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**TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL**

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**M I N U T E S**

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summoned to attend the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November - Ticehurst Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

**Present:** Cllrs. Burley, Cook, Crawley, Flory, Galpin Le Bouedec, Lloyd, Luckhurst, Rigby and Young. D. Cllr. Elliston in attendance.

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.

**2137.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:**

- Maureen Allanson pointed out that the island in the Village Square is so uneven that it is dangerous and someone fell there at the weekend. The Chairman informed the meeting that this area is unregistered land but that the Village Square refurbishment project did include plans to level the area.
- Maureen Allanson also asked that if the surface of Church Street is to be included in the refurbishment plans that Pickforde Lane should also get the same treatment as this leads to the doctors surgery and Newington Court. Pickforde Lane is not adopted by ESCC but is within the ownership of Rother District Council as far as the factory entrance.
- John Poole reported that the proposed parliamentary boundary changes is intended to balance representation of residents. The current proposal is for Ticehurst to move from the Bexhill and Battle constituency and be part of a new area called 'Mid Kent and Ticehurst'. It is proposed that each constituency should contain between 71031 and 78507 electors. The Chairman informed the meeting that a decision could be made within the agenda point 2142.
- There was some discussion about whether the proposal would alter the daily lives of Ticehurst residents. Cllr. Crawley reported that she understood that it would affect us in the sense that Pembury would be our main hospital and we might come under Kent Highways instead of Sussex Highways. Cut off date for representation to the Boundary Commission is 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017.

**2138.0 Reports from SSALC, District and County Councillors:** Cllr. Cook had circulated the minutes of the RALC meeting. She highlighted areas of particular interest:

- Dan Russell Inspector - were the council minded to invite him to the April Annual Assembly he will attend if able.
- 200,000 bins are collected per week in Rother - glass re-cycling is currently encouraged. 400 complaints have been received in relation to with waste collection.

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- Frank Rawlings has returned to RDC to assist with Neighbourhood Plans.
- Public Spaces Protection Orders will soon replace bye-laws.

**2139.0 Declarations of Interest:** AC declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Beatrice Drewe Trust under the terms of the Council's Code of Conduct and Localism Act 2011 s.31

**2140.0 Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllrs. Bilmes, Krista, Lansdowne and reasons for absence to be recorded in the attendance register on acceptance by the Council in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85. Bilmes, Krista and Lansdowne

**2141.0 Adoption of the minutes:** Cllr. Young proposed and Cllr. Crawley seconded a motion to approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 and authorised the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a correct record in accordance with LGA 1972 Sch 12 para 41 (1).

**2142.0 Proposed Parliamentary Boundary changes:** MP Huw Merriman had circulated information about the proposed changes and Cllrs. had also seen correspondence from C. Cllr. Barnes. There was some discussion about the geographical links for Ticehurst with the Weald and the coastal areas and the logic of being represented in parliament by an MP from a different county authority. It was resolved to respond to the Boundary Commission's consultation requesting that Ticehurst Parish remains within the Bexhill and Battle constituency, setting out the arguments for this resolution.

**2143.0 Email addresses:** All councillors have new dedicated email accounts which are being used most of the time.

**2144.0 Playground Inspections:** Playground reports were received from Cllrs. and circulated to members prior to the meeting.

**Flimwell** - Cllr Krista - Cllr. Lloyd reported that one swing has been taken out of use and a quotation for repairs sought. KL commented that the Village Hall Trust at Flimwell had in the past stated their intention to upgrade the current equipment.

**Farthing Hill** - Cllr. Young – clasp on the gate latch needs replacing

**Ticehurst** – Cllr. Lloyd had circulated a diarised report. The litter pickers are away and he has been covering the duties in their absence. There had been one incident of broken vodka bottles within the bark chipping area. The hedges have been cut as has the allotment hedge at Flimwell. Hilbury bank has been strimmed and Cllr. Flory had collected arisings.

A lot of strimming has taken place on vacant allotments plots. He reported that Flimwell allotment holders have requested that the two north-eastern plots at Flimwell could be used for communal events and that tenants were willing to pay extra for the land.

**Stonegate** –Cllr. Burley reported that he had repaired the kick board and that he and Cllr. Lloyd had trimmed the newly laid hedge in front of the pond has been trimmed. Cllr. Krista reported that the owner of the field to the north of the Stonegate allotments has reported that S Colvin had cut the top and inside of the hedge to the allotment gardens.

**2145.0 Report on matters raised at previous meetings:**

Item	Matters Discussed	Update:
	Risk Assessments	Date to be agreed with Came & Co - clerk to chase
1804	Fingerposts	Clerk to chase.
	Bewl Action Group	Water levels low - dogs have been stranded and stopping bank fishing as a precaution. River levels are low 34% full 2004/05 Serious rain is needed and pumping in will be necessary.
	Christmas Tree Lighting	Request for baby gender revealing party revealing lights for an hour.
1991	Phone Box	Wallcrouch box has been cleaned.
2030	Flimwell Village Hall	Representation was made to the District Councillors to support the need for a room for a shop and the Parish Council commitment had always supported taking one or two less affordable houses to provide this. AL and clerk to negotiate inclusion of this facility - the view of the majority of Flimwell residents is that they want a shop - Ticehurst PC has committed to a £50,000 contribution to an acceptable scheme.

**2146.0 Quotation for Tree works at Recreation Ground:** Three local businesses have been asked for a quotation two of which have been received to date. Adjourn to next meeting

**2147.0 Generation Zapped:** Film on mobile phones at Dale Hill 6 pm on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2017 Cllr. Rigby thanked his colleagues who had attended the viewing hoped that they had found it useful.

**2148.0 Neighbourhood Planning Committee report.**

Cllr. Young reported that the final draft has now been drawn up prior to Regulation 14 - Fera are currently supplying the maps and drawings to compliment the written matter. A meeting will take place with D Marlowe at Bexhill on Friday with S.Carmichael. LYoung and clerk. The Strategic Env. Assessment will be published simultaneously and presented to the PC It was resolved that a special meeting should be held to consider the draft in detail of having to discuss this. The approved documentation will then go to the public on 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2018 and a number of public events will be held to promote response. SC and TK JP to be invited. Next meeting of the S Group is 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> November (Cllr. Young to confirm) - 22<sup>nd</sup> November proposed for an extra PC meeting with single agenda item. Cllr. Cook to confirm booking (*confirmed 8.11.17*). It was noted that Cllrs. would need to have read the draft document prior to the meeting.

**2149.0 Ticehurst Works:** List of works being carried out throughout the parish.

- Bin at Flimwell playground – re-fixed to a new stake.
- Footpath at the Royal Oak Flimwell - ESCC to inspect.
- Road works at Dale Hill have been postponed to some point in 2018.

**2150.0 Village Square Group:**

Cllr Young summarised progression on the September resolution to move ahead with the restoration of the well - Contractors have quoted and Hurstways are the preferred contractor. After discussions with S Evans it was has resolved that well is re-opened to ascertain its current condition. It is not anticipated that there will be a problem. The contractor thinks the work will take about 2 months starting in April 2018. The area will be surrounded with safety fencing and curtailing some parking spaces might be necessary The management of the bus stop will be dealt with by the contractor and a deadline of February 2018 to finalise method statements and risk assessments has been agreed.

Cllr. Young reminded the meeting of previous meetings with ESCC about the potential for introducing safety measures whilst resurfacing the road and with the RDC Public Realm Group to talk about the regeneration of the village square. ESCC have now contracted the resurfacing work to Costains but have asked their design team to get in touch to support the plans for the square Cllr. Young reported that she has been contacted by CH2M who have sent a proposal through for a scheme to draw up a plan - fees being quoted as £17000. She reported that she hoped that the design team would take the current plans on to construction level. CH2M responded that it is just as much work to take up someone else's plans as to start again but there should be some savings on monies spent to date e.g. CAD plan. . It was felt that it is a good opportunity to move things on with RDC's support who are still interested in supporting the public realm leaving a legacy for the future. RDC are considering how much money they could provide towards the scheme as a partnership between the three authorities. Cllrs felt that it was a lot of money and that fees should not be payable prior to works, although they were pleased to see that CH2M would project manage the project. It was resolved to wait to see how much financial commitment RDC will provide (which should be within the next month). Ring fenced monies have been accumulated over the last four years for village square improvements could assist with the initial contract. Diane Russel, Conservation Officer at RDC has pledged her support. It was resolved to put this on the December agenda for an update.

Cllr. Lloyd reported that after the memorial service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November it had been agreed to remove the weak limb from the Chestnut in memorial garden - Jack Feaver will carry out the works under Cllr. Lloyd's supervision. Tree planting has to be part of the coordinated plan.

DM has offered us two new trees, position for them has not yet been established and Cllr. Galpin pointed out this has to be part of the co-ordinated plan. The Chairman reported that he had written to the Maynards thanking them for their offer.

Civil Parking Enforcement CPE – It was resolved to respond to the RDC consultation on the possibility of introducing CPE as a means of introducing limited parking within the square. CPE would not affect the private car parks. Clerk to draft response and circulate a summary of the advantages and disadvantages of such a scheme.

**2151.0 Finance Report:**

Cllrs. received a balanced bank reconciliation to 31.10.17. Finance meeting has been set for 29<sup>th</sup> November to start setting the precept.

List of cheques for sanctioning.

Lloyds account is now open and second half of the precept has been deposited.

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Cheque	Amount	To whom	For:
400926	£200.00	T Dunn	Recreation ground litter picking
000001	£740.00	R Studholme	Shelving in the annexe - supply and fix
400928	£639.57	T Jordan	Grass Cutting
000002	£14.64	Ashdene	Fuel for strimmer
400930	£552.00	R Studholme	Aug/Sept/Oct works in the parish
400931	£144.00	SSALC	Training
000003	£45.00	Post Office	Stamps for N Plan
000004	£1444.49	Streetlights	Half Year Payment
000005	£6.45	Post Office	Tracked post
400937	£78.00	SSALC	Clerks Networking Day
000006	£73.34	Viking Direct	Stationery for N Plan
000007	£348.00	V L Hallett	Sink and lavatory repairs
000009	£76.45	Cash & Carry	Lavatory supplies
000010	£417.96	Fresh Air Fit	Repairs to equipment
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**2152.0 Planning Report:** a) To receive report on applications considered by Planning Committee with delegated powers to comment to Local Authority since the last meeting. RR/2017/2183/P – 8 Eden Court Ticehurst – Single storey rear extension with balcony including opaque glass privacy screen, and French casement doors to master bedroom to replace existing window - recommendation for approval.

RR/2017/1075/P – 5 Thyme Cottage, Marlpit Gardens - single storey rear extension – recommendation for approval.

The Planning Committee were asked to look at the weekly planning notifications and contact Cllr. Lloyd the chairman to comment - so that meetings are reserved for contentious matters rather than routine approvals.

Appeal for occupancy at The Vineyard Pashley Road - 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 Bexhill on Sea - Cllrs. Cook and Galpin to attend – PC's comments submitted when the appeal was lodged will JG and AC submit comments prior to the meeting.

AC reported that an appeal will be lodged against RDC on the second application at . Hebditches Field. It was resolved to seek clarification on this at the meeting with David Marlowe on Friday.

It was reported that the Shrub Lane application at Burwash was turned down by members against officer recommendation.

**2153.0 Recreation Ground Insurance Claim:**

Papers received on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017 have indicated that the matter is heading towards a court hearing, stating negligence of care by the parish council. It was resolved that further developments should be heard under confidential matters if litigation is commenced.

**2154.0 Visual Tree Assessments:** Training will take place on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017 – Cllrs. Lansdown, Cllr Lloyd and Clerk – likely venue - Woodland Enterprise Centre.

**2155.0 Stonegate Station:** Request for sponsorship of green area. Kings Lodge Nursery have not expressed an interest in sponsoring the area to date.

**2156.0 Allotment Update:** Three more vacant plots have been let over the last month. Cllr. Galpin reported that they are clearing vacant plots and covering them. He also reported that late payments have been received as a result of reminders. He is investigating whether or not the Springfields allotments need some specialised weed control. It was reported that the allotment hedges have been cut.

**2157.0 Items for the December Agenda:**

**2158.0 Date of the next meeting:** The meeting closed at 20.58 pm and the date of the next meeting was set as 5th December 2017.

Signed.....Chairman

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