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**TICEHURST PARISH COUNCIL**

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**MINUTES**

Members of Ticehurst Parish Council were summoned to attend the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 - Ticehurst Village Hall at 7.30 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. Burley ©, Cook, Crawley, Flory, Lee, Le Bouedec, Lloyd, Luckhurst, and Rigby.

**2288.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:**

- **Hanging Baskets:** The Council were asked to consider investing in hanging baskets (Wadhurst have them on their lamp posts through the High Street) that are supplied and maintained by a local company. Set up costs and the first year, would be in the region of £1500. The member of the public was thanked for the suggestion and asked to provide more detail for consideration in the 2019/20 budget process that will begin in October 2018. N & V's commented that they might be interested in contributing.

**2289.0 Reports from SSALC, District and County Councillors:**

- Shrub Lane application in Burwash is going to full public inquiry - it was suggested that Ticehurst should declare itself an interested party as this will be somewhat of a test case of development within the AONB.
- Shortfall of housing supply is affecting areas where development is not normally allowed. D Cllrs. are finding it more and more difficult to vote against officer recommendation. Cllr. M Barnes reported that there are over 1000 people on the waiting list for housing in Rother.
- Proposed road disruption in Flimwell might have an adverse affect on bin collections - clerk was asked to write to RDC in advance asking what the temporary arrangements for collection would be.
- C. Cllr. Barnes reported that developers are getting permissions but then not going ahead with works - ways of forcing those permissions to become active were discussed eg taxing after a two year period.
- C. Cllr. Barnes reported that he had no update on the High Stret resurfacing works, but that he was hopeful that some work at the western end of Wallcrouch might be brought forward in the programme. Cllr. Lloyd pointed out that if this

were to happen, attention should be paid to the drains in this area, that repeatedly fail and flood the adjoining land.

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**2290.0 Declarations of Interest:** The nature of that interest and whether the Councillor considers that interest to be prejudicial under the terms of the Council's Code of Conduct and Localism Act 2011 s.31 – this was repeated prior to that agenda item.

Cllr. Cook declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Beatrice Drewe Trust.

**2291.0 Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllrs. Lansdowne, Krista, Galpin and Young. Their reasons for absence were recorded in the attendance register on acceptance by the Council in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85.

**2292.0 Adoption of the minutes:** of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018 were proposed as an accurate recording of that meeting by Cllr. Lloyd seconded by Cllr. Luckhurst and the Chairman was authorised to sign them as a correct record in accordance with LGA 1972 Sch 12 para 41 (1).

**2293.0 Grant in Lieu of shared maintenance:** RDC have offered a £6000 one off grant for the lavatories and car park in place of the shared diminishing maintenance arrangement. The Clerk was asked to find out how much it would cost to do a thorough repair on the roof but it was felt that being in control of works might be preferable to contracts and specifications being organised from Bexhill.

**2294.0 Playground Inspections:** To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – written reports to be distributed prior to the meeting.

Flimwell - Cllr Krista – no report

Farthing Hill - Cllr. Young – report was circulated to cllrs.

Ticehurst – Cllr. Lloyd – report was circulated to cllrs.

Stonegate – Cllr. Luckhurst – report was circulated to cllrs.

Bins - the clerk was asked to contact Rother about bin collections in Flimwell during road works, the over-flowing bottle bins at Ticehurst and the clothing and electrical bin at Stonegate hall that have not yet been removed.

The clerk reported that the work to replace the multi-play unit at Ticehurst will commence on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June and that work would start on the Flimwell playground on 14<sup>th</sup> June. The cricket club have been informed, the gate code provided to the contractors and instructions on avoiding damage to the cricket ground relayed to them. Works at Stonegate are scheduled to commence on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2018.

**2295.0 Report on matters raised at previous meetings:**

Item	Matters Discussed	Update:
1804	Fingerposts	Lynden Lane post was cut off by hedge cutter – clerk has obtained a quotation and has asked for 50% funding from ESCC for a replacement.
	Shovers Green	Finger post in poor condition - clerk to write to Wadhurst Parish council to see if they would contribute to a refurbishment.

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**2296.0 Neighbourhood Planning Committee report** – Cllr. Young had circulated a report prior to the meeting:

- Updated Site Assessment has been completed with clearer, consistent criteria
- Meeting of the SG on 31.5.18 voted to adopt the assessment.
- PC responses to consultations summarised after regulation 14 period have been drafted and circulated - Cllrs. were asked to read through them with a view to adopting them with any alterations at the July meeting.
- Alterations have been made to the Green Spaces policy.
- Responses to the statutory bodies are being worked on.
- Site Specific Design Guidance is being worked on.

**2297.0 Ticehurst Works:** List of works being carried out throughout the parish.

- New bench at Acres Rise Junction – Memorial plaque is being prepared by Cllr. Rigby.
- Poached area of ground at the entrance splay to the recreation ground to be dug out and road stone installed.
- It was resolved to install a new bin at Springfields/Farthing Hill junction - J Brooker has agreed to empty the bin. It was reported that two bins at the Recreation Ground have rotted and in need of replacement.

**2298.0 Village Square Group:** To receive a report from the Village Square Group.

The work in the well area is nearly completed.

One of the new Hornbeams is failing - Hilliers have been contacted by David Maynard with a view to replacement. A new tree will be planted in the autumn.

- Area surrounding the well square has been taken up and the path levelled on the western side of the well.
- The well refurbishment is complete, other than the glass top and wooden seat surround.
- Tarmac around the remaining Horse Chestnut has been removed to try to extend the life of that tree, providing it with a more porous ground surface.
- The Horse Chestnut by the road that had been removed had internal decay.
- The offer by Cllr. Lloyd for roof tiles to re-tile the roof of the pump house was gratefully accepted. A quotation for painting the pump house thereafter, has been obtained.
- D Russell, (Conservation Officer RDC) has visited the site and is pleased with the works.

**2299.0 Finance Report:**

Final Accounts, Balanced bank reconciliation and expenditure against budget figures to 31.3.18 was received and adopted by the Council – The clerk reported that the internal audit was booked. VAT to reclaim for the last year in the region of £12500.00.

List of cheques was approved for signing.

Cheque	Amount	To whom	For:
000121	184.28	Viking	Stationery
000122	400.00	J Feaver	Tree works in square

000123	1487.82	Streetlights	Half year maintenance
000124	42.70	N Power	Lighting loos
000125	540.00	Glasden	Bench - monies replaced by donor
000126	6.80	Stat Express	NP stationery
000127	1031.36	T Jordan	Grounds maintenance
000128	900.00	T Jordan	Clearance works
000129	8932.48	Hurstways	Stage I of the well
000130	231.00	RDC	Planning application fee Corner Farm
000131	500.00	Southview Joinery	Architectural drawings corner farm
000132	200.00	R Studholme	Fitting new bench - replaced by donor
000133	750.00	HM Customs	PAYE
000134	300.00	D Kendon	Allotment rent
000135	300.00	D Smith	Allotment rent
000136	600.00	Horizon Skills	Computer transfer data
000137	13.00	Co House	Return fee
000138	120.00	Sussex Wildlife	Hedging plants
000139	410.00	T N & Vs	Articles
000140	687.57	T Jordan	Grounds maintenance for May
000141	45.54	F Nowne	May expenses
000142	200.00	J Brooker	May litter picking

**2300.0 Planning Report:** a) To receive report on applications considered by Planning Committee with delegated powers to comment to Local Authority since the last meeting. Matters for consideration:

RR/2018/1308/P The Old Vicarage - construction of pump house and pool room – approved.

RR/2018/1404/P Briars Croft Stonegate Single storey extension and conservatory – approved.

RR/2018/877/P Sheepstreet lane - south of - erection of agricultural building – refused.

RR/2018/1231/P 5 Farthing Hill – two storey side extension – approved.

**2301.0 Corner Farm:** An application for an extension to the hall with a separate entrance has been submitted to RDC for consideration (copy of plans were tabled). There is a meeting of the Village Hall Trust on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at the Woodland Enterprise Centre. (*this was later cancelled*).

**2302.0 Allotment Update:** The clerk reported that 8 allotment rents at Stonegate remain unpaid but this might be due to notice having been served. 5 plots at Flimwell remain unpaid and 5 at Ticehurst.

Rent for 2018/19 has been paid to D Smith and D Kendon.

**2303.0 Items for the July Agenda:** Responses to the Regulation 14 summary.

**2304.0 Recreation Ground Insurance Claim:** Court date has been set for 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at Hastings.

**2305.0 Date of the next meeting:** The meeting closed at 20.40 hrs 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018

**Signed.....Chairman**

**Dated.....**