

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 7th September 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Councillors: Mr P. Osborne (PO) Vice Chairman and Chair for this meeting, Mr T Lenihan (TL), Mr A. Dickinson (AD)

Rother District Councillor: Cllr Sally-Ann Hart

Members of the Public: 3

	Item	Action
1.	To accept apologies for absence: Mr D Stone Cllr Keith Glazier	
2	Declarations of interest on items on the agenda: None	
3	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 3rd August 2017: The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by PO.	
4	Neighbourhood Watch Report: The Clerk gave a summary of the reports she had received this included an appeal by the police for information regarding an armed raid on the Betfred premises in Cinque Ports Street Rye at 9.15pm on Wednesday 23 rd August. The staff handed over a quantity of cash to the suspect. No members of staff or customers were hurt. There had also been several sheds broken into in the area including Love Lane, Rye.	
5	Visiting Councillors Reports. District Cllr. Sally-Ann Hart had provided a summary report by email and summarised this at the meeting. Full report attached. County Councillor Keith Glazier was not present.	
6	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. Concerns were raised over the number of cars using alternative routes at too fast a speed whilst the road to Iden had been closed for sewage pipe renewal. It was agreed by all present that this had been a problem. There had also been a problem with residents not having their refuse collected though access could be made for this. This had only been resolved after several phone calls to the Council by residents and Councillors. The road was due to be reopened in the	

	The PWLB payment is being taken by DD in September 17 (see expenditure below) and the Clerk raised the consideration of early payment of the outstanding balance due to the relatively high interest rate being paid. The Clerk was informed by the Councillors that this had been looked into before and was not an option.	
9	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a) Applications None</p> <p>b) Outcomes None</p> <p>PO provided an update on the Shellfield planning application. Rother District Council are still awaiting the additional information requested and there is a requirement for an archaeological investigation to be carried out first before a decision is made by the Council.</p>	
10	<p>Accounts:</p> <p>a) Expenditure – to approve the following expenditure:</p> <p>i) Clerks wages and expenses for August – £170.50. Approved</p> <p>ii) New Council Administration Handbook. - £78.40. Approved</p> <p>iii) RALC: Parish Council subscription for 2017-18 - £25.00. Approved</p> <p>iv) DD will be taken for PWLB repayment on 26 September - £86.33. For information.</p> <p>b) Income. None</p>	
10	<p>Parish Councillors Reports.</p> <p>There was a general discussion regarding the maintenance and cutting of hedges etc by landowners to keep footpaths etc clear for walkers. TL will speak to those he knows to remind them of their obligations.</p>	TL
11	<p>Co-option of new Parish Councillor.</p> <p>Mr David Jenkins (DJ) had previously contacted the Chairman (DS) regarding filling the longstanding vacancy for an additional Parish Councillor. DS had subsequently met with him and had discussed the position and provided him with the Councillors guidance book. The Clerk confirmed that she had checked with David Jenkins that he met the eligibility criteria to become a new parish Councillor.</p> <p>Mr David Jenkins was then proposed as a councillor by TL and this was seconded by AD. The councillors unanimously agreed and DJ signed the Declaration of Office in the presence of the Council and public.</p> <p>DJ was given a Members Declaration of Interest form to complete and return to the Clerk</p>	DJ

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.30pm

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

Signed:

Chairman

Date: