

# PARISH COUNCIL OF PLAYDEN, EAST SUSSEX

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## Minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly Held on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at 7.00 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

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

**Members of the Public:** 3

	Item	Action
1	<b>Welcome from Cllr. David Stone:</b> DS welcomed everyone to the proceedings.	
2	<b>Apologies for Absence:</b> Cllr Sally Ann-Hart	
3	<p>A presentation was made by Barry Nealon, Chairman of the Memorial Hospital Trust, on the future plans for the development of the old Ambulance Station and the wider hospital site.</p> <p>Barry brought a plan on a display board with the proposed development of the site and talked through the reasoning for the proposed development which is ambitious and will be of immense benefit to the surrounding area.</p> <p>He firstly explained the background to the site and that the Trust owns the site and leases the current facilities to partners who are specialists in running these and the Trust uses the income from this to undertake further development. They are separate but work closely with the Friends of the Hospital which fund raise for the Hospital. The GP surgery currently had 7,500 patients. The old ambulance station had not been used for some time and had been bought and recently demolished. They also have an option to buy additional land intended for a care home.</p> <p>The area with the tank traps after consultation with the planning authorities will be left as an interpreted heritage area with display boards explaining their role in the defence of Britain during WWII.</p> <p>The ambulance site is being developed as a day care centre which will consist of two storeys. The aim is to cater for up to 40 people a day. It will have various therapy areas and be able to provide activities which will be aimed at Dementia Care. It is anticipated that the building work will start in March 2018 and be finished in December 2018.</p> <p>Barry also gave details of the new 60 bed care home which is currently in pre-planning discussions. The Trust has been in discussion with Greensleeves, a not for profit care provider to run the care home. The Trust wants 25% of the home to be community beds, those that can be funded by the council with no top up of fees, and Greensleeves have committed to provide this.</p>	

	<p>Barry then spoke about the current hospital and its future. He noted the focus of the the NHS is currently on regional acute hospitals which are centres of clinical excellence. The hospital currently offers diagnostic and physiotherapy and there is a case to be made for having MRI facilities there which would take pressure off the Conquest Hospital.</p> <p>The site as a whole will provide an integrated site for care which will be almost unique and could become the model for similar sites elsewhere. It is supported by East Sussex County Council as fulfilling the aims of the Better Together initiative.</p> <p>DS thanked Barry and expressed his wish that as many local people as possible should see the presentation. Barry said that he had given several local presentations.</p>	
4.	<p><b>To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held in May 2016</b> The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by DS.</p>	
5	<p><b>Reports from:</b></p> <p>a) County Councillor Keith Glazier: KG reported that following his re-election at the recent Local Council elections he is continuing as leader at the County Council and his time since then has been taken up with placing councillors in roles. The Conservatives now have a majority. KG reported that East Sussex Better Together is a priority to the County Council. This is led by the two local NHS clinical commissioning groups and ESCC, the programme aims to transform health and social care services by using the combined annual budget to achieve the best possible services for local people. The focus is on keeping people well and out of hospitals unless it is an emergency. KG also reported that the County Council were currently trialing a system of generic managers and workers. There has just been released the latest list of road resurfacing and KS will bring this along to the next meeting. KG also mentioned that the Government is also discussing issues regarding Schools and Childrens Services with regard to Rurality and Sparcity.</p> <p>b) District Councillor Sally-Ann Hart: The Clerk had received a report from Sally-Ann and summarised this to the meeting. A copy is attached.</p> <p>PO reported that Sally-Ann had been appointed to the County Council Cabinet</p>	KG
6	<p><b>Report from Cllr David Stone, Chairman of the Parish Council, May 2016 – May 2017</b> DS read through his report and advised that a copy is available to view on the Parish website and attached.</p>	
7	<p><b>Questions from the Public:</b> There were no questions</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.53.

Signed:

Chairman

Date:

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