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TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council are summoned to attend the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 3rd April 2018 - Ticehurst Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

Present: Cllrs. Burley, Cook, Crawley, Flory, Galpin, Krista, Lansdowne, Lee, Le Bouedec, Lloyd and Luckhurst

In attendance: D. Cllr. Elliston.

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.

Annie Alfille and Peter Reeves addressed the meeting explaining that they had set up a youth group in the Village Institute having carried out local research about what the teenage dynamic of the village wanted. There are about 20 regular attendees and two employed specialist youth workers. The group was set up in memory of their mother Jenni Reeves who bequeathed an amount of money to commence work on this provision. However, it will cost about £10,000 a year to run at the current level and they were looking for funding for the future. There was some debate and a question was raised about this level of funding for a very small minority of the under 18 population of the parish. It was pointed out that vandalism and anti-social behaviour had diminished since the club had started and any incidents that were attributable to any of the attendees resulted in the withdrawal of the following Wednesdays meeting. This was proving to have a positive effect on general behaviour. The council resolved under the finance agenda (2257) to pledge the sum of £3000 for 2018. They thanked councillors and explained that they would also try and obtain funding from the local housing associations and the police.

2244.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments: There were no questions from the public.

2245.0 Reports from SSALC, District and County Councillors:

Cllr. Elliston reported that Rother to adopt Civil Parking Enforcement, but it would initially only be effective in Battle, Bexhill and Rye and the effects would not be realised for at least two years.

Cllr. Cook had circulated a report on matters raised at SSALC meetings.

2246.0 Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Cook declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Beatrice Drewe Trust and Cllr. Krista declared a personal interest in Corner Farm and the provision of a hall.

2247.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cllrs. Rugby and Young. Their reasons for absence were recorded in the attendance register on acceptance by the Council in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85.

2248.0 Adoption of the minutes: Cllr. Luckhurst proposed and Cllr. Krista seconded the motion that the minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2018 were correct and councillors resolved to approve and authorise the Chairman to sign as a correct record in accordance with LGA 1972 Sch. 12 para 41 (1).

2249.0 Risk Assessments: It was reported that Cllr. Lloyd and the clerk were to attend a meeting on 17th April for training.

2250.0 Grass Verges: ESCC reduction in cuts - one year proposal from Rother District Council – motion required to accept or reject the offer needed.

2251.0 Playground Inspections:

Meeting with Hand Made Places 26.3.18 – advised that the play tower and slide at Ticehurst had decayed.

Playground reports were

Flimwell - Cllr Krista reported that the hedge had been cut back at Corner Farm making the boundary line very thin.

Farthing Hill - Cllr. Young had circulated a report, with no actions for attention prior to the meeting.

Ticehurst – Cllr. Lloyd had circulated a report – much less vandalism and littering since J Brooker had taken over as caretaker of the Institute.

Stonegate – Cllr. Luckhurst reported that the gate latch was incorrectly aligned – Cllr. Burley to attend.

Clerk reported that the bid for community match funding from RDC had been successful - Cllrs. delegated authority to the clerk to order new equipment for each of the main three playgrounds and to secure best value by negotiation.

2252.0 Report on matters raised at previous meetings:

Item	Matters Discussed	Update:
1804	Fingerposts	Jakks are to refurbish the Stonegate and Ticehurst centre posts with match funding from ESCC. Clerk was authorised to negotiate best value for replacing the Lynden Lane post. It was noted that the Wards Lane and Shovers Lane posts were in need of attention.

2253.0 Annual Assembly: 30th April 2018 – Monday 7 pm – 9 pm

Protocol for Lord Lieutenant attendance has been received - bollarded parking area in front of the hall needs to be made available.

Dan Russell from Sussex Police has confirmed attendance.

To date:

Community Friends,
Stonegate School,
News and Views,

BDT,
Bird Park,

Art Group,
Gardeners,
WI,
Coach Works,
Corner Farm

Allotments,
The Bell,
Flimwell Hall,
British Legion,
and Village Square have confirmed attendance.

2254.0 Neighbourhood Planning Committee report – It was reported that the consultation period for regulation 14 had been completed and that work was being done, collating the responses from the public, Rother and the statutory consultees. All correspondence would need to be responded to

2255.0 Ticehurst Works: List of works being carried out throughout the parish.

- Signage for skate park area has been erected and notices for the Annual Assembly will be put up by 6th April 2018.
- Allotment tap at Flimwell needs to be mended - plumber has been alerted.

2256.0 Village Square Group: Stephen Evans confirmed that work would start on the well on 9th April and is expected to take up to eight weeks. Regular inspection of tree root disturbance will be monitored and if necessary a view will be taken about the resultant stability of the trees. Three car parking spaces will be lost during the restoration project. The majority of funding has been received from RDC and the Lund Fund. It was agreed to request a price for the levelling of at least one path across the island whilst the contractor is on site.

The conservation officer was in communication with A Lindfoot (ESCC) about what she would expect within the Village Centre project and plans should be ready for consultation at the Annual Assembly.

It was understood that delays to the High Street resurfacing were not due to village centre plans, but had been put off for major utility works.

2257.0 Finance Report:

To receive:

Balanced bank reconciliation and expenditure against budget figures to 28.2.18.

List of cheques for sanctioning.

Cheque	Amount £	To whom	For:
000088	221.00	V Plumber	Allotments
000089	357.89	Business Stream	Water for loos
000090	Next year	SLCC	Study fees
000091	Next year	R W Green	Trees in the square
000092	108.65	N & Vs	Pages
000093	Next year	Streetlights	New columns for installation
000094	Next year	Feria	Regulation 14 fees
000095	20.76	Stat Express	Neighbourhood Plan expenses
000096	45.59	SLCC	Risk Assessment and regeneration books

2258.0 Planning Report: Applications considered by Planning Committee with delegated powers to comment to Local Authority since the last meeting.

Matters for consideration:

RR/2018/839/P – Ticehurst House - variation to RR/2015/1692/P – approved but requested more information on roof materials.

RR/2018/668/P – Ringden Farm - extension to agricultural building – approved.

RR/2018/636/P – Teagues Flimwell – Reconfigure existing conservatory to form part of existing kitchen, new first floor bedroom and new dormer and staircase - The design was felt to be poor and messy – recommendation for refusal.

RR/2018/676/L – Old Vicarage Flimwell - replacement of wall and creation of bin area - recommendation for approval.

2259.0 Report on Meeting with High Sheriff East Sussex 23.3.18: Cllr. Burley reported that he, Cllr. Lloyd and the clerk had met with the High Sheriff who had committed himself to assisting in the rural areas during his term of office.

2260.0 Corner Farm: Cllr. Lloyd reported that he and the clerk had met the developer with two planning officers at RDC on 2nd March 2018. In principle everyone had found that a variation of the current plan to provide a small room on the northern side of the hall, with a separate entrance would be acceptable. Clerk and Cllr. Lloyd were given delegated authority to keep working on trying to achieve this objective within the ring-fenced funds.

2261.0 Banky Field: Cllrs. Lloyd reported that he, Cllr. Young and the clerk had met with Optivo’s landscape architect on 2.3.18. at Bedgebury and shown him the types of play equipment that would be suitable for the north eastern end of Banky Field which will become a deciduous woodland area.

2262.0 Dunsters Mill Lane: It was reported that animal activity had once again undermined the structure of the lane and that ESCC had visited the site and raised an urgent order for repair.

2263.0 Allotment Update: Cllr. Galpin reported that two resignations for plots at Ticehurst had been received and that a meeting with the clerk would be held within a week so that the invoices could be sent out for 2018/19.

2264.0 Items for the May Agenda: No discussion – topics only. It was noted that the May meeting will be the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council – many agenda topics will be statutory necessities.

2265.0 Recreation Ground Insurance Claim:

To be dealt with as confidential minutes due to on-going litigation – no matters for discussion awaiting court date.

2266.0 Date of the next meeting: The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m. and the date of the Annual Meeting of the Council was set as May 1st 2018.

Signed.....Chairman

Dated.....

