

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 December 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)

East Sussex County Councillor: Cllr Keith Glazier (K G)

Members of the Public: 4

	Item	Action
1.	To accept apologies for absence: None	
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. There had been a considerable increase in Burglaries in the Rother district, these included several thefts of car keys accessed through letter boxes and cars had been broken into and damaged in the Brede and Beckley areas. Thefts from garages and outbuildings remain a problem. Householders had been advised to make sure houses were secure and no keys left in locks or in sight and near letterboxes.	
5	Visiting Councillors Reports. Rother District Cllr. Sally-Ann Hart summarised her emailed detailed report which is attached. Some of the items covered are details of the Bexhill Governance review, the upgrade of the audio/visual equipment in the Council Chamber, capital investment in creating a new skate park and multiuse games area at the Sidney Recreation Ground, provision of affordable housing in the district and the Rye Harbour Discovery Project. East Sussex County Councillor Keith Glazier apologised that he had been unable to attend the last meetings but he had heavily involved with the setting County Council budgets. Regarding the state of the roads as highlighted above he had spoken to the new Highway Steward for the area and who will be coming to Playden to look at the roads. KS also mentioned that there will be relining carried out on the nights of	Clerk

	<p>the 12/13/14 in Rye.</p> <p>The ESCC budget planning with a further £22 million saving to be made has meant that there will be some very difficult decisions to be made. The Council are awaiting further information and funding details from central government which should be available within the week. The library consultation finishes on 14th December 17. Rye library will remain open but the proposal is to cancel the mobile library service. Another cost cutting proposal is to only mow the grass verges once a year unless this compromises sight lines.</p> <p>There is a continuing shortfall in the care budget and there had been no mention of assistance in the budget. The County Council awaits further information regarding this.</p> <p>PO added that the Highways department had proposed road closures in the main roads around Rye including the A259 at the Skinners roundabout and remarked that similar road closures had caused chaos and bad traffic jams in the past. These are scheduled over 2018.</p>	
6	<p>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> <p>Sally Compton, Vice Chairman of the Rye Hospital Trust, attended the meeting to speak about the benefits of the proposed development on the Hospital site. She put forward the need for a care home in Rye citing that 35 local residents had been forced to move away from Rye as a result of the current lack of this type of facility and the effect this had on both the resident and their friends and family due to difficulties and cost of visiting, leaving people isolated. They had carefully considered who should partner the Trust in providing this facility and have chosen "Greensleeves" which is a not for profit organisation set up by the WRVS.</p> <p>Part of this partnership is to provide 25% of the available units to be publicly funded and the rest to be for priority use of local residents. This development will complement the existing Hospital and sheltered housing development, as well as the new day care and therapy centre.</p> <p>The centre will also provide jobs and training of staff.</p> <p>The Councillors comments to the proposal are covered in the minutes of the Planning Proposal discussion below.</p> <p>Other residents mentioned the continuing state of the local roads and footpaths with potholes being the major hazard to walkers along narrow unlit roads. The clerk had spoken to the Highways department regarding this and invited residents to make on a map she had brought to the meeting the main problem areas. She would then send this to the Highway Steward.</p>	Clerk
7	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of 2nd November 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> <p>TL confirmed that he had spoken to the owners of properties who have been allowing their boundary plants and trees to block public footpaths.</p> <p>The Clerk reported that she had looked at the council records and the Parish Council had last year given a donation of £200 to the Rother Rural Trust. It was</p>	Clerk/AD

	<p>unanimously agreed by the Councillors that a donation of £200 would be given this year as well. The Clerk to organise for the next meeting.</p> <p>S-A H reported that Rother District Council had some Dog Fouling notices which the parish can have. S-A H had been informed that these had to be installed by an employee of Rother DC and could not be supplied direct for Playden to install. It was agreed that the Clerk would mark on a map where these should go in liaison with TL.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
8	<p>RALC representatives: The Rother Association of Local Councils (RALC) had requested names of two councillors to represent the parish council. DS had sent round details after the last meeting. It was agreed at the meeting that DS and the Clerk would be the two designated attendees. The Clerk to inform RALC.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
9	<p>Correspondence: Correspondence received by the Clerk.</p> <p>Rother DC requires a list of Parish Council meeting dates for 2018. The Council confirmed to the Clerk that these would continue to be the first Thursday in every month with a break in August if there is no urgent business. The Clerk to inform Rother DC of dates.</p> <p>Data Protection Update: The latest information recommends that the Data Protection Officer appointed by the Council should not be the Clerk. DS asked if any of the Councillors would like to undertake this role. DJ volunteered to do this.</p> <p>The new RALC and SALC subscriptions have been notified for 2018 so these can be used in the precept setting process.</p> <p>The Clerk has been notified that following the notice of Renown Travel to terminate their contract to run the 312, 313 & 342 bus services as from 24th December 17, East Sussex County Council have awarded a contract for these routes to Stagecoach following competitive tendering. There will be some changes to the timetable and to where the buses stop and start from due to low usage. The parishes of Beckley, Northiam and Peasmarsch have been contributing funding towards additional journeys and these are dependent upon this continuing.</p> <p>Precept Planning: The timetable for the Parish precept setting has been sent through today to the Clerk. The decision on the Parish precept needs to be communicated to Rother DC by 31 January 18. The Clerk to add this to the January 18 meeting agenda and to issue a list of costs to date and projected for the remaining year.</p> <p>The Clerk had been contacted by M.Herve Morisset, a professor who lives in France who offered the Council a copy of his book regarding the history of his childhood village – Freulleville in Normandy. The manorial lord of this village fought with William the Conqueror at the Battle of Hastings and was rewarded by the manor of Playden. After informing DS she responded to say we would very happy to receive a copy and this had been received today in the post. The Clerk showed the book to the Council and Public. The Clerk suggested that the Council buy and send a copy of one of AD's local books in return and thank M</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>

	Morisset for his kind gift.	
10	<p>Planning:</p> <p>Planning</p> <p>a) Applications RR/2017/2524/P Peace and Plenty, Rye Road, Playden. TN31 7HL Change of use of 3 B & B suites to one 1 bedroom cottage with associated parking and garden.</p> <p>The Councillors discussed the plans and decided unanimously to support the application. It was noted by AD that this added to the mix of housing sizes in the Parish. The Clerk to add support and comment to the Planning site.</p> <p>RR/2017/2097/P Rye and Winchelsea District Memorial Hospital, Peasmarsch Road, Rye Foreign, TN31 7UD. New care home with specialist care.</p> <p>The Councillors discussed the application and plans submitted and it was noted that there had been an earlier pre application presentation to the Parish Council. The Council unanimously decided to fully support the application. The Councillors considered that there was a strong proven need for this and supported the site proposed. They further welcomed the use of a non-profit making organisation and the emphasis on providing spaces for local residents and the pioneering plan to provide one integrated health care site which would benefit local communities for the foreseeable future. The Clerk to register support and give suitable comments following approval by DS.</p> <p>b) Outcomes RR/2017/1965/P. 2 Poppyfield Cottages, Houghton Green Lane, Playden, TN31 7PJ. Proposed first floor side extension with pitched roof over. Application approved.</p> <p>Updates on current applications in progress. The other applications are unchanged and are awaiting further information before being considered by the planning committee.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
16	<p>Accounts:</p> <p>a) Expenditure – to approve the following expenditure:</p> <p>Clerks wages and expenses for October and November 2017 – £261.25. Approved.</p> <p>b) Income.</p> <p>No income.</p>	
	<p>Parish Councillors Reports.</p> <p>AD about the Housing Survey TL informed the Council that the Housing Survey questionnaires had been printed and he was in the process of checking lists of households in the Parish to ensure the right properties are covered.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.44pm

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE W.I. HALL ON:
THURSDAY 4th January 2018**

Signed:

Chairman

Date:

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