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TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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PLANNING MINUTES 6.45 p.m. 8th October 2024

Present: Cllrs. Burley, Bassett, Ham, Heapy, Lee, Lloyd and Stephenson.

In attendance D. Cllr. Barnes.

Reference	Location	Proposal
RR/2024/1552/P	4 Forge Field, Stonegate, Ticehurst TN5 7ED	Proposed demolition of existing lean-to extension; proposed rear single-storey extension including external works (reducing external ground levels and new steps up to existing garden/terrace area). <i>Not a significant application – no objections.</i>

MINUTES

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council are summonsed to attend a meeting of Ticehurst Parish Council on Tuesday 8th October 2024 at Ticehurst Village Institute at 7.00 p.m.

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.

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

In attendance: D. Cllr M Barnes and C. Cllr. E Kirby-Green.

3435.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

- A Flimwell resident addressed the meeting questioning on what authority did the PC have to ask UKPN not to connect his caravans to the power network. RDC had told him that the PC had no jurisdiction. The chairman explained that when someone was illegally occupying on land the PC would make that request but no approach had been made to the water authorities. He denied that he had breached the TPO put on the land. have we contacted the water.
- A Ticehurst resident queried why the planning permission made in December 2021 and granted in June 2022 had not been fully adhered to in that the island of landscaping had not been built out. He stated that it was clear that the PC had no intention of including the planting and that the car park behind the Bell was a sea of tarmac. It was explained that phase II of the works had been delayed by legal services at RDC who need to alter the lease to enable the electric charging points to be installed, at which time the planting would happen.

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- He also stated that he felt that the purchase of sheds for the allotments had been a waste of time and money as they still had not been erected. He mentioned an allotment fund that one of the tenants was privy to. It was resolved that Cllr. Galpin (not present) should be asked to address the issue and that the clerk should investigate how the fund is managed. He pointed out that the sheds will need some sort of foundation.

Report on social media points raised during the last month:

- Yellow lines in Church Street – clerk has chased up the promised installation of bus stop markings.
- It was felt that the request for dedicated parking for a resident near the yellow lines could not be granted. The scheme was initiated by the congestions around the junction and had been subject to full consultation by ESCC. Cllr. Eleanor Kirby-Green reported that there will be enforcement carried out on a regular basis by ESCC. Cler was asked to draft a suitable response.

3436.0 District and County Councillor Reports:

County Council report:

Cllr. Kirby-Green reported that the County Council have a £55m deficit due to the costs of adult social care and children's services. Savings are to be made by appointment bookings at waste disposal sites. Kent have adopted this scheme and there is evidence of financial savings and no increase in fly-tipping.

District Council report:

Cllr. Killeen reported that RDC are also looking at making savings whilst upholding statutory obligations. Rother have been fortunate as they have received government grants.

She reported that there has been a good response to the Local Plan consultation but as many responses arrived in email format, officers are now inputting those into the consultation document process leading to some delays.

Rother are waiting for changes to the NPPF to incorporate them into the plan, as well as pulling the Corporate Plan together. Consultation ends 21.10.24.

The chairman, on behalf of the Northern Parishes Group asked Cllr. Killeen to push for better protection and a separate policy for Bewl Water. Evidence for the need has been sent to RDC after a meeting.

The proposed changes to community grants has been adjourned whilst it is reconsidered. The intention is to save costs by working with an outside body but not to preclude towns and parishes from being able to apply.

Pickforde Lane - D. Cllrs. Killeen and Barnes were asked to chase up RDC about the deep pot holes in Pickforde Lane and The Twitten.

3437.0 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 any interests.

3438.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cllrs. Galpin, Luckhurst and Studholme and were recorded in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85 on acceptance by members.

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3439.0 Adoption of the Minutes: Cllrs. Heapy and Studholme proposed and seconded a motion to adopt the draft minutes of 3rd September 2024 as a correct copy of those proceedings. The motion was carried and the chairman duly signed a copy.

3440.0 Village Centre :

- Village Centre update – Once the post for the island is received the finger arms are ready for installation,
- Tree Survey BS 5387 was carried out 28th August – (received 12.10.24 and forwarded to Jacob Cronin and members).
- Lines in car park: Clerk had spoken to Quin Coppard who confirmed that the in and out directional signage and the disabled parking area in the square would be completed within three weeks, dependant on weather conditions. He advised it would be better to wait until the EV charging point positions were in place, and landscaping works were completed, before doing the lines in the car park.
- Rother have notified that legal changes need to be made to the car park lease, (contrary to the advice provided previously). Believ have chased Lyndsey Goodwill at Rother in August and several times since then, but have not heard anything back. D. Cllr. Barnes and Killeen were asked to chase the matter as nothing can move forward without the alterations to the lease.
- Detailed design work will be undertaken by RCP once tree survey is complete.
- Tree works needed at the recreation ground and Bell Field. Cllr. Lloyd confirmed that he has asked Jack Feaver to reduce and deadwood the oak at the recreation ground after leaf fall. The trees in the car park along the footpath at the Bell Field need dead wooding. Cllr. Lloyd was asked to commission the works.
- Defibrillators - Clerk has applied for a new match funded defibrillator through a newly launch grant fund. Clerk to write to Eden court to say that the PC would not be supplying a replacement for their faulty one.
- Speed Devices - Hilbury glass has been damaged and the one at Horsegrove Avenue only works intermittently. Cllr. Lee supplied details from one manufacturer – clerk to contact Matalitte and request a site visit.

3445.0 Playground Inspections:

Farthing Hill: All worked contained in the summer Rospa report have been carried out.
Stonegate: Cllr. Burley reported that the playground looked good and that a new bench and shuttering had been installed and the gate catch was now working.

Flimwell: All matters contained in the Rospa report have been carried out.

Ticehurst: Resolution to add to the gym equipment from Fresh Air Fitness was passed – clerk to action.

Resolution to purchase and install a new toddler piece of equipment and bench was passed. Clerk to liaise with Cllr. Studholme who has the details.

Pavilions L Containex – final drawings were confirmed for the order to be placed. Once the PC have agreed to order, the agent at Robertsbridge will negotiate a discount. Any changes thereafter would involve a fee. Lead time is likely to be the spring for installation. It was resolved to have named soffits for both pavilions.

Cllr. Burley reported that the Stonegate pavilion is asbestos free. The next stage will be the demolition of the building.

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Skate Park Rob Graham will remove the equipment once he has finished the path over the Acres Rise stream. It was noted that children are accessing the fenced off equipment but the protective fencing has been tightened.

Bridge over the stream to Banky Field raw sewage is leaking in the storm water overflow that then goes into Bewl. Southern Water have been notified.

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 for the visit has been paid.

3446.0 Finance Report:

- Budget against actual expenditure and balanced bank reconciliations had been circulated to all members.
- Due to a complaint to the external auditors, Ticehurst's accounts have not yet been signed off. This may take another 6 months.

SEPTEMBER	Expenditure
B Talbot	360.00
Post Box	39.00
Fenland Leisure	447.96
Corex Enterprises	160.24
One.Com	10.00
Europlants	405.74
J Brooker	730.00
Tate Fencing	252.48
Fenland Leisure	83.00
Keys for notice boards	14.97
BT Group	101.27
Nest	219.06
Bourne – bark chips	679.20
RDC	180.00
EON	293.16
Business Stream	313.67
Clark and Kent Contractors	900.00
Service Charges	7.00
Castle Water	11.02
N Power	579.94
Biffa Waste Services	141.98
Honey Barrett	55.20

3447.0 Planning Report:

- Land at Seacoxers – Update at the start of the meeting.
- Decisions made at the planning meeting at 6.45 pm were uploaded to Rother.
- Beech Farm – High Court date is set for 24.10.24. Hearing is open to the public.

3448.0 **Items for the November Agenda:** First draft of the 2025/26 precept.

3449.0 **Date of the next meeting:** The meeting ended at 8.15 p.m. and the date of the next meeting was set for 5th November 2024. Cllr. Heapy sent apologies due to work commitments.

Signed.....Chairman

Dated