

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 October 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 (S-A H)

Members of the Public: 3

	Item	Action
1.	To accept apologies for absence: Mr D Stone Mr D Jenkins Cllr Keith Glazier	
2	Declarations of interest on items on the agenda: None	
3	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 7th September 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 since the last council meeting, this included the theft of a handbag at 6pm in the High Street in Rye on 9 th September 2017.	
5	Visiting Councillors Reports. District Cllr. Sally-Ann Hart summarised several topics and a full report and addendum provided after the meeting is 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 state of the local roads with potholes getting worse and becoming a danger to walkers especially with the darker evenings. It was also noted that white lines and road markings had been renewed near the school.	
7	Matters arising from the minutes of 7th September 2017: AD is to do a planting specification and now the Parish mapping tool is available will investigate this to map the planting scheme as an alternative to paying for the Ordnance Survey map extract for this purpose.	AD

	<p>AD reported that a Butt Field Trustee meeting had been held with DS attending on behalf of the Parish Council. There is a grant application currently being submitted for assistance in covering insurance costs etc.</p> <p>DJ had returned the Declaration of Interest Form to the Clerk who had forwarded a copy to Rother and informed them of our new council member. All councillor's Declarations of Interest are now on the website under a separate heading as required.</p>	
8	<p>Correspondence: There had been several pieces of correspondence received by the Clerk.</p> <p>The Clerk had received 2 emails regarding the Playden email address. The councillors decided that the Clerk should not respond for now as these could be a scam and see if she receives any further emails.</p> <p>The Clerk informed the councillors that the Department for Communities and Local Government will make available further grants of £5.5 million each year from 2018 to 2022 to support local neighbourhood planning groups.</p> <p>The Rother Association of Local Councils (RALC) had requested names of two councillors to represent the parish council. It was decided to defer this to the next council meeting when more councillors would be present. Clerk to add to next agenda.</p>	Clerk
9	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a) Applications RR/2017/1965/P. 2 Poppyfield Cottages, Houghton Green Lane, Playden, TN31 7PJ. Proposed first floor side extension with pitched roof over. After discussion by the Councillors, AD proposed support which was seconded by TL. The Council unanimously decided to support the application. The Clerk to register the Parish Council's support on the Rother Planning website.</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. The Tennis Club planning application is likewise awaiting more information before being considered again.</p>	Clerk
10	<p>The councillors discussed a contribution towards the maintenance of Playden Church graveyard. It was decided that as the graveyard is the public burial ground for Playden parish a contribution should be made of £200.00 and it would be the Parish Council's intention to contribute in future years (finances permitting). Clerk to prepare cheque for signature at next council meeting in November 17.</p>	Clerk
11	<p>The clerk had previously forwarded the South East Water draft drought plan to councillors for comment. The councillors confirmed that there were no comments to be fed back.</p>	

12	Proposed changes by Government to Housing Policy. Link sent by AD on 22 nd September 17. No details appear to be available yet and it was decided to go ahead with the Parish Housing Survey as planned.	
13	Changes to Data Protection Act to come into effect on 18 th May 2018. The Clerk confirmed that she is booked on a course next year and will feed back on changes at this time. PO mentioned that he had already attended a course.	
14	The Clerk reported on the conclusion of the External Audit. The external auditors had noticed that a figure from the last audit should have been changed when put on the current audit form. Everything else was correct and the audit signed off. The Clerk had put copies on the website and notice board to meet the legal requirements.	
15	The Councillors unanimously agreed the quarterly accounts.	
16	Accounts: a) Expenditure – to approve the following expenditure: Clerks wages and expenses for August 2017 – £154.00. Approved. b) Income. The second payment of the precept is due.	
17	Parish Councillors Reports. There was a general discussion regarding the maintenance and cutting of hedges etc by landowners to keep footpaths etc clear for walkers. Following discussion at the last Council meeting, TL reported he has spoken to a couple of landowners, one of which has since been strimming his boundary. There was further discussion regarding this problem and it was noted that the area near the Playden Oasts was still overgrown over the footpath and there was a blocked ditch in New England Lane. It was further noted that the 30mph sign in Military Road on the right approaching Rye can't be seen due to Ivy growth. The footpaths are also slippery due to uncleared leaves. It had also been noticed that dog fouling was a problem in some areas. This is already highlighted on the Parish website. S-A Hart reported that there has been a change in roles within Rother Highway's department and she would forward an email to the Clerk regarding this.	S-A Hart

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.38pm

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

Signed:

Chairman

Date: