

PARISH COUNCIL OF PLAYDEN, EAST SUSSEX

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Held on 2nd February 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

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

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

Members of the Public: 3

	Item	Action
1	To accept apologies for absence: Mr D. Stone (DS)	
2	Declarations of interest on items on the agenda: None	
3	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 5th January 2017: The minutes were unanimously approved.	
4	Neighbourhood Watch Report: Nothing to report.	
5	To receive a report from visiting Councillors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) County Cllr. Keith Glazier: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The cabinet put its proposal to raise the precept to the full council. It was decided to take the 3% on top of the 1.99%. A decision will made next Tuesday. ii) The Government has found some additional funding for adult social care iii) £6million from revenue to fund short term capital projects has been reduced to £4million iv) £91.3million is required on road repairs. £10million needs to be spent on drainage but putting in 5million. £1.2million is in the budget for pavements. Resurfacing is under an asset management plan. £500million is needed to redo all roads but there is only £20million available. v) Community match had £100,000, this has been increased to £250,000 for Parishes to bid into. vi) The Duke of Edinburgh scheme has £29,000 per year. ESCC hold the licence for the scheme and have managed to hold on to these funds despite it being thought that it was not a priority. vii) Schools throughout the county are under enormous pressure. There are one off monies of £750,000 to support schools through this transition. viii) ESCC received an announcement by the Government today stating that £13.2million has been awarded to E. Sussex from the Local Growth Fund as two of the four suggested projects have been funded. 	

b) District Cllr. Sally-Ann Hart:

- i) Update on Camber Sands - In December, RDC allocated £51,000 in its draft 2017-18 budget to allow for possible provision of lifeguards at the beach. At RDC's Overview & Scrutiny meeting on Monday evening (30th January) the draft budget report for 2017/18 was presented. Members have recommended to Cabinet that these funds be approved for the provision of a lifeguard service at Camber Sands. This will go to Cabinet on 13th February then onto Full Council on 20th February for final approval. If approved, the scheme would see RNLI lifeguards stationed on the beach during the summer season, from Whitsun to the end of the school summer holidays. The issue is not just about safety provision on the beach; it is also about people from all communities across Britain being better informed on beach/water safety before they come to the beach. RDC therefore continues to liaise with the LGA coastal interest group and will update them when the beach and water safety plan is finalised.
- ii) A Beach & Water Safety Group meeting (with various stakeholders) was held on 9th January. It was a productive meeting and good progress is being made in finalising plans for the season at Camber in 2017. It is clear that there is a new and strengthened partnership working in Camber for the benefit of residents and visitors alike. At present details are confidential, but will be published in due course. The Coastal Team are currently preparing for the season ahead and are reviewing all the risks identified and contributing into RDC's new beach safety plan.
- iii) Draft Development and Site Allocations Local Plan - the consultation period closes on 20th February. The draft local plan suggests possible sites for development of homes in Bexhill and a number of villages. It doesn't cover areas where a neighbourhood plan is being prepared, which will also have to identify new sites for housing. With a target to build 5,700 new homes in Rother by 2028, the plan includes options and preferred options to show people the realistic choices that exist to meet the need for housing. The document also identifies opportunities to create employment space, so please have your say! You can view the Development and Site Allocations Local Plan and take part in the consultation by visiting www.rother.gov.uk/consultation
- iv) The most recent Cabinet Meeting was held on 16th January:
 - Public Conveniences Cleaning Contract Award - Cabinet had resolved to tender the public convenience service in partnership with Wealden District Council and Hastings Borough Council. Wealden decided not to pursue this partnership. The aim is to award the contract to the cheapest bidder for a period of 5 years. Cabinet approved the award to a company who was not the cheapest but best evaluated for quality assurance, previous experience, capacity, community benefits and cost. In addition, there is a flexible margin of 10% of the tender sum, which is prudent when considering devolution of public conveniences.
 - Special Events Fees and Charges - Whilst there has been an overall growth in the number of bookings for events being

	<p>held on RDC land, the number of large events of over more than 5 days had decreased from an annual average of four to two. Members had asked RDC to find out whether this decrease was due to the amount of the fee charged. It appears that this is not the case, but Cabinet resolved that there should be no increase in fees and charges and to have a review of them on a regular basis.</p> <p>c) District Cllr. Paul Osborne:</p> <p>i) Parking enforcement - is going to the next Scrutiny Meeting at the end of March. A survey form will be sent out soon. It is important for residents to complete and feedback.</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>Nothing reported</p>	
7	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of 1st December 2016:</p> <p>a) Application for a planting scheme license – East Sussex Highways emailed offering to supply Parish Councils with bulbs and people to plant them. As PPC is currently planning its own bulb and tree planting scheme, AD offered to reply accepting the licence to plant bulbs and enquire about the licence to plant trees.</p>	AD
8	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>a) UK Power Networks Letter - A priority services register is being operated for vulnerable people to sign up to. The register will enable UK Power Networks to quickly identify those who may need help in the event of a power cut. Clerk to place poster in notice board.</p>	Clerk
9	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a) Applications</p> <p>b) Outcomes</p> <p>i) RR/2016/3063/P – Saltcote, Rye Hill, Playden, TN31 7NJ. Proposed ground floor extension to form lounge and cinema room and part first floor extension over to form bedroom with ensuite. Approved</p> <p>ii) RR/2016/2984/P – Cranfield, New England Lane, Playden. TN31 7NT. Erection of new double garage and associated works. Approved</p>	
11	<p>Accounts:</p> <p>a) Expenditure</p> <p>i) Clerks Wages – £29.95 – Approved</p> <p>ii) HMRC Tax Payment - £45.05 – Approved</p> <p>iii) SSALC Limited – £17.00 - Approved</p>	
12	<p>Parish Councillors' Reports:</p> <p>a) PPC has recently received two emails requesting historic information about the village. AD to reply.</p>	AD

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.10

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE W.I. HALL ON:
THURSDAY 2ND MARCH 2017**

Signed:

Chairman

Date: