

PARISH COUNCIL OF PLAYDEN, EAST SUSSEX

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 3rd November 2016 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

Rother District Councillor: Cllr. S-A. Hart (SAH)

East Sussex County Councillor:

Members of the Public: 2

	Item	Action
1	To accept apologies for absence: Cllr. K. Glazier (KG),	
2	Declarations of interest on items on the agenda: TL and AD declare a personal interest on Item 12a	
3	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 13th October 2016: The minutes were unanimously approved.	
4	Neighbourhood Watch Report: Nothing to report	
5	<p>To receive a report from visiting Councillors:</p> <p>a) County Cllr. Keith Glazier: No report</p> <p>b) District Cllr. Sally-Ann Hart:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">i) Camber Sands Update - Staff of Rother District Council (RDC) met with the RNLI at their HQ in Poole to discuss options for 2017/18. Following on from this, RDC recently set up a Beach & Water Safety Group (BWSG), the first meeting of which took place on 12th October 2016. The aim of the Group is to review beach and water safety, in particular the prevention and reduction in the risk of drowning along the Rother coastline. The BWSG's desired outcomes are to share understanding of the causes of loss of life at Camber Sands and any contributing factors, and to agree a Rother Beach and Water Safety Plan (RBWSP) with clear actions for beach and water safety in the district. It was also recommended that once an agreed RBWSP was created, that consideration of a small core group consisting of relevant organisations be established to review/monitor progress and discuss any specific issues which had arisen or required amendment or further action.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">ii) From November, starting with the Planning Committee Meeting on 17th November, members of the public will be able to speak at the monthly Planning meetings - to support or oppose</p>	

	<p>planning applications. This new procedure will apply to applications publicised from the beginning of October 2016. RDC is adopting a petition system, in which people or organisations affected by an application are able to nominate a speaker if they collect 10 or more signatures. More information is available at www.rother.gov.uk/speakingatplanningcommittee</p> <p>iii) SAH recently asked RDC to arrange a training talk for Councillors from the Association of Carers. There are around 60,000 unpaid carers in East Sussex and many carers are often overwhelmed by their responsibilities. The Association of Carers supports unpaid carers to help them continue in their caring role by providing free, volunteer led services that reduce isolation and encourage independence. Respite care can be given on a weekly basis for up to 3 hours, computer help can be given at home and a confidential telephone service is available for carers to discuss their caring role. Fully trained volunteers are matched to the carer and the person being cared for. The service is currently looking for volunteers, so if you know of anyone who could benefit from this service or who might like to be a volunteer, please contact the Association of Carers (0300 3309498 / info@associationofcarers.org.uk / www.associationofcarers.org.uk Clerk to place info on website and noticeboard.</p> <p>iv) RDC held an Affordable Housing tour for councillors recently to raise our awareness of affordable housing in Rother. RDC has successfully completed a wide range of affordable housing schemes including sheltered, extra care, supported mental health, general needs and supported accommodation for young people. RDC continues to develop such schemes in the district. Perhaps one or two Playden residents may be interested in St Bartholomew's Court in Rye, which is an extra care home (sheltered housing) funded by Sanctuary Housing and The Homes and Community Agency and delivered in partnership with ESCC, Adult Social Care and RDC. The existing building has been updated and extended to provide 55 homes including 40 social rented homes and 15 shared ownership homes. TL commented that there was a planning site meeting at the Tesco v's Sainsbury site. It was suggested that four sites around Rye have been earmarked for development, this being one. He enquired if anyone knew where the other sites may be. SAH thought there may possibly be one other by Rye Harbour.</p> <p>c) District Cllr. Paul Osborne:</p> <p>i) Decriminalised parking is to be discussed again at the Scrutiny meeting. This is an issue across the district.</p>	Clerk
6	<p>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:</p> <p>a) The speed of vehicles down Houghton Green Lane – TL commented that there is not much that can be done and that KG had previously explained that applying a speed limit was not easy to do.</p> <p>b) The potholes and road edges have not been done in HGL. There is also rubbish in the ditches. TL commented that not much could be done to stop littering, and that a fridge freezer & sofa have recently been dumped in a gateway. SAH explained that if items are dumped on private land it is the responsibility of the landowner to remove them,</p>	

	<p>but the Council is looking at ways of supporting landowners over this.</p> <p>c) There is a food bank in Rye Baptist Church open on Wednesday afternoon. Vouchers are required and these can be supplied there, by the church or Health Visitors. There is a greater need for the food banks than the number of people actually attending. Schools also now have vouchers available. It is important to encourage those in need to come along.</p> <p>d) Winchelsea Beach is looking much more dangerous as there are many more patches of sinking sand and it is hard to tell where they are. SAH commented that this may be to do with the reinforcing works occurring at Fairlight cliffs and she will look in to it.</p>	SAH
7	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of 13th October 2016:</p> <p>a) Clerk to confirm the location of the stile on footpath 12.</p> <p>b) Housing survey – all Cllrs approved the final version of the survey. TL to ask Sam Stones daughter for a price for printing.</p> <p>c) Noticeboard for Public Footpaths – PO meeting with his contact next week to find out a price.</p> <p>d) BT payphone broken glass – Clerk reported that this is on BT’s system to be repaired.</p>	Clerk TL PO
8	<p>Clerk Pay Review: Cllrs agreed that the Clerks pay and office allowance should be increased to the new rate as specified in an email to the Clerk.</p>	
9	<p>Precept: Cllrs all agreed that the precept be maintained at the same level of £5000.</p>	
10	<p>Proposed Meeting Dates 2017: Cllrs considered the list of proposed dates. It was requested that the May 4th meeting be moved to May 11th. Clerk to alter the hall booking.</p>	Clerk
11	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>a) Electoral Register –Clerk to request the free copy available.</p> <p>b) BT Broadband Letter – DS read out the letter. Cllrs discussed the issue of broadband in rural communities and suggested that Matt Lloyd (ML), Head of Community Fibre Partnerships be invited to attend a future PPC meeting so the matter can be discussed with him. Clerk to arrange for ML to attend one of the next meetings.</p>	Clerk Clerk
12	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a) Applications</p> <p>i) RR/2016/2550/P: Saltcote Cottage, New England Lane, Playden. TN31 7NT – Proposed orangery extension. Clerk to explain that due to two Cllrs declaring an interest in this application, PPC was inquorate and unable to comment.</p> <p>b) Outcomes</p> <p>i)</p>	
13	<p>Accounts:</p> <p>a) Expenditure</p> <p>i) Clerks Wages – £99.00 – Approved</p> <p>ii) Clerks Expenses - £19.63 - Approved</p> <p>b) Income</p>	

14	<p>Parish Councillors' Reports:</p> <p>a) AD commented that he had emailed a copy of the tree planting scheme to Julie Ramus (JR) but was unable to get hold of her to discuss it. TL suggested that AD dropped a print out in to her. PO gave AD another contact number for JR</p> <p>b) AD commented on the land slippage onto the footpath at Scots Float. He suggested that he take photos of the area and pass them on to the Public Rights of Way Dept at ESCC. Clerk to provide contact details. SAH commented that it may be possible to get the tree planting scheme to work in favour of public realm and help slow down the traffic.</p>	AD Clerk
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There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.42

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE W.I. HALL ON:
THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2016**

Signed:

Chairman

Date: