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TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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PLANNING AGENDA - 6.45 p.m. 5th November 2024

Present: Cllrs. Burley, Bassett Galpin ©, Lee and Hodges Cllr. Lloyd declared an interest and left the room.

Reference	Location	Proposal
RR/2024/1703/P	1 Overys Farm Cottages Dunsters Mill Road	Single storey side extension <i>Faces the road but would have little impact. Elegant design with roof proving a canopy around the property. No objections Recommendation for approval.</i>
	Three Legged Cross TN5 7HR	

MINUTES

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summonsed to attend a meeting of Ticehurst Parish Council on Tuesday 5th November 2024 at Ticehurst Village Institute at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. Burley ©, Bassett, Galpin, Hodges, Lee, Lloyd and Redknapp.
In Attendance: D.Cllr. M Barnes and 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.

3450.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

- **A list of questions was submitted in writing:**
- **Stile opposite Upper Platts is missing** - this is the responsibility of ESCC to inform the land owner. EK-G said that she will follow this up.
- **Stonegate Village Sign** - Rother have been informed several times that the sign is missing - EK-G to follow up.
- **Weeds outside the village shops** - the pavements belong to ESCC and it is their responsibility to maintain.
- **Speed hump** – there has been no resolution to remove this.
- **Weed control in the Bell Car Park** is the responsibility of the parish council and is carried out on a regular basis.
- **The Manager of the Bell presented proposals for a new bin store involving the use of some of the PC's land.** New bedrooms at the back of the site are nearly ready and they want to reclaim their car park. The vertical sleeper walls are

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rotting on the route to the public car park. The proposal to build a bin store into the embankment behind the current sleeper wall would mean that the bins would not be left out overnight, as is the case at the moment. The current bin store would become a fridge/freezer room. Cllr. Galpin pointed out that a bin store would need lighting and water for cleaning to prevent vermin. The proposed bin store would be constructed at the cost of the Bell and would enable more recycling. He committed to supplying an electronic plan to Cllr. Galpin. It was discussed that any lighting would be low lighting and that this could possibly be extended on to the new sleeper wall, providing safe, but low lighting for the car park area. The manager agreed that the Bell, in exchange for use of the land, would be willing to contribute towards the cost of the tree planting in Phase II of the car park scheme.

Councillors would also like to have a legal assurance that the path to the village centre would be retained as available to the public. Clerk and Cllr. Galpin to negotiate a plan with the Bell.

- Cottenden resident – referred members to a small haybarn (permitted by RDC) Since then a vineyard has been constructed and subsequently the owner said he was going put a small extension on the barn (RDC having said he did not need permission). The barn is now four times as big as the original permission. He now aims to make his own wine on site. If this is designated as ‘agricultural practice’ there would be permitted development rights. Cllr. Galpin committed to ascertaining if a vineyard and wine making ancillary buildings are classified as agricultural or semi-industrial.
- There is also an issue with a railway carriage further up the same track which is being used for residential purposes and now appears to be a dwelling. The postcode TN5 7TT shows a list of business addresses at the site. The public footpath has been blocked with a diverted sign for walkers. PC to ask RDC enforcement to look at the situation. EK-G to raise with Matthew Harper – footpaths.
- Lower Platts resident raised rumours about Meadow field, below the village pond. The chairman explained that the owner (via AiRS) had approached the council about developing the land but the PC had designated this as an important green space in the Neighbourhood Plan and an important green ecological corridor.

Report on social media points raised during the last month:

Thefts at Stonegate – perpetrators have been apprehended by the police.

3451.0 District and County Councillor Reports:

County: Cllr. Kirby-Green had circulated a written report on the following topics:

- County wide consultation on booking system at household waste recycling sites opened on 28.10.24 and closes on 22.12.24.
<https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/booking-system-household-waste-recycling-sites/>
- Household Support Fund is now open with £3.9m funds
- Steps to Success programme supports students at the end of year 11 to help develop personal and career development goals.
- East Sussex has contributed to a film released on foster care.
- Apprentices from East Sussex will graduate on 21.11.24 at the Winter Gardens Eastbourne at 6 pm.
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- Budget for adult social care has been wiped out by increases in minimum wages and NI.
- Highways are meeting in Bardown Road during November about speeds and accessing the school.

District: D. Cllr. Barnes reported that RDC finances are worrying with a need to save £1.25m. Unexpected and unidentified costs of £750000 have recently emerged. However, she reported that the current team finance staff are doing well.

Levelling up funds are ring fenced for capital projects.

Pickforde Lane - There appeared to be some confusion about who owns Pickforde Lane but after some correspondence with the PC (22.10.24), Will Wright, Asset Manager has confirmed the owner is RDC and is having the potholes assessed. They are now very deep. A vehicle broke its wheel last week and the owners will be looking to claim for negligence.

RDC are in the middle of re-organising officers and recruiting senior staff and planners. Potential changes from devolution is making this more difficult as there is little detail about what this will entail.

3452.0 Declarations of Interest: Declarations of interest under the terms of the Council's Code of Conduct and Localism Act 2011 s.31. Cllr. Lloyd declared a personal interest and left the room in the planning deliberation at 6.45 p.m.

3453.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies were recorded in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85. on acceptance by colleagues:

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Ham, Heapy and Killeen, Stephenson and Studholme.

3454.0 Adoption of the Minutes: Cllr. Hodges and Cllr. Redknapp proposed and seconded a motion to accept the draft minutes as an accurate note of proceedings on 8th October 2024 and they were duly signed by the chairman.

3455.0 Vacancy for Stonegate Councillor: Due to the resignation of Kate Luckhurst. Notice has been given to RDC.

3456.0 Village Centre :

- Village Centre update – A meeting held on 5.11.24 to move the resurfacing of the village square forward, together with the informal crossing provision. Notes circulated to members. Clerk has spoken to ES Highways as to whether a road traffic order could be issued to prevent parking on the pavement at the western approach to the village. Cllr. Kirby-Green pointed out that Highways were unlikely to agree to this, although it is thought that the government may be preparing to change to the law to bring rural areas in line with urban areas. resolved to lobby the MP. Enforcement of yellow line parking will commence a month after installation.
- Update on lines in car park. Coppards have been asked to do this and the disabled bay as soon as possible.

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- Rother DC 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. Cllr. M Barnes and Killeen have chased this at Rother.
- EKG reported she had spoken to Daniel Clarke re parking on pavements being prohibited with a road traffic order. He advised that the necessary signage would be excessive in the village centre and stopping parking would increase traffic
- Tree works are needed at the recreation ground and Bell Field. Cllr. Lloyd showed photos of the hollowed out mature oak. There are also two other oaks to deadwood due to footpath below. It was resolved to get the work carried out and to lay the hedgerow along the footpath. The oak tree at Rec will reduced and inspected on 8.11.24. There are lot of cavities in the main stem. The two oaks are veteran specimens and will continue to decline over a long period of time.
- Defibrillators - These have been registered with The Circuit as available for use with replacement pad dates.
- Bell Bin Store - It was resolved to agree to the creation of a new bin store using some of the PC ground in return for a contribution towards the purchase of trees for the landscaping scheme within Phase II of the car park scheme, a legal assurance that the access from the car park to the path to the east of the Bell would remain available to the public. To also consider how low level lighting can be provided along the sleeper wall. Cllr. Galpin and clerk to action.
- It was resolved to give locals permission to add a plaque to the Springfields bench in memory of Stuart Hester, a resident of Woodroffe Court who died recently.
- Speed Signs - It was resolved to postpone a decision on the purchase of speed devices until after Highways inspection of Bardown Road. Two other sites requesting speed signs are approaching the village up Church Street and at Berners Hill Flimwell.
- Neighbourhood Plan Action List was circulated by Cllr. Killeen with updates on works completed or with changed status. To be shared with News and Views.

3457.0 Playground Inspections:

To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – available written reports were distributed prior to the meeting.

Farthing Hill: No report available

Stonegate: Cllr. Burley reported all fine – grass cut at playing field.

Flimwell: No report available

Ticehurst: Written report circulated by Cllr. Lloyd

Pavilions - Pavilions for the Bell Field and Ticehurst Recreation Ground have been ordered, together with 50% deposits paid – (sanctioned 5.11.24) Lewis Munn to be asked to quote for demolition of the Bell Field one and the one at Stonegate - Cllr. Bassett to action.

Skate Park Rob Graham is working on this project this week.

Bike Pump Track Cllr. Studholme is waiting for a site visit from 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 and to start costing the project.

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3458.0 Finance Report:

- Budget against actual expenditure and balanced bank reconciliations had been circulated to all members and accepted as accurate and signed by the chairman.
- Notes and recommendations from the Financial Advisory Group was circulated to members and it was resolved to action those matters.
- First draft of 2025 – 2026 budget circulated to members showing 2.6% rise. Any comments should be directed back to the Financial Advisory Group.
- £33064 CIL receipt – Singehurst – has been received into the current account
- To date, contributions of £10500 have been received from other parishes for the initial judicial review - with another £750 to come.
- Reserve Policy was circulated with anticipated expenditure on projects over the next two years. This was accepted by members and signed as a guide to project management.
- It was resolved that £50034 to be transferred to Lloyds current account from reserves and together with the £33064 CIL receipt will cover the 50% deposit payments for the Bell Field and recreation ground pavilions.
- Annual donations as contained within the precept were agreed for payment.
- Allotments: It was resolved that a contractor be asked to erect the new sheds and look at others that can be refurbished and retained.
- Playground additions. It was resolved to ask Cllrs. Killeen and Studholme (through the mother who suggested the project) to provide a costed scheme for play equipment and any necessary safety surfacing so that a decision can be made.

OCTOBER	Expenditure
British Telecom	101.27
RDC Rates	65.00
Nest	219.06
B Allen	240.00
PAJ Partnership	172.80
SLCC	78.00
Corex	37.45
Street Lights	1596.56
Cash and Carry – loo supplies	14.28
Tate Fencing	208.25
J Brooker	550.00
Mark Stephenson	150.00
Fenland Leisure	866.84
C Butler Archaeologists	1125.00
HMRC Shipley	2730.11
Castle Water	47.83
N Power	609.23
R Graham – bridge	3500.00
Lloyds Bank	7.00
Honey Barrett	55.20
Biffa	177.48

3459.0 Planning Report:

- Land at Seacoxers (The Hollies). Owner has made a complaint to RDC about Ticehurst PCs actions (writing to UKPN asking them to not connect the site to the mains due to the illegal occupation of the land).

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- Decision made at the planning meeting at 6.45 pm to be communicated to the Rother planning portal.
- Beech Farm – Hearing took place 24.10.24 – deliberation awaited.

3460.0 Freedom of Information Requests: Chairman reported that FOI requests were on-going.

3461.0 Items for the December Agenda:

- Budget
- Speed devices
- Playground equipment

3462.0 Date of the next meeting: The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m. and the date of the next meeting set for 3rd December 2024.

Signed.....Chairman

Dated 03/12/2024