to obtain quotations.

**Ticehurst** - Report circulated – main issue is the large oak that needs reducing once the portacabin has gone..

**Stonegate** - Cllr. Burley reported that the bark chippings need to be raked out but other than that, all appears fine.

**Bell Field – Storage Container** James Galpin is making the application - and the club are looking for an FA grant to provide the funding. Clerk confirmed that the CIL grant for monies for pavilions has been submitted - any variation on the quotations submitted would need to be run past RDC if we are successful.

**Caloo Skate Park** It was unanimously agreed to settle at the offered £11000 each side bearing their own costs. Matt, from the Youth Club has offered to assist in designing and procuring suitable replacement ramps. PC will have to bear the cost of removal. Clerk to inform solicitors.

**3355.0 Southern Homes Meeting:** Report circulated on meeting with representatives. Dealt with under public questions.

**3356.0 Finance Report:**

- Date has been set for year end with Rialtus.
- Internal Auditor to be agreed - It was resolved to ask K Marr to carry out the work.

FEbruary	Into account	Out of account
Viking		268.96
Tate Fencing		174.94

Rother DC rates		65.00
Honey Barrett		165.60
Nest		219.06
Ajgibl – Ins		3977.39
R Graham		840.00
Netwise		396.00
Bourne Amenity		797.00
N Power		884.93
Service Charge		7.85
Biffa		141.98
Honey Barrett		55.20
Castle Water		73.57
The Bell T Taylor		135.00
Netwise		24.00
T Poulter – trees		600.00
BDT		8702.99
B Talbot – signage design		350.00

### 3357.0 Planning Report:

- Land at Seacoxers – enforcement notices served by RDC and ESCC.
- Comments on new application at Bantham Farm have been submitted by TPC.
- Pashley Appeal – date was cancelled – This has been re-set for 9.4.24
- Decisions made at the planning meeting at 6.30 pm to be communicated to the Rother planning portal. Cllr. Burley reiterated the decisions made at the earlier meeting.
- Beech Farm – meeting has been set for 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024 – clerk was given delegated authority to manage the response to the application to achieve the best outcome and work with the other parishes, in consultation with the chairman.

3358.0 **Annual Assembly** - Booked 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at Flimwell - John Brooker booked for cleaning the following morning. Offer the occasion to RDC as Local Plan consultation event. Clerk to discuss costs of providing transport from Ticehurst with Cllr. Ham.

3359.0 **Items for the April Agenda:** Topics only – Meadow Field

3360.0 **Date of the next meeting:** The meeting closed at 20.45 p.m. and the date of the next meeting was set for 2nd April 2024

Signed.....Chairman

Dated 2.4.2024

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