

PARISH COUNCIL OF PLAYDEN, EAST SUSSEX

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 1st December 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:

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

Members of the Public: 1, Jo Pappenheim & Christopher Jackson (Rye LTC)

	Item	Action
1	To accept apologies for absence: Cllr. S-A. Hart (SAH)	
2	Declarations of interest on items on the agenda: TL and AD declared a personal interest on Item 12ai	
3	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 3rd November 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:</p> <p>i) Attention has all been on the budget. The settlement has been delayed by 1-2 weeks, but is likely to be two weeks after that. There has been an outcry over lack of adult social care, ESCC are working hard with health colleagues to alleviate waste and reduce costs. Pressure is being put on to special needs children and foster care for asylum seeking children. £17 million needed to be saved, this figure now stands at £24 million to be saved. TL asked if ESCC is experiencing the same problems as Kent CC with asylum seekers. KG responded that Kent has to accommodate 700 asylum seekers in the next three years but ESCC only has to accommodate 70.</p> <p>ii) Highways – the new contractor is getting better. Minor roads are only inspected twice a year so it is important to keep reporting any problems.</p> <p>b) District Cllr. Sally-Ann Hart: reported on behalf of SAH:</p> <p>i) Public realm in Rother: On 7th November Cabinet approved the recommendations of the Public Realm Working Group (PRWG). These recommendations, contained in the Minutes, can be found on RDC website. The PRWG recommended that a Public Realm Strategic Framework be commissioned for Rother. This is</p>	

	<p>to be a practical set of documents and manuals that will guide operations, decisions and investment in the public realm in the medium term. It is important that the public realm principles will be built into policies, protocols and working practices as we go forward. The drawing up of a Rother Public Realm Strategic Framework, along with the other recommendations approved by Cabinet, is a vitally important piece of work for RDC. With a wide remit, we can develop ambitious, achievable, comprehensive and forward-thinking strategies to deal with the issues raised by the PRWG which will have a positive effect throughout Rother District. RDC officers and members have achieved an excellent piece of work.</p> <p>ii) Development and Site Allocations Local Plan (the Plan): this is the Plan that identifies the preferred sites needed to meet the Rother Core Strategy Local Plan (2014) development targets - for those parts of the District where neighbourhood plans are not being prepared. The Plan is being presented in the form of 'Options and Preferred Options' and will be published for public consultation, to enable local residents, business and other stakeholders the opportunity to comment on the choices that are being made before the final Plan is put out. Whilst Playden is not included, please let me know if there any issues you wish to discuss.</p> <p>iii) Rother District Council has recently launched an eight week public consultation on its 2017/18 budget which could see Council Tax increase by an average of £5 a year for a Band D property. If agreed, RDC's element of the Council Tax bill for 2017/18 would increase from £164.32 a year for a Band D property to £169.32, generating an additional £184,000. Since 2011 Rother's grant from Government has reduced by £5.4 million and most council services are now paid for by Council Tax, a small portion of business rates collected by the authority and income from other fees and investments. Please see Rother's website for further information - and do engage with this to have your say.</p> <p>c) District Cllr. Paul Osborne:</p> <p>i) Parking in Rother Car Parks will be free for the next three Saturdays.</p> <p>ii) Decriminalised Parking – the costs to run this system are currently being worked out, it is thought they will be around £400,000 per year. But, proper costings need to be established to see if the system pays for itself so the cost is not added onto Council Tax. Most of the £400,000 is administrative costs.</p>	
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 BT telephone manhole cover is broken on the pavement between Playden Forge and Sandrock. Clerk to report to Jon Copp.</p>	Clerk
7	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of 3rd November 2016:</p> <p>a) AD has spoken to Julie Ramus about the planting scheme and they were supportive, the only concern raised was about the overspill parking at Playden Church. There is also a proposed nursing home, with associated parking and access, but it was not thought that the planting scheme would impinge on this. AD to contact Highways regarding obtaining a</p>	AD

	<p>licence to plant. KG advised AD to make direct contact with Rupert Clubb the Director of the Department. AD to prepare a better plan and the application ready for submission in the New Year.</p> <p>b) The footpath at Scots Float has been levelled and new steps put in. It is now easily passable. Clerk to email the Rights of Way Department to say thank you.</p> <p>c) BT Phone Box – the damage has still not been repaired. Clerk to contact BT again and ask if it is going to be repaired or find out if PCC can have permission to knock out the glass and clear it as it is hazardous to children and dogs.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
8	<p>Jo Pappenheim, Rye LTC Indoor Court Project: (presentation was made after Item 2 on the agenda).</p> <p>Jo Pappenheim and Christopher Jackson made a short presentation about Rye LTC's proposed indoor courts. In summary, Rye LTC are proposing 3 indoor courts to be located, along with additional parking, on the field adjacent to the club house. There are no other indoor courts within 1 hours drive of this area and so the new courts would have a large catchment area. The club needs to develop to grow and would like to attract a younger membership by offering better facilities and by opening up to other clubs and the wider community. The facility will be open to non-members. A number of various building designs are being considered, and the site has been deliberately chosen where there are lots of mature trees which will mask the development. Concerns were raised over the following:</p> <p>a) Light pollution – there is likely to be some light but the building will be tucked away and the amount of light emitted will be dependent on which building design is selected. The agricultural barn design being considered would emit less light than the bubble design.</p> <p>b) Increase in traffic and further grid lock – at any one time there would be an extra 12 cars per hour maximum, so it would not be expected for traffic flow to be impinged, plus the extra parking would easily cope with additional cars.</p> <p>c) Parking during the tournament – all cars for the tournament would be able to park on the grass even with the new car park facility, thus preventing the road from becoming blocked.</p> <p>d) Funding – some of this will be from member donations and fundraising and some from the LTA and Sport England.</p> <p>An application for outline planning has been submitted. It is thought the cost will be in the region of £1million and that the courts, if granted permission, will not be started before 2018.</p> <p>DS read out a letter from SAH supporting the proposed indoor courts. There is a real need for indoor facilities in the district and the improvements will be fantastic for existing and new members.</p>	
9	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>a) Rother Rural Trust donation – DS suggested that PPC make a donation of £200. This was considered to be reasonable and recommended that this amount be reviewed if the funds are available. Cllrs agreed unanimously for £200 donation to be made. Clerk to raise a cheque for the next meeting.</p> <p>b) BT Phoneboxes Consultation – no further action required by PCC.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
10	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a) Applications</p> <p>i) RR/2016/2556/P - Treetops, New England Lane, Playden. TN31</p>	

	<p>7NT. Demolition of single storey front extension to be replaced by a two storey extension and alterations to the external appearance: Due to two Cllrs declaring an interest on this application PPC were inquorate and unable to comment. Clerk to report this to RDC.</p> <p>b) Outcomes</p> <p>i) RR/2016/2550/P - Saltcote Cottage, New England Lane, Playden. TN31 7NT: Approved</p>	Clerk
11	<p>Accounts:</p> <p>a) Expenditure</p> <p>i) Clerks Wages – £148.50 – Approved</p> <p>b) Income</p>	
12	<p>Parish Councillors' Reports:</p> <p>a) PO to chase up price for footpath noticeboard.</p> <p>b) TL commented that he is getting quotes to print 250 copies of the Housing Survey. Once he has received the prices he will email the costs around to Cllrs for agreement.</p>	PO TL

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.31

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE W.I. HALL ON:
THURSDAY 5TH JANUARY 2017**

Signed:

Chairman

Date: