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## TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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### Planning Applications discussed under agenda point 3394.0

Reference	Location	Proposal
<a href="#">RR/2024/636/P</a>	2 Farthing Hill, Ticehurst TN5 7BW	Single storey rear extension, new side facing ground floor window and loft conversion including the installation of three roof windows into the pitched roof of the front elevation as well as the addition of a dormer at the rear. <i>Large dormer – Proposed hedging – there is a loss of privacy to the neighbouring properties. Object to ground floor on impact to the neighbours and object to dormer on inappropriate styling being overly dominant and not in keeping with the design guidelines in the neighbourhood plan A side extension facing the road would be more appropriate. Object.</i>
<a href="#">RR/2024/576/P</a>	12 Nursery Close, Ticehurst TN5 7NF	Proposed loft conversion including rear facing dormer window. <i>Dormer has a pitched roof so more in keeping 15 m of Stone Cottage. Recommend frosted glass. Recommendation for approval.</i>

Councillors were summonsed to the Annual Meeting of Ticehurst Parish Council to be held on Tuesday 7th May 2021 at 7.00 p.m. (up to 10 minutes per person to a maximum of 30 minutes were allowed at the start of the meeting for public questions and comments on relevant matters on the agenda). The chairman reminded the public that they had right and were welcome to stay and observe the rest of the meeting in accordance with Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1.

Present: Cllrs. Burley, Bassett, Ham, Hodges, Galpin, Killeen, Lee, Lloyd, Luckhurst, Redknap, Stephenson and Studholme. In attendance: D. Cllr. Barnes and C. Cllr. Kirby-Green.

### MINUTES

#### ANNUAL MEETING OF TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

The clerk opened the meeting to facilitate the election of a chairman.

### AGENDA

**3380.0 Election of Chairman :** Nomination slips were circulated prior to the meeting. On counting the slips Cllr. Burley was elected to the chair as no-one and thereon chaired the meeting.

**3381.0 Election of Vice Chairman:** - Nomination slips were circulated prior to the meeting. Signing of acceptance of office:

It was resolved that a system of succession must be actively promoted for next May.

**3382.0 Adjournment of meeting for Public Questions and Comments:**

**To receive reports from District and County Councillors:** East Sussex County Council report was circulated to members by C.Cllr. E Kirby-Green.

Rother District Plan year update was put into the News and Views by D. Cllr. Killeen. Hard copy in the library and Wadhurst PC have one in their library for 12 week consultation period.

There will be an exhibition in Ticehurst on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 - 3 pm to 7 pm in the village hall. It was useful to have had Jeff Pyrah at the Annual Assembly to launch the consultation process.

D. Cllr. Barnes congratulated J Pyrah on his work on the Local Plan which is a better document than its predecessor and of relevance to every planning application in our parish.

Etchingham PC Annual Assembly will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 p.m.

£20m has been received by RDC for 2024 – 2025 which is in addition to the monies for Bexhill from Levelling Up Dept.

The chairman thanked the clerk for organising the Annual Assembly and thanked Hams Travel for offering transport. It was felt that better communication promoting the event should be engaged next year.

**3383.0 Declarations of Interest:** by Councillors on any matters on the agenda, Cllr. Galpin declared an interest in any matter that might arise about planning applications at Bawl Water.

**3384.0 Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr. Heapy and her reason for absence was recorded in the attendance register on acceptance by the Council.

**3385.0 Feed back from Social Media and Web site:** Cllr. Studholme reported that there had not been much relevant posting apart from some negative comments about covid vaccinations.

**3386.0 Adoption of the draft minutes for the meeting held on 9th April 2024.** Cllr Ham proposed and Cllr. Galpin seconded a motion to approve and authorise the Chairman to sign as a correct record of that meeting, supported by a show of hands.

**3387.0 Distribution of Current Council duties:**

Cllrs. were requested to consider the following roles that are undertaken on a regular basis. There are no official committees other than the Planning Committee and Finance Group.

Financial Advisory Group	Chairman: + Parish Council members KL, SB, AL plus clerk	To set the annual budget. Should meet every two months to monitor expenditure against budget. Recommendations should be put to the full Council for resolution.
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Village Centre Project		Councillors are members of the Steering Group Committee and report back to the PC on a monthly basis
Planning Committee	Chairman: JG	Councillors meet every two to three weeks, often before a full PC meeting or on a Thursday at 6 pm in the Village Institute to consider current plans.
Bewl Residents Group	Lead: AL & SB	To liaise between Bewl Water and residents bringing any matters to full Council when necessary.
Neighbourhood Plan	4 leads have been established.	To put into media and N & Vs on updates.

**3388.0 Council Policies:** To consider the policies and ensure that they are relevant to Council business. Policies will be forwarded prior to the meeting.

Standing Orders, Freedom of Information, Financial Regulations  
Register of interests Code of Conduct Complaints Procedure  
Disciplinary Policy Equal Opportunities statement Grant awarding policy  
Risk Management Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults  
Statement of intent as to community engagement Training Policy.  
Reserves Policy Civility and Respect Policy

It was unanimously resolved that the standing orders be altered to entitle any one member of the public during public question time to address the meeting for 10 minutes maximum.

**3389.0 To adopt the power of Competence:** Criteria for compliance was adhered to and the power was unanimously adopted.

**3390.0 Report from the Village Centre Committee:**

- Cllr. Lloyd stated that he does not agree with planting within the car park. Clerk to investigate methods used by Blue Green at Bodiam.
- R Upton is commissioning landscaping schemes to assist the council.
- Clerk to arrange for the clothing recycling bin to go and for the metal barrier and wooden partition to be removed (£300).
- Results of the bore holes to be sent to Mark Weston and Daniel Clarke.
- Clerk to chase Bill Talbot re signage
- Pickforde Lane Potholes. Road is owned by RDC - clerk to ask for improvements. It was reported that the doctors surgery will be used for 5 days per week, resulting in more traffic using the lane.
- Fish and Chip – Noise has been eliminated by them using the power in the phone box.
- Pavilions – The Bell Field football club have decided that a new modular pavilion would be better than repairing the existing. Clerk to establish what needs to be done for the tendering process. A visit to a modular facility would benefit decision making. Grant of £63000 has been awarded by RDC for the project.
- It was agreed that permission for the storage container should be progressed so that the pavilion can be emptied.

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**3391.0 Corner Farm Tree works:** Works to two oaks will commence next week.

**3392.0 Speed cameras:** It was reported that the Horsegrove Avenue camera is not working. It seems to be intermittent - Cllr. Studholme offered to look at it. It was resolved that three further cameras be purchased for siting at Berners Hill, Church Street and Bardown Road in Stonegate. Clerk to apply for licenses.

**3393.0 Finance Report:** A financial statement – actual against budget and balanced reconciliation had been circulated to members.

VAT and CIL money has come in £140000 and Cllr. Luckhurst reported that she had transferred it into the Lloyds deposit account.

End of year accounts have been prepared and will be submitted to auditors on acceptance by members at the June 2024 meeting. The Notice of electors rights will be posted on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2024 as advised by the external auditors.

Clerk reported that the grant for stream clearance has been submitted to RDC for payment.

It was resolved to accept the quote to remove the skate park equipment £1350 and make good the surface.

Payee	Payment In	Payment Out
RDC precept	79555.00	
Rob Graham		462.00
Soiltec Laboratory – village centre tests		1776.00
J Brooker		530.00
ESCC		964.80
D Kendon		450.00
BT		95.48
RDC Rates		65.00
Nest		219.06
Costello-Corte Allotment	20.00	
T Bourne and S Denne allotments	50.00	
Lloyds Bank		7.85
N Power		799.57
R Studholme		2056.00
Corex		251.85
Rialtus		856.80
RDC		1973.40
ESCC		1101.77
Netwise		265.51
Ajgibl ins		367.36
Castle water		16.16
Ballot box etc		45.90
B Talbot advance		1490.00
Vernon Hallett		75.00
Khift		3390.00
Rialtus		648.00
Iden Signs		409
RDC CIL	99527.15	

<b>Honey Barrett</b>		<b>55.20</b>
<b>Castle Water</b>		<b>48.13</b>
<b>Biffa</b>		<b>209.26</b>
<b>Total Balance</b>		<b>161108.47</b>

### **3394.0 Planning Report: Report on applications considered before the meeting.**

**Pashley Road – An appeal for traveller status application was dismissed. RDC officers had supported the application. The appeal resulted in an eleven page dismissal document and can be considered a land mark decision.**

**Land at Seacoxers - the appeal for two pairs of semi detached houses has also been dismissed. It is hoped that RDC will now enforce.**

**Delegated authority to continue working with the Northern Parishes Group was afforded to Cllr. Burley and Cllr. Lloyd when appropriate for Ticehurst parish. Protect green gap policy**

**Meadowside - land at – members had visited the site and concluded that it is (as determined in the Neighbourhood Plan) a valuable wildlife natural corridor connecting to the pond and sited within a recognised green gap in the N Plan. The clerk was asked to relay this information to Graham Maunders - Cherry Tree Field next to the pub was considered to be a much better site for a community build project.**

**A resolution was passed to support Wadhurst Parish Council to object to inappropriate shore line development at Bewl Water in accordance with the Ticehurst Neighbourhood Plan. It was resolved to delegate working in conjunction with Wadhurst and Lamberhurst Parish Councils, to Cllrs. Burley and Lloyd, assisted by the clerk as required.**

**The 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024 is the closing date for comment on the Bistro conversion at Bewl. Cllr. Barnes asked individuals to write in with their views. 80000 members of the public have signed a petition objecting to the application. There was an application for 80 pitches – caravans and mobile homes which was turned down and is likely to go to appeal. Clerk was asked to draft and submit a recommendation for refusal.**

### **3395.0 Playground and recreation ground reports:**

- **Ticehurst:** Cllr. Studholme reported that he would be meeting Matt from the Youth Group on 14<sup>th</sup> May to consider what of the existing equipment could be salvaged and re-used. Once that has happened the remaining items can be removed from site and a quotation for that work was accepted by members.
- **J Brooker** has been asked to arrange a rake over and assessment of the need for chippings, reporting findings to the clerk to arrange delivery.
- **The new grass cutting contractor** has started work and is proving to be much more biddable on problems and communications. The Football Club are pleased with the work and have arranged to get the areas rolled.
- **D. Cllr. Killeen** provided the clerk with a list of matters noticed by a local resident. He had asked if the PC wanted him to clear weeds around the shops which was gratefully received but there was no allocated budget for this.
- **Stonegate:** No issues reported and bark chips will be raked over and assessed.

**Farthing Hill; Cllr. Bassett** reported that a new catch is needed on the gate that he will sort.

**Flimwell:** It was reported that the ground is starting to dry out.

**3396.0 Items for the June Agenda:** No discussion – topics only.

**3397.0 Confidential Matters:** There were no confidential matters to discuss.

**3398.0 Date of the next meeting:** 4<sup>th</sup> June 2024

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Signed..... Clerk

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