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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 6<sup>th</sup> February 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. Lloyd ©, Cook, Flory, Galpin, Lansdowne, Lee, Le Bouedec, and Young

Presentation from Steve Johnson - architect - Flimwell Bird Park from 7 pm.

- 5 small properties – two tied to the property for staff – remaining 3 to be sold
- Small workshops and gallery café for refreshments and sales of produce
- Bartlett School of Architecture and UCL are interested in teaching there
- Legal structure will set the site up as a community woodland and teaching base
- They are ready to start work on the woodlands and want to get the foundations in for the buildings during 2018, with a first student visit in the autumn
- Footpath will be kept open unless it is dangerous to do so during works
- Access issues for vehicles has been sorted with an arrangement with new neighbours.
- Student accommodation should provide for half the no of students and can also be rented out during holiday periods
- Heath Lobelia studies are on-going as the only site in the U.K.
- Steve was thanked for his informative talk and left the meeting.

**2201.0 Adjournment for public questions and comments:**

There were no members of the public present after the above talk

**2202.0 Reports from SSALC, District and County Councillors:**

Written reports were circulated by Cllr. Cook - AGM Cooden Beach Hotel 8.3.18

There were no written reports from County or District Councillors - oral submissions were made on the following topics:

- Police report that rural crime is down, but asked that anything be reported. There was some discussion about the provision of a PCSO but Ticehurst had offered to employ a warden with other villages but an agreement was not reached – C. Cllr. Barnes to make enquiries if offer is still available of match funding.
- Water Co will be flushing magnesium from drains and day time supply may be limited over the next two months.

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- RDC are increasingly concerned about the lack of housing supply – they only have a three year supply making the AONB vulnerable. Wealden Council are objecting to any major development that might generate traffic to Ashdown Forest.
- Budgetary constraints are leading to the cutting of services that the County would like to continue to supply but is bound by its statutory obligations for services such as young people and the elderly, resulting in hard decisions about libraries and waste sites.
- It is likely that Ticehurst will lose its mobile library service - the council were reminded that there is an on-line library- [www.eastsussexonlinelibrary](http://www.eastsussexonlinelibrary) Communities will also be able to borrow numbers of books for volunteers to make available in a place that is accessible to the public.
- Stroke care cuts have been erroneously reported by the media.
- Cllr. M Barnes reported that the opportunity for a shop at Corner Farm had been lost but the clerk reported that as far as RDC officers were concerned they were open to being approached by the developers to add a room to the hall building without necessitating a new planning application. However the council did ask the District Councillors to resolve at Bexhill that outline planning permissions should not be granted full permission without returning to the relevant parish for comment/consultation.

**2203.0 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr. Cook declared a personal interest in any matters relating to the Beatrice Drewe Trust.

**2204.0 Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllrs. Luckhurst, Krista, Crawley, Burley and Rigby and their reasons for absence were recorded in the attendance register on acceptance by the Council in accordance with LGA 1972 s.85.

**2205.0 Adoption of the minutes:** Cllr. Young proposed and Cllr. Cook seconded a motion to approve the draft minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and authorised the Chairman to sign as a correct record in accordance with LGA 1972 Sch 12 para 41 (1).

**2206.0 Risk Assessments:** Cllr. Galpin had circulated a coloured risk assessment document for use at the playgrounds and allotments. It was resolved that the clerk and Cllr. Galpin should work to produce an electronic monitoring form for each Cllr. responsible for a public area, noting risk and compliance on a monthly basis.

**2207.0 Waste Recycling Consultation:** It was resolved to respond to the ESCC Waste consultation proposals - one of which would see the closure of Wadhurst tip. The Council as a whole and individual members were encouraged to send in objections to the proposal.

- Fly tipping has increased since the site was closed for four days per week
- Paying a fee to tip would be preferable to losing the site
- Locally hired skips are being hi-jacked by others to leave their rubbish
- Vermin issues around fly-tipping and rubbish outside residential homes
- Non-sustainability of having to drive to Mountfield or Heathfield to a tip should be pointed out.
- The pressure would increase on RDC as the local authority to clear fly-tipping who also have financial constraints. RDC will collect bulky waste for a fee.

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**2208.0 Playground Inspections:** To receive Playground reports from Cllrs.

Flimwell - Cllr Krista – no report due to absence

Farthing Hill - Cllr. Young – Cllr. Young had circulated a report - area under the swings is very muddy.

Ticehurst – Cllr. Lloyd circulated a report.

Stonegate – Cllr. Luckhurst – circulated a report – no issues.

**2209.0 Report on matters raised at previous meetings:**

Item	Matters Discussed	Update:
1804	Fingerposts	Lymden Lane post was cut off by hedge cutter – no one appears willing to take responsibility for the damage - clerk to obtain price for reinstatement.

**2210.0 Annual Assembly:** 30<sup>th</sup> April 2018 – Monday 7 pm – 9 pm - Ideas for exhibitors to be provided to Clerk.

**2211.0 Neighbourhood Planning Committee report** – Cllr. Young reported that the Neighbourhood Plan consultation events on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> February had gone well with good attendance on both days.

- There had been 6 presentations by Feria, and at each there were in excess of 20 attendees.
- The street champions have encouraged good feed-back but more is wanted. It was suggested that a Plan should be made available at Dale Hill.
- The filming of the presentations is now available on line.
- The Pop-Up stalls were held in the Village Square and in Springfields but the weather was not very good.
- As a secondary benefit to the consultation, a wish-list of ideas and aspirations within the parish will be compiled with short and long term solutions that might be achieved.
- All comments will receive a response after the consultation and the plan will be reviewed and potentially altered.
- It will then be sent to RDC for comment and on to an examiner for checking and potential suggested amendments. Thereafter it will go to local referendum.
- The three ladies, Sheena Carmichael, Teresa Killeen and Liz Young were thanked for their hard work in leading the work and John Pilcher for chairing the Steering Group meetings.

**2212.0 Ticehurst Works:** List of works being carried out throughout the parish.

- Tree works at Ticehurst Recreation Ground
- Safety surfacing under the youth shelter and cradle swing has been completed
- Smoking Shelter has been vandalised - clerk to organise repairs.

**2213.0 Village Square Group:** To receive a report from the Village Square Group.

- Offer of financial contribution for two replacement trees.
- Horse Chestnut was removed from War Memorial Garden on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Little adverse comment has been received . Two replacement trees will be

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planted on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – their root systems will be contained to allow them to be repositioned if necessary.

#### 2214.0 Finance Report:

To receive:

Balanced bank reconciliation to 31.12.17 was circulated to members.

List of cheques for sanctioning was approved by members.

Insurance renewal – valuation of assets and BDT property – to be discussed by the Financial Advisory Group and put on the March agenda

Cheque	Amount	To whom	For:
000046	£100.00	V Support	Donation
000047	£40.00	RALC	Subscription
000048	£117.30	Streetlights	Steelands Rise repair
000049	£160.00	BDT	Room hire NP
000050	£250.00	J Brooker	Litter - December
000051	£2250.00	HM Rev	PAYE 3 months
000052	£16.80	G Goat	NP meeting
000053	£60.00	Stat Express	NP Questionnaires
000054	£1500.00	HM Rev	PAYE 2 months
000055	£1250.00	Hilier Nursery	Two Hornbeams for the Square
000056	£421.20	Spy Alarms	Annual fee
000057	£412.96	S E Water	Allotments and loos
000058	£48.00	RDC	Labels for NP
000059	£1895.00	Wealden Ad	N Plan 700 copies
000060	£120.00	Wealden Grp	Correx Boards
000061	£781.78	T Jordan	Grass cutting in Dec plus mulch
000062	£17150.00	ESCC	V Centre scheme
000063	£102.50	N & Vs	N Plan
000064	£191.95	Ecoburotics	Cartridges
000065	£139.20	RBS Ltd	Accounts package annual fee
000066	£36.00	Iden Signs	Signage for skate ramps wear
000067	£35.00	Information Commissioner	Annual
000068	£98.10	Dec and Jan	Expenses

2215.0 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/2018/371/P – The Cottage Corner Farm Flimwell TN5 7PA - Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two pairs of semi-detached dwellings – It was felt that the design was similar to the larger development for Corner Farm - it was noted that the footpath runs to the south of the proposed properties and this will be an important pedestrian route to the recreation ground (as stated in the draft Neighbourhood Plan). Comment to RDC should request a contribution to recreation ground improvements that the new residents will enjoy. It was felt that the access to the larger site should be reconsidered

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and that the existing southern entrance on to the A21 would be a preferable option.  
**Recommendation for approval.**

**RR/2018/292/P – Eatonden Cottage Battenhurst Road Stonegate TN5 7DU – Single storey rear extension and alterations – Minor extension - no adverse comment.**

**RR/2018/95/P Ballards Wood House Rosemary Lane Flimwell TN5 7PS – Removal of single storey annexe to be replaced with a two storey extension with annexe on first floor. – It was felt that this plan would create a situation whereby the property could be split into two dwellings by building a stud wall – two kitchens etc. Recommendation for refusal.**

**RR/2017/2905/L The Milk Parlour, Holbeam Wood, TN5 7JS – Variation to 2012/2303/P - increase the number of days a single person may occupy the building within a calendar year. It was felt that this variation was a reasonable request, tying in with encouraging tourism in the draft Neighbourhood Plan.**

**Old Vineyard - residential caravans and horsebox has been removed.**

**2216.0 Visual Tree Assessments:** Cllr. Lloyd reported that works to the frontage of the Village Institute grounds will commence towards the end of February 2018.

VTA course was attended by clerk and two Councillors in November - Cllr. Lloyd has carried out a photographic survey of the trees around pedestrian pathways at Stonegate Pond and identified some for coppicing or removal - J Feaver will carry out work during February and March using the remainder of the Lund Fund grant.

**2217.0 Allotment Update:** Cllr. Galpin reported that two more tenants had been secured for vacant plots. The tap at Flimwell has been mended.

**2218.0 Items for the March Agenda:**

Annual Assembly	The Well
Web Site	Lights at A21 Cross roads
Insurance	Allotment leases
Road repair quality	

**2219.0 Recreation Ground Insurance Claim:**

To be dealt with as confidential minutes due to on-going litigation – nothing to report – no discussion.

**2220.0 Date of the next meeting:** The meeting closed at 21.18 p.m. and the date of the next meeting was set for 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Signed.....Chairman

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