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TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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PLANNING MINUTES - 6.45 p.m. 2nd July 2024

Present: Cllrs Burley, Bassett, Galpin © Hodges, Lloyd, Luckhurst, Killeen, Stephenson and Studholme.

Reference	Location	Proposal
RR/2024/952/P	Burnt Lodge, Burnt Lodge Lane, Ticehurst TN5 7LD	First floor extension to single storey family dwelling house. <i>Modest extension - no reason to object. Cllr. Galpin and Cllr. Lloyd declared personal interests.</i>
RR/2024/953/L	Burnt Lodge, Burnt Lodge Lane, Ticehurst TN5 7LD	First floor extension to single family dwelling house. As above.
RR/2024/843/P	Willowdale, High Street, Ticehurst TN5 7JL	Demolition of existing conservatory, utility area and double garage to be replaced with a two storey extension; demolition of front porch to be replaced with new; construction of new conservatory; installation of solar panels. <i>The scale of the extension out weighs the original house - recommendation for refusal.</i>

MINUTES

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summonsed to attend a meeting of Ticehurst Parish Council on Tuesday 2nd July 2024 at Ticehurst Village Institute at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs Burley ©, Bassett, Galpin, Heapy, Hodges, Lee, Lloyd, Luckhurst, Killeen, 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.- 64 members of the public present:

3411.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

An old Wardsdown resident expressed concerns about commenting on the local plan quoting paragraph 1.40 para on page 17. He had spoken to RDC today and had been assured that the Heela is part of this consultation exercise. He explained the route for commenting and suggested downloading the UK Gov Planning Policy for Traveller Sites. He asked for assurance from parish council members that they will support the residents in their objections to the proposed sites. Cllrs. confirmed that they would support residents.

Cllr. Burley reported that a meeting has been arranged on Friday at Bexhill to discuss the document with officers.

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D. Cllr. Killeen assured the public that officers have not yet looked at the sites because they have been put forward by owners of the land.

A member of the public said that RDC had approached people who owned land as well as including land without the owners' knowledge.

It was felt that RDC had not done enough to advertise this consultation, it having only had one reference on Rother Alerts.

Cllr. Killeen repeated that none of the sites have been assessed and it will be at least mid 2025 before the draft plan reaches an inspector.

A resident read out from a hand out from a prospective MP saying that the sites are unsuitable.

D. Cllr. M Barnes reported that planning had been granted for a traveller site near the Bexhill link road, but planning had lapsed.

The appeal dismissal report on the Pashley site was referred to as a useful document.

The new head and deputy head of Bricklehurst School, Jim Cameron and Carly Seargeant introduced themselves and explained that the school was re-opening for up to 60 children aged 8 - 16 years old with challenges of some sort. They are looking to source staff locally and had met with the parish clerk and since employed a member of their domestic team within the village. They are keen to build links within the community and will be having an opening event. Pupils will come from East Sussex and will be brought to school by taxi. They are funded by the local authority. The school will provide special therapists to assist the pupils. Staff pupil ratio when full, will be 1:1. There will be academic staff to deliver the curriculum but they will also teach practical skills to increase pupils confidence.

Report on social media points raised during the last month:

Nasty accident near the Cherry Tree had closed the road for several hours.

Fly tipping in the newly cleared stream at Farthing Hill had angered residents.

3412.0 District and County Councillor Reports:

Cllr. Kirby-Green reported that Rosemary Lane has had some patching work done and drainage repair work will be done before resurfacing works are carried out.

3413.0 Declarations of Interest: Declarations of interest under the terms of the Council's Code of Conduct and Localism Act 2011 s.31. Cllrs. Galpin and Lloyd declared an interest in planning application RR/2024/952/P as they were known to the applicant.

3414.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies were recorded from Cllr. Ham in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85.

3415.0 Adoption of the Minutes: Two amendments were put forward and agreed for the minutes of 4th June 2024.

- 'land next to a proposed traveller site' and
- John Maxfield to consult with Wadhurst about the pavilion at Stonegate.

It was resolved that the clerk would amend and then the chairman was authorised by members to sign as a correct record of those proceedings.

3416.0 Neighbourhood Plan and Rother Local Plan Draft:

- **Comments for response to the Local Plan by 23rd July 2024** - parish clerk had circulated comment on the majority of the draft plan for consideration by members. It was resolved to delegate authority to the parish clerk to submit comments on the Plan and the Heela by the deadline 23.7.24.
- **Cllr. Killeen reported that she had put an article into News and Views on Neighbourhood plan actions. Cllrs. then allocated responsibilities for actioning progress between them:**

Policy	TNP Community Actions – Decisions & Actions	Owner	Status/completion
R1.3	Ensure grass has been rotovated- Acres Rise & Farthing Hill	Bassett	Completed but fly tipping needs moving
R1.6	Investigate use of footpath Flimwell @ Royal Oak	Redknap	
R4.2	Project to ensure cycle and footpath networks are clear and provide footpath Tinkers Lane to school		
R4.3	Walkers and cyclists post cards/communications	Hodges	
H1.2	Ensure Local Plan comments sent Feria Urbanism to assist in TNP re-write	Clerk On notice	Feria will assist when Local Plan is made
H4	Work with Southern Housing re Newington Court	Heapy	
H6	Project to make Stonegate centre conservation area	Galpin	
INF1	Meeting with ESCC on village centre project Resurface square Yellow lines and bus stop markings Informal crossing and Speed Limit to 20 mph	Killeen and clerk	Meeting held 25.6.24
INF1.2	Speed restrictions- additional speed signs in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church Street from the south • Stonegate near school • Flimwell High Street 	Lee	
INF2.1	Develop a local energy plan	Galpin	
INF2.2	Project to install LED lights Low profile lighting Lights turned off by midnight	Studholme	All replacements are LED Planned in car park Lights go off at 11 pm
INF2.3	Work with Dark Skies Project	Galpin	
INF2.4	Electric Charging points project	Clerk	Awaiting lease RDC
INF4.1	Village signage car park & sign Church Street Car Park Marking Disabled car park spaces marked	Lloyd Clerk	Awaiting installation
INF4.2	Parking on pavements Bollards in Church Street	Bassett & Clerk	Police will not allow C Bassett to count
INF4.3	Sport Pavilions project	Hodges	
INF4.4	Outdoor play equipment project Survey re skate park/pump track	Studholme	
INF5	GP Surgery – improve communications – leaflet to all households	Killeen	Approved costs £250 with Wadhurst PC
E1	Support Ticehurst Business Group	Hodges	
E2	Plan for local market		Kings John Garden & Stall at Bell suffice.
E4	Planters in the village		

3417.0 Village Centre : Cllr. Killeen reported on a very depressing meeting with ESCC - C.Cllr. Kirby-Green to follow up. Cllr. Galpin was asked to resend his village square design to the clerk.

- **Tree Survey BS 5387 required once topographical survey is completed.**
- **Update on lines in car park - Coppards to provide date.**
- **Rother have notified the PC that changes need to be made to the car park lease, contrary to the advice provided previously received. Clerk and D. Cllrs. to chase.**

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- Detailed design work will be undertaken by RCP once tree survey is complete.
- Tree works needed at the recreation ground and Bell Field.
- Pavilion update - clerk was given delegated authority to organise a pre-app meeting with RDC for the clerk and Cllr. Galpin.
- ESALC have informed parish councils that they can not leaflet private cars on pavements.

3418.0 Playground Inspections: To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – written reports should be distributed prior to the meeting.

Farthing Hill – No problems

Elimwell– Distributed.

Ticehurst - Hooks to be ground off the goal posts – *this has been done. It necessitated sanding down rough edges and repainting the posts.*

Stonegate - Hedge has been cut.

An example of the play equipment in Wadhurst was distributed to members (£17000 nett installed by Creative Play). Cllr. Studholme will contact the company for a firm quote and for the necessary safety surfacing.

Skate Park/ Bike Track: Cllr. Studholme has canvassed local support through facebook for a skate park or pump track - 22 skate park /151 pump track. Increase outside gym equipment was also requested. It was resolved to ask R Graham to remove the skate park equipment - and make good.

An external table tennis for the tarmac area could also be considered. Costed suggestions to be put to the September meeting.

Petanque Grant; Clerk informed members that she had obtained a £460 grant for the youth club to provide pétanque games during the summer.

Clerk to contact Southern Water to see if they could connect Stonegate pavilion to the mains whilst they are working at Bewl Water. *Southern Water don't think there are main drains in the road for a connection.*

Fun Fair was a success and paid £500 for weekend rental of the ground. They would like to return next year.

3419.0 Finance Report:

- Budget against actual expenditure and balanced bank reconciliations circulated to all members and signed by the chairman.
- Finance meeting last week notes distributed – 25.6.24
- Primary school - donation was agreed £500 Cllr. Studholme to get bank details. Cllr. Galpin reported that Giga Clear are also donating.

JUNE	Into account	Expenditure
R Graham		300.00
Allotment income	180.00	
BT		100.91
Nest		219.06
RDC		65.00
Castle Water		116.20
Bank		7.00

N Power		614.43
RDC		82.00
G Corex HQ		29.90
Streetlights		117.30
J Brooker		710.00
V Hallett		75.00
Europlants		683.04
Studholme		475.00
HM Shipley		2729.91
Noahs		5263.47
Satswana		180.00
Rogers Cory		994.14
Allotments	60.00	
M Stephenson		50.00
Biffa		141.98
Honey Barrett		55.20

3420.0 Planning Report:

Land at Seacoxers – enforcement notices served by RDC and ESCC. Site now submitted for traveller status.

- Decisions made at the planning meeting at 6.30 pm were communicated to the members and clerk was asked to send to the Rother planning portal.
- Beech Farm – High Court has agreed PC have a case and have limited costs.
- Banky Field - Asma Chowdry has been informed that 106 is agreeable on the basis that any land movement would not be the responsibility of the Parish Council and that is written into the agreement. Full £120000 commuted sum expected on signing that would enable path from the school to Tinkers Lane.
- Meadow Field - G Maunders has been informed that Meadow Field is unsuitable as a wildlife corridor and in a significant green gap for development but the PC would be interested in having a conversation about Cherry Tree Field for community based housing.
- Meeting at Bewl with head ranger 3.7.24 10 am at the Bistro.

3421.0 Items for the September Agenda:

3422.0 Date of the next meeting: 3rd September 2024.

Signed.....Chairman

Dated.....

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