

PARISH COUNCIL OF PLAYDEN, EAST SUSSEX

Clerk: Lesley Voice, 1 The Grove, Rye, TN31 7ND. Tel: 01797 225139

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5th April 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Councillors: Mr P Osborne (PO) Vice Chairman and Chairman for the meeting, Mr T Lenihan (TL), Mr A. Dickinson (AD), Mr D Jenkins (DJ).

Rother District Councillor: Not present

East Sussex County Councillor: Cllr Keith Glazier (KG)

Members of the Public: 32

	Item	Action
1.	To accept apologies for absence: Mr David Stone (DS). Cllr Sally-Ann Hart (S-A H)	
2	Declarations of interest on items on the agenda: Mr T Lenihan in respect of the Shellfield planning application. Mr A Dickinson in respect of the Shellfield planning application and the Saltcote Place planning application. Due to absence and declarations of interest noted above the Parish Council was inquorate when discussing the Shellfield planning application.	
3	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 1st February 2018: Approved unanimously and signed by PO.	
4	Neighbourhood Watch Report: The Clerk had been sent a comprehensive summary from the Playden co-ordinator. Copies were made available for the public to read. Copy attached.	
5	Visiting Councillors Reports. Rother District Cllr. Sally-Ann Hart had sent through a report and this was made available to the public attending the meeting. Copy attached. East Sussex County Council Cllr Keith Glazier reported on the increase in council tax as previously detailed in earlier minutes. One effect of the cuts is that ESCC has decided to reduce the number of grass cuts from 6 to 2 times a year in urban areas which will save £400,000. Other areas remain at 2 cuts a year. See also correspondence below. ESCC currently have twice as many teams as normal out repairing/filling potholes. The public should continue to report these. Those holes found on	

	inspection to be more than 4" or 100mm should be repaired within 24 hours, those over 40mm within 28 days and under 40mm only after the deeper ones are all repaired.	
6	<p>Public Adjournment: To suspend the 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><i>Note: The time allocated to this agenda item is a total of 15 minutes with each member of the public each having 3 minutes to speak. This was extended at the discretion of the Chairman due to the number of public attending who wished to speak</i></p> <p>The majority of the public at the meeting had attended to voice their opposition to the revised plans for the development of the Shellfield site (see planning applications below).</p> <p>The Council was inquorate and could not make a formal decision.</p> <p>Listed below is a summary of the concerns raised during the public adjournment.</p> <p>The density of the housing causing a lack of privacy and existing residents being overlooked. Playden has not been identified as requiring more housing. The Infilling of a green gap between housing areas. Concerns over the degree of independence of any report (ie the recent archaeological report) when this is paid for by the developer. Concern that the Highways report was carried out over a short period and not at the busiest time of the year for traffic. Concerns over the same planning reference number being used and therefore people not knowing that there had been revised plans submitted. It was also highlighted that there had been recent problems with the sewage pipes being blocked and over spilling in New England Lane adjacent to the development area and the route of the planned drainage for the site. Concern regarding the lack of one or two bedroom houses in the outline plan versus a number of 4 or 5 bedroom properties which seemed to indicate a drive for maximum profit not actually matched by local need.</p> <p>Though being inquorate and unable to make a formal decision the remaining Councillors agreed that the Clerk should make comments reporting the public's concerns.</p> <p>The public were encouraged to contact the planning committee.</p> <p>Mr Paul King mentioned that he is currently approaching the Land Registry to claim ownership of a piece of unregistered land next to his property in Saltcote Lane. He appealed to the public present to support his claim and said he would provide further information regarding this if people wished to contact him. He reported that if he was successful in gaining ownership that he would preserve the land against any proposed development and provide public access and a wildlife area.</p>	Clerk
7	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of 1st February 2018:</p> <p>None</p>	
8	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Correspondence received by the Clerk.</p> <p>In response to an earlier request by DJ to know more about the work of the Rother Rural Trust the Clerk read out the content of a letter from the Trust detailing some of the grants they had given.</p>	

	<p>An email had been received from Mr Paul King covering his claim to a piece of land (as covered above) and he had asked if the council could write in support of this. The council agreed that it could not comment as they did not have knowledge of the ownership of the land but would be happy to discuss support for public access / wildlife if the claim succeeded.</p> <p>Mrs Ros Ham is proposing to produce an entry for Playden in the Village Voice section of the Rye Observer and as part of this wants to advertise the council's meetings. It was agreed that the Clerk was to confirm that they are happy that Ros includes this in her entry.</p> <p>Rother District Council have confirmed that it will fund additional grass cutting for 2018 to cover the reduction in the number of cuts from 6 to 2 in urban and built up areas by ESCC.</p> <p>The Clerk had received an email from Christ's Hospital school near Horsham highlighting their means tested bursary's for children from a variety of backgrounds who may benefit from a boarding education at the school.</p> <p>AD had been contacted by Charles Maxfield regarding the felling of an apparently healthy horse chestnut tree adjacent to the car park at Poppyfield without any prior notice to the residents. AD went to the site with Charles and spoke to a neighbour who had missed a hospital appointment as her dog was frightened by the noise. Her garden had also been covered in sawdust and a blue liquid contaminate on paving, a water butt and a recycling box which she had photographed. The Clerk was requested to write/email Optivo regarding this and any future works.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
9	<p>Approval of quarterly accounts for 1st Jan to 31 March 2018. These were unanimously approved by the councillors.</p>	
10	<p>GDPR – an update. This was deferred until the next meeting when the Clerk will update the council.</p>	Clerk
11	<p>Hire of WI Hall. Joan Taylor of the WI had provided the Clerk with evidence of the Council having paid for the hire of the hall up to 2015. This was at a reduced rate of £4 per hour (the normal rate at that time was £5.50) to assist towards the running costs. The WI have had enquiries to use the Hall regularly on Thursday evenings at the current rate of £7 an hour. The WI are happy to let the parish council to continue to pay £4 per hour from this month and will not ask for any back payment. The Councillors agreed to this proposal. The Clerk to confirm to the WI the council's agreement and to pay for April and May at the next meeting.</p>	Clerk
12	<p>Rye Neighbourhood Plan. One of the public attending the meeting had at the start of the meeting provided the councillors with wording regarding the preservation of a green gap between Rye and the neighbouring settlements. The wording (attached) was discussed by the councillors and it was agreed that this could be used with minor adjustments as a response to the plan. The Clerk was actioned to respond to Rye Town Council.</p>	Clerk
13	<p>Planning:</p>	

	<p>Planning</p> <p>a) Applications</p> <p>RR/2017/1450/P : Shellfield, New England Lane, Playden TN31 7NT. Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of 24 dwellings and associated external works. Revised plans.</p> <p>As covered above</p> <p>RR/2018/324/P : Environment Agency Depot, Military Road, Playden TN31 7PH. Erection of new secure storage building combined with new sandbagging building. New modular building. Since withdrawn – added for information only.</p> <p>RR/2017/2097/P: Rye & Winchelsea District Memorial Hospital. New nursing care home with specialist care. Revised/amended plans.</p> <p>Council is still fully supportive of the plans and noted that adjustments had been made to mitigate the affect on neighbours.</p> <p>RR/2018/791/DN: Rye Environment Agency Depot. Military Road, Playden TN31 7PH. Prior notification for demolition of building. For information only.</p> <p>RR/2018/858/P The Stocks, Saltcote Lane, Playden. TN31 7NR. General remodelling including amendments to existing roofs (replacement of pitched roof with flat), fenestration and external finishes.</p> <p>The plans were discussed and the council decided to support the plans</p> <p>RR/2018/898/L Saltcote Place, Saltcote Lane, Playden, East Sussex, TN31 7NR. Alteration to centre window in rear elevation to form bifold french doors</p> <p>The council supports the application.</p> <p>b) Outcomes</p> <p>RR/2017/2524/P: Peace and Plenty, Rye road, Playden, TN31 7HL Change of use of 3 no B & B suites to 1 no 1 bed cottage with associated parking and garden. Planning refused.</p> <p>The councillors expressed their surprise that this had been refused. AD mentioned that he had been contacted by the owner of the Peace and Plenty regarding this and who had requested a meeting with the parish councillors. It was suggested that he could come and meet councillors prior to a council meeting. AD to contact the owner</p> <p>Updates on current applications in progress. No updates.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>AD</p>
14	<p>Accounts:</p> <p>a) Expenditure – to approve the following expenditure:</p> <p>Clerks wages for February and March 2018.– £203.50 Attendance at DPA training course - £66</p> <p>Clerk’s Expenses: Cost of printing/copying February/March: £5.00</p> <p>Total: £274.50</p> <p>PWLB loan: Deducted on 26th March 2018 : £86.33 (paid by DD)</p> <p>Invoice from SSALC Limited for LCR magazine annual subscription</p>	

	<p>2018/19. £17.00</p> <p>Invoice for Clerk's membership of The Society of Local Council Clerks £59.00</p> <p>All approved.</p> <p>b) Income.</p> <p>None.</p>	
	<p>Parish Councillors Reports.</p> <p>Housing Survey forms had been delivered. The Clerk reported that she had received some back and would report at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.27pm

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE W.I. HALL ON:
THURSDAY 3rd May 2018**

Signed:

Chairman

Date: