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MINUTES

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summonsed to attend a meeting of Ticehurst Parish Council on Tuesday 3rd September 2024 at Ticehurst Village Institute at 7.00 p.m.

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

In attendance: C. Cllr. E Kirby-Green.

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.

3423.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

A Flimwell resident with a site put forward during the call for sites for the Local Plan informed members that he was a local and intended to live on the site. Cllr. Studholme explained that as he was occupying the land without planning permission, members would not be supportive of his decision.

Report on social media points raised during the last month:

Doctors Surgery - posts about difficulties in getting appointments and that there are likely to be improvements soon.

3424.0 District and County Councillor Reports:

County report was circulated:

Buses: Changes to a number of bus services in East Sussex became effective on 1.9.24. Flexibus changes can be seen on Flexibus East Sussex County Council.

A21: The Queensway Gateway Project has started which will eventually be linked with the A21 Sedlescombe Road North improving traffic flows.

C.Cllr. Kirby-Green reported that she continues to get complaints from pedestrians trying to use the pavement into the village from the west. Cars are continually parking on the pavement, forcing people out into the road. It was decided to talk to the business group about the issue.

Yellow Lines have been approved by ESCC and there are some works due from 16.9.24. No progress has been made with regard to the informal crossing in the centre of the village and it was resolved to make a complaint at the top of ESCC together with a time-line and costing exercise that Ticehurst has undertaken.

3425.0 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.

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3426.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies were recorded for Cllrs. Galpin, Killeen, Lee and Stephenson in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85 on acceptance by members. Apologies were also received from D. Cllr. M Barnes.

3427.0 Adoption of the Minutes: Cllr. Studholme proposed and Cllr. Redknap seconded the motion to accepted the draft minutes as an accurate record of proceedings on 2nd July 2024 and were signed by the chairman.

3428.0 Neighbourhood Plan and Rother Local Plan Draft:

- Comments submitted by clerk 22.7.24 on the Rother Local Plan draft documents.
- An article was put into News and Views, encouraging residents to respond.

3429.0 Village Centre :

- Village Centre update – There was some confusion about a sign near the Bull but it transpired that the parish had not commissioned or paid for it. A sign in Church Street indicating parking behind the Bell was considered.
- Tree Survey BS 5387 was carried out 28th August – report awaited.
- Update on lines in car park. Bill Talbot has designed some entry and exit signs for consideration but it was resolved to remain with the original plan with Coppards – clerk to chase.
- Rother have notified that legal changes need to be made to the car park lease, contrary to the advice provided previously. Believ have recently chased them for the paperwork.
- Detailed design work will be undertaken by RCP once tree survey is complete.
- Tree works needed at the recreation ground and Bell Field.
- Notice Boards have been erected in Ticehurst and Stonegate.
- Defibrillators - PC have been asked to provide a new one at Eden Court as it is broken. The defibrillators should be registered with the BHF. It was felt that the PC could offer a donation towards a new defibrillator to the residents association.

3430.0 Playground Inspections:

ROSPA reports have been received and works to date for compliance are:

Stonegate Pond – paths have been cleared, deep water signs added and new life-lines installed.

Ticehurst Pond – steps and paths cleared, life buoy and life line installed, deep water sign added.

Flimwell – bark chips 13m have been delivered and spread - gate to be adjusted, springer needs bolt caps, see-saw needs attention, 4 new swings have been ordered.

Ticehurst – climbing walls needs adjusting, bark chip has been spread but more is needed, gate and fence need adjustments, spring needs bolt caps.

Farthing Hill - works completed to gate, fence, leg of swings and swing seat replaced, hanging basket chains adjusted, parrot rocker removed.

Stonegate – fencing, gate and benches need attention, pinch points on play equipment to adjust.

Rospa have recommended that coloured paintwork at all sites should be rubbed down and renewed – it was resolved to gradually carry out these works.

Fresh Air Fitness - Accept quotation. Replace rower and add two.

Farthing Hill to Pickforde Lane pathway - vegetation has been cut back.

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Skate Park Removal updates - Cllr. Lloyd reported that Rob Graham has it on his list.

Bike Pump Track Cllr. Studholme is organising attendance of a company with a good track record to visit the recreation ground site and the Banky Field site to see which would be better placed to deliver a track. Fee agreed for them to survey. They advise that a smooth tarmac surface is more usable by more wheels and needs little maintenance. Type I surfacing would limit use to mountain bikes. £1000 per m approximate. It was resolved to indicate interest in a track of 80 – 100 m. Cllr. Studholme to organise survey and use a template design rather than pay for a bespoke one.

Culvert to Banky Field has been started, it was agreed to extend the walkway in type one to provide better access for an estimated fee of £500.

3431.0 Finance Report:

- Budget against actual expenditure and balanced bank reconciliations circulated to all members.
- Second half of the precept has been received - £79555.00
- Grant funds for the stream £18000 have been received. Lund Fund contributed £2275. £460 grant for Youth Club has been received that needs to be sent to the club.
- £570 received allotment rents during the summer recess.
- Pavilions - It was resolved to move ahead with the purchase of pavilions at Ticehurst Recreation Ground and at the Bell Field.
- Reserve Funds Policy distributed - it was resolved to accept the quotations (with a negotiated discount) from the local company who had quoted on the basis that it was resolved it provided the best value.

JULY/AUGUST	Expenditure
Brooker	1145.00
Shaun SV– hedging	1920.00
Noahs Property	4690.80
Europlants	912.92
Tates – sheds	2427.02
RDC rates	130.00
BT	202.60
Brooker	540.00
Orchard Landscapes	3630.89
Taffs – fete donation	500.00
M Stephenson	50.00
C & C	50.15
Viking Direct	166.82
One Com	23.99
Corex	23.92
Bourne Sport – drainage	5040.00
BDT M Smith	500.00
Castle Water	93.68
N Power	1135.70
V Sq. Survey	3984.00
BDT	4000.00
Life Buoys	386.39
Play safety	842.40
Hone Barrett	110.40
Biffa	319.46

M & S		115.31
Teckform audit		200.00
Bourne Amenity		950.88
Studholme		1170.00
B Talbot		400.00

3432.0 Planning Report:

- Land at Seacoxers – enforcement notices have been served by RDC and ESCC. Site has been submitted for traveller status. Hardcore has been spread at rear of site - Mr Bright RDC is aware. The owner is appealing against the enforcement action by Rother. It was felt that the inspector should not allow 6 months for the site to be vacated.
- Planning meeting – 10th September 2024 6.00 p.m.
- Beech Farm – High Court date is set for 24.10.24. Check our insurance company.
- 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. Clerk to ask Sarah Shepherd for an update.
- Meadow Field - G Maunders has been informed that Meadow Field is unsuitable. As it is 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.

3421.0 Items for the October Agenda:

3422.0 Date of the next meeting: 8th October 2024

Signed.....Chairman

Dated 4/03/09/2024