

PARISH COUNCIL OF PLAYDEN, EAST SUSSEX

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Minutes of the Council Meeting Held on 2nd November 2017 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Councillors: Mr David Stone (DS) Chairman, Mr P. Osborne (PO) Vice Chairman, Mr T Lenihan (TL), Mr A. Dickinson (AD), Mr David Jenkins (DJ).

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

Members of the Public: 4

	Item	Action
1.	To accept apologies for absence: Cllr Keith Glazier	
2	Declarations of interest on items on the agenda: None	
3	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 2nd November 2017: The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by DS.	
4	Neighbourhood Watch Report: The Clerk gave a summary of the reports she had received since the last council meeting, this included a shop in the Mint, Rye being broken into and a spate of shed thefts in the Winchelsea Beach area. TL also reported that he had heard that there had been several thefts of car keys accessed through letter boxes and cars had been broken into in the Brede and Beckley areas.	
5	Visiting Councillors Reports. District Cllr. Sally-Ann Hart said that there had not been a District Council meeting since the last Parish meeting to report on but highlighted an interesting and useful item regarding fuel poverty which she had forwarded to the Councillors prior to the meeting. It was agreed that this should be put on the Parish website by the Clerk. S-A Hart also spoke about the concept of Reparative Justice where the offender has to confront the victim and made to do something fitting to the crime, i.e. Clean up the graffiti that they were responsible for. County Councillor Keith Glazier was not present.	Clerk
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.	

	<p>A member of the public asked whose sheep were grazing the Butt Field and if she could have their contact details in case she noticed anything of concern. The Councillors agreed that personal details could not be given out without permission and contact should be made via DS, AD or the Vicar who were all members of the Butt Field committee. TL mentioned that the shepherd regularly checked the sheep.</p> <p>Suggestions were made on how to prevent thefts from garden buildings i.e. attaching items such as lawnmowers to something immovable.</p>	
7	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of 5th October 2017:</p> <p>Planting specification.</p> <p>AD to investigate the new Parish mapping tool to map the planting scheme as an alternative to paying for the Ordnance Survey extract. The Clerk is to investigate the setting up of this and available training modules.</p>	Clerk/AD
8	<p>RALC representatives:</p> <p>The Rother Association of Local Councils (RALC) had requested names of two councillors to represent the parish council.</p> <p>DS said that he has previously attended some meetings and invited the other Councillors to consider if they could attend future meetings. The Clerk said that she would attend if required. DS to provide times and dates of next meeting.</p>	DS
9	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Correspondence received by the Clerk.</p> <p>The Clerk had received an email from a local resident regarding the overgrown footpaths off New England Lane. TL will speak to the owners of the properties.</p> <p>Rother Rural Trust had written with details of recent grants they had made and asking if the Parish Council knew of anyone who would benefit from their grants to let them know the details. They also reminded that they were dependant on the generosity of contributions from Parishes. DS thought that the Council had given a donation last year and the Clerk was asked to look at the accounts and report back at the next Council meeting.</p>	TL Clerk
10	<p>Planning:</p> <p>a) Applications RR/2017/2193/T: 5 Saltcote Mews. Saltcote Lane. Playden. TN31 7NR. Pollarding of 5 Lime Trees. The Council supported approval of the planned pollarding of the trees.</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> <p>The Tennis Club planning application is likewise awaiting more information before being considered again.</p>	
16	<p>Accounts:</p> <p>a) Expenditure – to approve the following expenditure:</p> <p>i) Clerks wages and expenses for October – To be included with</p>	

	<p>ii) November at the next meeting. Contribution to Playden graveyard maintenance: £200 as approved at last council meeting.</p> <p>b) Income. The second payment of the precept. £2,500 has been paid.</p>	
	<p>Parish Councillors Reports.</p> <p>TL highlighted that dog fouling was continuing to be a problem in some areas and mess had been left in the middle of footpaths. TL had previously put up notices but these had been ignored. It was felt that a more formal notice with the District Council's name/logo may be more effective. S-A Hart said that she would investigate if Rother DC had any notices which Playden could use.</p> <p>TL informed the Council that the Housing Survey questionnaires had been printed and he would bring them along to the next meeting so that they could be divided up for delivery to the properties within Playden parish</p> <p>PO reported that there was a scrutiny committee meeting due soon and housing strategy would be discussed. PO mentioned the Community Infrastructure Charge being levied and the Councillors all agreed that this was primarily aimed at large building schemes but it was also affecting one off house building (unless the house was going to be occupied by the applicant).</p> <p>DS mentioned that there was a defibrillator at the hospital site and the Councillors agreed that placing one somewhere else would not be of benefit.</p>	S-A Hart

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.28pm

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE W.I. HALL ON:
THURSDAY 7th December 2017**

Signed:

Chairman

Date:

