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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 5th December 2017 - 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 have 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 ©, Lloyd, Cook, Crawley, Krista, Le Bouedec, Flory, Luckhurst and Young.
In attendance: D. Cllr. Elliston

2159.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:

There were two members of the public present, but raised no issues for comment.

2160.0 Reports from SSALC, District and County Councillors: A written report had been circulated from Cllr. Cook, having attended meetings on the council's behalf.

2161.0 Declarations of Interest: Cllr. Cook declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Beatrice Drewe Trust and a prejudicial interest in planning appeal at 40/41 High Street. These were repeated prior to those agenda items.

2162.0 Apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cllrs. Lansdowne, Galpin and Rigby. Their reasons for absence were recorded in the attendance register having been accepted by the Council in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85.

The Chairman announced that he had received a resignation letter from Cllr. Bilmes for personal reasons and it was resolved that the clerk should post the notice of a vacancy for the Flimwell ward with immediate effect.

2163.0 Adoption of the minutes: Cllr. Luckhurst proposed and Cllr. Le Bouedec seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7th November with an amendment – that only one swing had been taken out of use at Flimwell,- The minutes were then approved and the Chairman authorised to sign as a correct record in accordance with LGA 1972 Sch 12 para 41 (1).

2164.0 Data Protection Act: Cllr. Lloyd proposed and Cllr. Young seconded a motion to retain all paperwork relating to past litigation and correspondence received during that period.

2165.0 Meeting Date: It was resolved to move the next scheduled meeting date of 2nd January 2018 to 9th January 2018 - *Cllr. Cook confirmed that the Institute will be available.*

2166.0 Playground Inspections: To receive Playground reports from Cllrs. – written reports to be distributed prior to the meeting.
 Flimwell - Cllr Krista - Nothing to report.

Farthing Hill - Cllr. Young - loose gate latch which had already been reported

Ticehurst – Cllr. Lloyd- report of clearing works, vandalism and graffiti had been circulated for the month of November. Both he and the caretaker had a fairly good idea of who the culprits are. Cllr. Lloyd was thanked for covering the duties of the litter pickers during a three week holiday. Cllr. Lloyd reported that the litter contractor has registered her resignation from the contract with immediate effect and that J Brooker the caretaker at the Institute had agreed to take over the current duties until the end of February 2018. The contract specification, together with maps of the areas will be advertised in the News & Views February issue, with a view to awarding the contract for the beginning of March 2018.

Cllr. Lloyd proposed that the national Clear Up Month of March 2018 be encouraged in Ticehurst, asking for volunteers to clear areas near their properties - an article for the January and February News & Views will be provided to promote enthusiasm.

Stonegate – Cllr. Luckhurst reported that one of the life rings was in the pond. It was also reported that the bottle banks were over-flowing - clerk to contact M Hutton at RDC about getting them cleared and the bins removed.

2167.0 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 Jakks
2030	Flimwell Village Hall	Cllr. Krista reported that Quantum Homes are now the owners of the site and that building works would commence in January 2018. The Clerk and Cllr. Lloyd pointed out that there was only an outline permission to date and that it is understood that a fresh application will be submitted after the bungalow had been demolished. It was important that the commitment to provide a room for a shop and to avoid a second small application for more houses should be monitored closely.

2168.0 Quotation for Tree works at Recreation Ground: Cllr. Lloyd reported that two quotations have been received and another one has been requested.

2169.0 Neighbourhood Planning Committee report: Councillors had met prior to the start of the parish council meeting with Sheena Carmichael John Pilcher and Liz Young - members of the Steering Group. They had brought Cllrs. up to date with progress - separate notes to accompany minutes – and it was resolved to approve the draft plan and SEA plan so that the consultation period (Regulation 14) can commence on 3rd January

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2018. Thanks were extended to Sheena Carmichael, Teresa Killeen, Liz Young and John Pilcher for their commitment and hard work that has resulted in the formulation of the draft document.

2170.0 Ticehurst Works: List of works being carried out throughout the parish.

- Bin at Flimwell playground – re-fixed to a new stake
- Cllr. Lloyd and the Clerk will meet with the grass contractors to discuss tenders for 2018 on 6th December 2018 11 am at the Recreation Ground Ticehurst.
- Cllr. Lloyd reported that an Ash stem had split and fallen into the Bell Field, he had cleared the fallen stem, but tree surgeons had attended the following day to dismantle the weakened stem that would have hit Newington Court had it failed.
- North-eastern corner of the Bell Field will be cleared during frosty weather conditions by Jordans Contractors.

2171.0 Village Square Group: Cllr. Young reported that Andrew Linfoot will be visiting the village on 6th December (noon) on behalf of ESCC/Coastains to discuss a delivery plan for the Village Square. His former estimate had been negated once he realised that much work has already been done. It was agreed that if there was a realistic chance of local government funding, the scheme should be considered seriously but if it appeared that another set of consultancy fees would not deliver a likelihood of progress, caution should be exercised before committing more funding. Cllr. Young reported that the Village Square group were waiting to hear from the Public Realm group at Rother and that external funding will be necessary to achieve the project.

It was resolved to delegate responsibility to the Steering Group the expenditure of monies for promoting engagement in the Regulation 14 process, up to a threshold of £6000 grant that the Steering Group had acquired from Locality.

David Maynard reported that his offer of two additional mature Hornbeams and planting costs could not be open ended and that he would like to see them planted during 2018.

Civil Parking Enforcement CPE – clerk had responded to the RDC consultation.

2172.0 Finance Report:

Balanced bank reconciliation and expenditure against budget figures to 30.11.17.

List of cheques were sanctioned for payment.

Draft budget for 2018 – 2019 was considered - no increase. It was pointed out that figures should be altered to accommodate a donation to the Bell Field to separate financial involvement and that consideration should be given to increase the budget for the recreation ground due to the current years' increased costs there. To be re-drafted for the January 2018 meeting.

Cheque	Amount	To whom	For:
000013	£274.80	RBS	Allotment and asset backup
000014	£436.00	Hedleys	Solicitor registration of land
000015	£200.00	T Dunn	Litter Picking October
000016	£174.64	Amazon	Cartridges
000017	£5061.60	UKPN	Replacement columns
000018	£1170.00	Arborweald	VTA training x 3

000019	£250.00	T Dunn	Litter Picking November
000020	£148.73	F Nowne	Expenses Sept and Oct
000021	£639.57	T Jordan	Grass cutting
000022	£26.10	Schoolscapes	Bolts for rocker
000023	£107.85	F Nowne	Expenses plus brooms
000024	£3.90	E Young	Postage NP – replacement
000025	£78.00	SSALC	Training - replacement
000026	£100.00	CAB	Annual Donation
000027	£1500.00	Stonegate Hall	Annual Donation
000028	£750.00	Stonegate Ch.	Annual Donation
000029	£100.00	Hawk Hosp.	Annual Donation
000030	£100.00	V Support	Annual Donation
000031	£1200.00	Battle bus	Annual Donation
000032	£100.00	Scouts	Annual Donation
000033	£100.00	Football	Annual Donation
000034	£100.00	St Michaels H	Annual Donation
000035	£1200.00	S Colvin	Half year hedging contract
000036	£41.00	T N & Vs	NP - page for December

2173.0 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/2017/2229/P – Walters Farm – conversion of outbuilding – approved.

RR/2017/2369/P – Swiftsden Farmhouse – rear extension – approved.

RR/2017/2386/P – Owl Cottage Lower Platts – extension – approved.

RR/2017/2420/P – Rosemary Farmhouse – garages – approved.

RR/2017/2446/P – BT Cabinets Shovers Green - approved.

RR/2017/2446/P – 10 Steeldands Rise – reduction of Oak - approved – 20% only.

RR/2017/2433/P – Lamingo Stonegate – Loft conversion – refusal recommended. It had been recognised that other properties in Lynden Close had done similar conversions.

An amendment to January 2017 planning minutes which erroneously recorded that enforcement proceedings had been taken at Quarry Farm was agreed – a letter of inquiry had been sent to the landowner but there had been no action taken, as RDC officers were satisfied there had been no breach of planning legislation.

Report on the planning appeal re The Vineyard – Pashley Road – circulated by Cllr. Cook – decision awaited.

Appeal decision - Barney's Corner supported the Parish Council recommendation for refusal.

2174.0 Visual Tree Assessments: Cllr. Lloyd reported that the training had taken place on 14th November – it had been a thoroughly worthwhile exercise and that VTA inspections will commence on 11th December 2017.

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2175.0 Stonegate Station: No response has been received from any of the landscapers locally, and it was resolved to drop the quest to find a sponsor.

2176.0 Allotment Update: No report

2177.0 Items for the January Agenda: No discussion – Draft Precept

2178.0 Recreation Ground Insurance Claim:

There was nothing to report - Clerk had informed insurers that all correspondence should be sent directly to the Parish address.

2179.0 Date of the next meeting: The meeting closed at 20.25 p.m. and the date of the next meeting was set as 9th January 2018.

Signed.....Chairman

Dated.....9.1.18.....