

# PARISH COUNCIL OF PLAYDEN, EAST SUSSEX

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## Minutes of the Council Meeting Held on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

### Present:

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

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

**Rother District Councillor:** Sally-Ann Hart (S-A H)

**Members of the Public:** 3

	Item	Action
1	<b>To accept apologies for absence:</b> Mr D Jenkins (DJ)	
2	<b>Declarations of interest on items on the agenda:</b> None	
3	<b>To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018:</b> The minutes were unanimously approved and signed.	
4	<b>Neighbourhood Watch Report:</b> The clerk had been sent a summary from the Playden coordinator. Copies were made available to the public attending and a copy is attached.	
5	<b>Reports from visiting Councillors:</b>  <b>East Sussex County Cllr. Keith Glazier</b> KG let the Parish Council know that he will not be able to attend the next parish council meeting in July. Potholes. KG reported that members of the public had been spraying their own white circles round potholes. This causes delays as this confuses the gangs carrying out the repairs as these have not been logged. The public should continue to report potholes through the official sources as these are prioritised so the worse get attention first. DS mentioned the 'Fix My Street' website. KG agreed this was user friendly but entails a couple of days delay to the highways website. Budget savings: As KG had previously reported the County Council is required to save a further 46m over the next six years. Adult social care remains the main pressure on the budget and unless some solution is found there will no money left for any other services. An example is the requirement to provide a library service – this could be done by only having one library. KG has lobbied the Secretary of State and there is continuing lobbying of other ministers regarding this problem. KG appealed for any ideas of how to communicate to the	

	<p>electorate why services continue to be cut whilst council tax increases. Council tax would need to increase by 14% every year to maintain current spending.</p> <p><b>Rother District Cllr Sally-Ann Hart.</b> S-A H had previously circulated a report to the Parish Councillors and copies were available to the public the attending. She will also not be able to attend the next meeting (July). Shellfield site development planning refusal: S-A H mentioned that she had sent representations to all councillors and PO had spoken at the planning meeting. There had been two cabinet meetings on 14<sup>th</sup> May and 4<sup>th</sup> June and these are covered in her report attached.</p> <p>PO added that although Rother DC did not have their full allocation of new housing yet, the proposed Bexhill link road development would provide this. All services need to be linked to the site before building can start and unfortunately the services providers had not forward planned for this and therefore there is now a delay in this happening.</p>	
6	<p>Public adjournment: To suspend the meeting for any public statements. <i>Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meeting and raise any pertinent issues at this point.</i></p> <p>Julie Ramus (Clerk of Rye Foreign Parish Council) mentioned that the Playden Parish Clerk had handed her a letter prior to the meeting from a local resident who had been nearly knocked down by a car speeding up Rye Hill (the paths bordering road being in Rye Foreign at that point). She asked if a pedestrian crossing could be put in especially as there would now be more development and use at the Hospital site. KG answered that the positioning of a crossing would not meet the criteria for this. This was the highways decision when this was investigated before.</p>	
7	<p><b>Matters arising from the minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018:</b> There were no outstanding actions from the minutes.</p>	
8	<p><b>Appointment of Vice Chairman</b> AD proposed that TL be elected Vice Chairman and this was seconded by PO. The Council voted unanimously in favour.</p>	
9	<p><b>Annual Return and Audit.</b> <b>Approval of:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Certificate of Exemption.</li> </ul> <p>This had been circulated to the councillors before the meeting and was agreed unanimously and signed by the Clerk and PO.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b) Standing Orders (revised for GDPA and reviewed against latest model standing orders)</li> <li>c) Financial Regulations</li> <li>d) Risk Assessment</li> <li>e) Review list of fixed assets</li> </ul> <p>All the above had been circulated to the councillors before the meeting and were unanimously agreed at the meeting. The Internal Audit report had also been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.</p>	

	<p>f) Review audit (annual return for year ended 31 March 2018) for approval:</p> <p>i) Annual Governance Statement 2017/18 (Section 1 of annual return).</p> <p>This was proposed by PO and seconded by TL. The Annual Government Statement was unanimously agreed by the Councillors and then signed by The Clerk and PO.</p> <p>ii) Accounting Statements 2017/18 (Section 2 of annual return).</p> <p>This was proposed by PO and seconded by TL. The Accounting Statement was unanimously agreed by the Councillors and then signed by The Clerk and PO.</p>	
10	<p>Update on General Data Protection Act.</p> <p>Prior to the meeting the Clerk had circulated a Privacy Notice to attach to the website. The councillors agreed this unanimously. The Clerk will check with DJ that he agrees to be named as The Data Protection Officer prior to the document being uploaded onto the website.</p>	Clerk
11	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>There was no correspondence other than the letter handed to Julie Ramus</p>	
12	<p><b>Planning:</b></p> <p><b>a) Applications.</b></p> <p><b>RR/2018/1314/T: Saltcote Place:</b> Proposed tree work. Removal of dead branches and approx. 20% reduction. The council agreed that they had no objection to the planned tree works.</p> <p><b>b) Outcomes:</b></p> <p><b>RR/2017/1450/P : Shellfield</b> – The application had been discussed and refused by the Planning Committee against the recommendation of the Planning Officer. The applicants have six months to appeal the decision.</p> <p><b>RR/2016/3026/P.: 115 Military Rd,</b> Outline. New covered structure to provide three new indoor tennis courts. This was given outline approval by the Planning Committee.</p> <p><b>RR/2018/898/L: Saltcote Place:</b> Alteration to central window in rear elevation to form bifold French doors. Approved.</p>	Clerk
12	<p><b>Accounts – to approve the following expenditure:</b></p> <p>a) Clerks Wages and Expenses for April and May 2018: £421.50 b) Hire of WI Hall for June 2018 £ 8.00. All approved.</p> <p><b>Income:</b></p> <p>None</p>	
13	<p><b>Councillors reports.</b></p> <p>AD mentioned PO's suggestion at the last meeting (May 2018) that the Parish Council could put up a board showing the footpaths in the Parish. As the Clerk of Rye Foreign was at this meeting she was asked to speak to her councillors regarding this. The board could show the footpaths of both parishes.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE W.I. HALL ON:  
THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

Signed:

Chairman

Date: