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PLANNING AGENDA - 6.30 p.m. 9th April 2024

Cllrs. Galpin ©. Ham, Hodges, Killeen and Lloyd.

RR/2024/429/L	Beaumans Farmhouse, Claphatch Lane, Ticehurst, TN5 6HL	New opening and door to the existing internal brick and plastered wall between the pantry and proposed kitchen area. Omission of the previously approved opening and door to the existing internal brick and plastered wall between the drawing room and the sitting room area. <i>Minor changes without impact to dwelling and any one else.</i> Recommendation for approval.
RR/2024/365/O	2 Twitten Cottages, High Street, Wallcrouch, TN5 7JE	Existing Lawful Development Certificate for the permanent siting of a caravan used for residential purposes. <i>Has been in situ since 2004. It has been in continuous use for that time with a supporting letter from a frequent visitor. It was refused in 2021. It is claimed that the 10 year period has been achieved. It was felt that this was up to the legal team at Rother.</i> Comment only.
RR/2024/347/P	Old Vineyard, Vineyard Lane, Ticehurst TN5 7LR	Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement new dwelling. <i>Split into two applications – the designs are identical to those submitted previously. Inconsequential rise in roof height. Root and tree protection afforded for Monterey Pine.</i> <i>Previously supported the design and access proposed.</i> Recommendation for approval.
RR/2024/348/P	Old Vineyard, Vineyard Lane, Ticehurst TN5 7LR	Demolition of existing garage and new dwelling. <i>Split into two applications - it was assumed that one of the sites will be sold off. Inconsequential rise in roof height. Root and tree protection afforded for Monterey Pine.</i> <i>Previously supported the design and access proposed.</i> Recommendation for approval.
RR/2024/562/P	Prospect Cottage Dunsters Mill Lane Three Leg Cross Ticehurst TN5 7	Replace attic window. <i>Replacement is a timber window.</i> Delegated authority to Clerk to submit no objection.

MINUTES

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

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summonsed to attend a meeting of Ticehurst Parish Council on Tuesday 9th April 2024 at Ticehurst Village Institute at 7.00 p.m.

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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.

3361.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

Three members of the public were present:

- A member of the public asked members whether they were going to take further legal action with regard to Beech Farm RR/2022/840/P. The chairman explained that no decision had been made, and the resident proceeded to provide an opinion on the situation as he saw it.
- A member of the public is considering moving to the village and wanted to ask about life in Ticehurst - the clerk provided her phone number to facilitate contact if required.
- A resident of Pickforde Lane, asked whether the hedge laying had been put on hold and was informed that for the time being no further works were intended and that the newly laid hedge would be given time to thicken before any decision is made.
- Cllr. Lloyd informed the meeting that he was applying for a Lund grant to lay the hedge on the western side of the Bell Field Football Field as well as some ditching work to improve drainage.

Report on social media points raised during the last month:

- Skate Park

3362.0 District and County Councillor Reports:

D.Cllr. Killeen reported that the potential strike action was avoided as a settlement had been reached to bring staff pay in line with national pay scales.

Three large grants have been received by Rother:

- Sidley and De La Warr
- town grant for Bexhill £19m and a similar amount
- for 14 projects across Rother – including mobile youth provision, purchase of community hub mobile linked in with NHS, food banks, work in Rye and Camber, Bexhill community hub and Battle High Street. Projects have to be completed before the end of 2025. £1.2 m is designated for a new medical centre in Robertsbridge.

3363.0 Declarations of Interest: Declarations of interest under the terms of the Council's Code of Conduct and Localism Act 2011 s.31. Cllr. Galpin declared an interest in

3364.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cllrs. Heapy, Luckhurst Stephenson, Studholme, District Cllr. Mary Barnes and County Cllr. Eleanor Kirby-Green and on acceptable from colleagues were recorded in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85.

3365.0 Adoption of the Minutes: Cllr. Killeen proposed and Cllr. Lloyd seconded a motion to approve the draft minutes as an accurate record of the meeting held on 5th March 2024. The chairman then duly signed them.

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3366.0 Neighbourhood Plan: Members of the public reported that they were very interested in the regular News and Views reports.

Clerk reported that at the Pashley Road hearing it would have been useful to have had a listed buildings policy – the buildings and their surrounds in any updated plan.

No update this month. Need to submit into N & V for May 2024.

3367.0 Village Centre :

- Village Centre update – B Talbot has reported that works will be completed by 30th April 2024 - (lighting column signs and central post). He provided a quotation for the caricature advertising on the car park sleeper wall which was unanimously accepted. The Bell have given permission for the advert when the new wall is established.
- Milk Maids Alley - Rob Graham has finished the work in the alley. Guttering to neighbours property has been mended. Left over materials will be used on the crossing over the stream to Field Rise.
- Test samples x 4 within village square have been commissioned - Square will need to be shut off during works and supervised by councillors - date to be advised.
- It was resolved that if the Ticehurst School clothes recycling bin is available to all, the PC could dispense with the car park one and make a donation to the Salvation Army. The school earn funds from their provision. The panel fence can be removed next to the bin, creating two more parking spaces.
- Car Park extension update on works – Coppards to do fencing and lines soon.
- Electric Charging Points – permission has been given by RDC – moving forward with Believ.
- Notice Boards – ordered and awaiting delivery.
- List of Highways issues for Highways Steward has been provided.
- Detailed design work will be undertaken by RCP - ESCC want to go out to consultation in May 2024.
- Tree works needed at the recreation ground and Bell Field.
- A complaint has been received about the noise generated by fish and chip generator. It was felt that the nuisance lessened if the van can be accommodated further down the village square rather than on the western boundary. Clerk to speak to owner.
- Request for dedicated parking bays for any properties that would be directly impacted by proposed yellow lines has been received. It was felt that this would be too difficult to implement.

3369.0 External Doors for Beatrice Drewe Trust Institute: A quotation for £5409 plus vat has been received for the two external doors. Work is proceeding well. Consideration to be given to commissioning the works directly. It is understood that the library will be moved and a lavatory, accessible from the recreation will be installed. Cllrs. Galpin proposed Cllr. Hodges seconded a motion to directly commission the works. Clerk informed Noah's on 10th April 2024.

3370.0 Civility and Respect Policy: Policy circulated by clerk in February – resolution to adopt and register Ticehurst's commitment.

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3371.00 Recording Meetings: It was resolved to ascertain more about recording equipment before making a decision.

3372.00 Dark Skies: Some councillors and clerk have attended meetings with AONB and David Field - Members resolved to sign up to meet criteria for recognised dark sky areas – if achieved, this would have an impact on future developments and lighting within the parish and around Bewl Water. It was felt that this would have positive environmental, ecological impact and fit with the N Plan objectives.

3373.0 Playground Inspections: To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – written reports should be distributed prior to the meeting.

Farthing Hill – Report – no report

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. Cllr. Redknapp reported that there were no other issues.

Ticehurst - Cllr. Lloyd reported that he had sprayed the hard standing areas.

Stonegate - No issues.

It was agreed that the Fun Fair can attend on 8th June weekend, weather/ground conditions permitting.

Bell Field – Storage Container – Cllr. Galpin reported that planning permission paperwork is ready for submission but it was decided to await the outcome of the CIL grant before submission.

Caloo Skate Park Settlement has been paid - It was resolved to delegate Cllrs. Hodges and Studholme to work with Matt from the Youth Club to look at what would be best to install. Cllr. Lloyd reported he has asked Rob Graham to quote for the removal of the existing equipment as he had leant the council the protecting fencing for many months at no charge.

3374.0 Southern Homes Meeting: Residents met with officers remotely and shared minutes of points agreed. It was resolved to monitor the situation.

3375.0 Finance Report:

- Budget against actual expenditure and balanced bank reconciliations circulated to all members.
- Date has been set for year end with Rialtus – 15th April 2024
- Internal Auditor has been agreed.
- VAT rebate for the year will be in the region of £38,000.

MARCH	Into account	Out of account
J Brooker		640.00
British Telecom		90.49
R Studholme – cleaning loos for the year		3050.00
Rother		65.00
Nest		219.06
BDT		4000.00
Eon		557.51

B Talbot – signage		1759.00
Milk Maid Alley top coat		912.00
Business stream		106.66
Business stream		245.50
N Power		774.55
Surrey Hills – Caloo		11000.00
Khift		6049.60
Tate Fencing		171.26
The Bell		120.00
Lloyds Bank		7.00
Biffa		141.98
HMRC Shipley		2855.00
Scottish Water		742.00
Honey Barrett		55.20
Castle Water		73.57
N Watts		283.40
Jakk – finger post		1170.72
Surrey Hills		330.00

3376.0 Planning Report:

Cllr. Galpin summarised the planning recommendations made at the 6.30 pm meeting.

- Land at Seacoxers – enforcement notices served by RDC and ESCC. Appeal has been lodged for the APP/U1430/W/23/3321909 under 11 (d).
- Pashley Appeal Report on appeal hearing at Rother 9.4.24. Cllr. Burley reported that cllrs. and clerk and residents attended the inquiry and over all felt the inspector had been thorough and fair - result should be known within a month.
- Banky Field - Sarah Shepherd has asked for an update but heard nothing.
- Meadow Field - members were going to visit the site to familiarise themselves with the area and take a view to communicate to AiRS.

3377.0 Annual Assembly -30th April 2024 at Flimwell - John Brooker booked for cleaning the following morning. Invites for tables have been sent out – prizes requested and posters ordered. Cllr. Ham offered free mini-bus transport from Ticehurst Village Hall to the event and back again. Members thanked her and her husband for their generosity.

3378.0 Items for the May Agenda: Topics only:

- Annual Accounts and VAT return
- Amendment limiting 10 minutes for any one person during public question period.
- Proposal to limit individual public submission confined to 30 minutes.

Members of the public were asked to leave for confidential legal matters:

3379.0 Beech Farm – It was resolved to pursue the matter as due consideration had not been given to the requirements of 11 (d), leaving the district vulnerable to a plethora of similar applications and appeals. An email received from a Ticehurst resident about the potential influence that the clerk had at the 14th Meeting was circulated to members and declared by the clerk to Senior Legal Manager for S E England.

3380.0 Date of the next meeting: 7th May 2024 This will be the Annual Meeting of the Council when policies are reviewed, altered and adopted.

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Signed.....Chairman

Dated 07.5.24

