

# PARISH COUNCIL OF PLAYDEN, EAST SUSSEX

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

### Present:

**Councillors:** Mr D. Stone (DS) Chairman, Mr P. Osborne (PO), Mr T Lenihan (TL),

**Rother District Councillor:**

**East Sussex County Councillor:** Cllr. K. Glazier (KG)

**Members of the Public:** 2

	Item	Action
1	<b>To accept apologies for absence:</b> Cllr. S-A. Hart (SAH), Mr A. Dickinson	
2	<b>Declarations of interest on items on the agenda:</b> None	
3	<b>To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> August 2016:</b> The minutes were unanimously approved.	
4	<b>Neighbourhood Watch Report:</b> The PCSO team for Rother District is now on the East Sussex County Council website. No one particular PCSO is designated to Playden.	
5	<p><b>To receive a report from visiting Councillors:</b></p> <p>a) <b>County Cllr. Keith Glazier:</b></p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i) Attended the Highways meeting and reported back that contact with the Highways steward is most important in the handling of any highways issues. It was also reported that Highways were not against items being placed off and away from the highway but anything close to or on the highway would not be allowed due to reasons of Health and Safety. Jon Copp remains the main contact for Highways. TL asked if there was a resurfacing programme in place and KG confirmed that there is. It was reported that there is a nasty edge to the carriageway in Houghton Green Lane (by the corner of the field), KG to report.</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">ii) East Sussex County Council need to make a reduction in costs of between 70-90 million over the next few years of which 17m are to be made next year.</p> <p>b) <b>District Cllr. Sally-Ann Hart:</b> PO summarised SAH's report</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">i) Community Governance Review – following a valid petition in March 2015 for a Community Governance Review (CGR) of Bexhill the Cabinet decided that a CGR must be carried out to consider all governance options including parishing. A steering group of 9 will be appointed to manage the CGR process, and this will be chaired by an independent non councillor who will</p>	KG

	<p>carry no voting rights to help promote impartiality. A final decision is due in December 2017.</p> <p>ii) Community Grants Scheme – Rother District Council’s (RDC) Community Grants Scheme (CGS) 2016/17 makes provision for up to £130,000 per annum to be made available to community groups/organisations that meet CGS criteria. The second round closes on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2017 so any eligible groups thinking of applying can find details on RDC’s website.</p> <p>iii) Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) – has been authorised for the acquisition of land required to build the North Bexhill Access Road</p> <p>iv) East Sussex Fire &amp; Rescue – a public consultation is running from now until November 7<sup>th</sup> 2016. To find out more about proposed plans for the service, to share your views please go to <a href="http://www.esfrs.org/about-us/planning-performance/integrated-risk-management-plan/">www.esfrs.org/about-us/planning-performance/integrated-risk-management-plan/</a></p> <p>v) Fatalities at Camber Sands – following the fatalities at Camber this year, a national beach and water safety initiative has been requested to help avoid a repeat of such incidents. The Local Government Association has offered its support with this initiative and will issue advisory pages for coastal authorities on their website in 2017. RDC has set up a Beach and Water Safety Group is also being formulated to consider the beaches in Rother and to review all the current arrangements.</p> <p>c) <b>District Cllr. Paul Osborne:</b></p> <p>i) Reminded everyone to reply to the electoral register letter which has recently been sent to every household.</p>	
6	<p><b>Public adjournment: To suspend meeting for any public statements. Members of the public are encouraged to attend Council meetings and raise any pertinent issues at this point:</b></p> <p>a) Potholes were reported in Houghton Lane. KG to report.</p> <p>b) The stile on footpath 12 is in greater disrepair. Clerk to report to ESCC footpaths.</p> <p>c) The footpath opposite the Environment agency has had a land slip and is quite dangerous. Clerk to report to ESCC.</p> <p>d) The footpath from New England Lane (NEL) up to Saltcote has been done but the gate from NEL into the Butt Field has fallen over. The Landowner had said he would replace it but as the property has now been sold this may be unlikely to happen.</p> <p>e) The sign for the footpath by the hop garden has been turned so it doesn’t flag the proper route. Cllrs suggested that the farmer be requested to turn the sign back.</p>	<p>KG Clerk Clerk</p>
7	<p><b>Matters arising from the minutes of 4<sup>th</sup> August 2016:</b></p> <p>a) The manhole in NEL – the cover has been removed and the area tarmaced over. The job has not been completed properly. KG to report to Jon Copp.</p> <p>b) Housing Survey – Clerk to circulate to Cllrs again so that it can be agreed ready for distribution.</p>	<p>KG Clerk</p>
8	<p><b>Clerk Pay Review:</b> To be discussed by Cllrs and confirmed at the next Full Council Meeting.</p>	

9	<p><b>Quarterly Accounts Review:</b></p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that the Bank balance is over £6000. PO suggested that a donation could be made to the Rother Rural Trust, a charity which helps individuals and organisations in need in the rural parishes of Rother. Income from this comes from Parish Councils and donations. Cllrs agreed that this was a good idea and should be considered when the precept is set. DS asked for any other ideas and the Clerk suggested a new noticeboard displaying the public footpaths for Playden. PO to ask how much a new noticeboard/sign would cost.</p>	PO
10	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>The Audit has been approved and return by the External Auditor. A copy is available to view in the noticeboard and on the Playden Parish Council website.</p>	
11	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p>a) <b>Applications</b> None</p> <p>b) <b>Outcomes</b></p> <p>i) <b>RR/2016/2106/P: Little Banks, Saltbarn Lane, Playden – Approved</b></p> <p>ii) <b>APP/U1430/W/16/3151143: Wrens Cottage – Land adjoining, New England Lane - Rejected</b></p>	
11	<p><b>Accounts:</b></p> <p>a) <b>Expenditure</b></p> <p>i) <b>Clerks Wages – £120 – Approved</b></p> <p>ii) <b>Clerks Expenses - £45 – Approved</b></p> <p>iii) <b>Diligence Group, Website Hosting - £99 – Approved (Clerk to reclaim the VAT and submit a claim for the available website grant).</b></p> <p>b) <b>Income</b></p> <p>i) <b>Parish Precept 2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment - £2500 - Received</b></p>	Clerk
12	<p><b>Parish Councillors' Reports:</b></p> <p>a) TL reported that the phone box located up from HGL has been vandalised. Clerk to contact BT.</p> <p>b) Walter Ross, a regular attendee at PPC meetings, has sadly passed away.</p> <p>c) PO reported that the replacement bus for the train strikes continues to run. It was also reported that the planned high speed Hybrid Train though to Brighton could still happen, but not before 2019.</p>	Clerk

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.23

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE W.I. HALL ON:  
THURSDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> NOVEMBER 2016**

Signed:

Chairman

Date: