

PARISH COUNCIL OF PLAYDEN, EAST SUSSEX

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1st February 2018 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).

Rother District Councillor: Not present

East Sussex County Councillor: Not present

Members of the Public: 3

	Item	Action
1.	To accept apologies for absence: Mr David Jenkins (DJ). Cllr Keith Glazier (K G) Cllr Sally-Ann Hart (S-A H)	
2	Declarations of interest on items on the agenda: None	
3	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting of 4 January 2017: The Clerk raised the concern of a member of the public who attended the last council meeting and who had since emailed to object to the comment within the public adjournment section of the minutes mentioning that some speakers were not resident in the parish. The councillors discussed this and decided that they had no objection to removal of this comment. The minutes were then amended and 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 decrease in the number of local crimes against property compared to the last report. The police had arrested one burglar. The Clerk reported that Mrs Ros Ham had become the new Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator for Playden and had provided forms which the Clerk had bought along so that residents could complete to get updates. PO reported that at a recent Scrutiny Committee they received a presentation from Sussex Police. PO reported that Chief Inspector Curry and Inspector Russell are very keen on community policing and neighbourhood watch and though we don't very often see any police in our parishes it doesn't mean that the police aren't interested in our parishes and what is going on. It was acknowledged that rural crime is on the increase, it was also acknowledged that all intelligence can assist the police with prevention and catching criminals, hence the interest in neighbourhood watch. The Clerk to contact the contact point PO had given	Clerk

5	<p>Visiting Councillors Reports. Rother District Cllr. Sally-Ann Hart though not present had sent through a report which had previously been sent to all councillors and had been handed out to the public attending at the start of the meeting. This is attached.</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>The ongoing poor state of the roads were raised and the Clerk provided an update on the inspection and repairs that East Sussex Highways Team had carried out since the last meeting. The larger potholes had been repaired. The homeowners that had let their hedges grow too far into the road in New England Lane had been asked to cut them back. The Highways team will re-inspect and take further action if required. The blocked drain in New England Lane had been inspected and needed jetting out but as the road was narrow at this point it would require a planned road closure which would take time. TL volunteered the use of his property to park vehicles whilst they do this. The Clerk was asked to pass this offer onto the Highways Team with TL's details.</p> <p>There were no further questions or comments from the public present.</p>	Clerk
7	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of 5 January 2018:</p> <p>The Clerk updated the Councillors on the information she had received from the parish clerk, Mary Philo, at Iden regarding the Dog fouling bins. To be emptied by the Rother District Council contractors this would need to be placed on the public highway and be accessible. The councillors discussed the most beneficial place to install this and decided near to the entrance to the road down to Playden Church would be the best site. The Clerk was asked to contact Clerk at Rye Foreign for their council's agreement to place a bin here as this land is within the Rye Foreign bounds. The Clerk to investigate the cost of a bin and installation.</p> <p>Planting specification. 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 Clerk/AD
12	<p>Correspondence: Correspondence received by the Clerk.</p> <p>The Clerk had received further correspondence from a member of the public which DS read out. The following points had been raised: If a member of the public could speak at the Public Adjournment if they were not a resident of the Parish and to confirm what the time restrictions were for speaking.</p> <p>The Standing Orders of the Council were consulted and there is a total maximum time given to the Public Adjournment of 15 minutes with each individual allowed a maximum of 3 minutes to speak. This can be altered at the discretion of the Chairman. It was confirmed that any member of the public could speak during this period and they did not have to be resident in the Parish. However it was felt that as the Parish Council is the representative of the residents in that Parish that this adjournment is primarily aimed at letting these residents air their views and concerns to their councillors.</p>	

	<p>The Council noted the comments on having these limits stated on the Agenda and this will be considered. The Clerk to add to next month's agenda and to reply to the correspondence.</p> <p>The Clerk had been asked by the Hands of Hope charity who operate in East Sussex and Kent to give a presentation at a future meeting. The councillors decided not to have a presentation and the Clerk was asked to reply on this and ask the charity to keep the council informed of their progress.</p> <p>The new WI hall booking contact had contacted the Clerk regarding the Council paying for the hall hire for the monthly council meetings. The feeling amongst the councillors was that as a PWLB loan had been taken out by the Council to pay a contribution towards the refurbishment and repair of the hall that the council had been entitled to free use. The Clerk to look in the Council records to see if payment has been made at any time in the past.</p> <p>The Clerk had been asked for confirmation of the date of the 2018 Parish Annual Meeting. It was confirmed that this would be the same date as the May council meeting (3rd May 2018).</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>
13	<p>Planning:</p> <p>Planning</p> <p>a) Applications</p> <p>There had been no applications.</p> <p>b) Outcomes</p> <p>None</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. Decision dates put back.</p>	
14	<p>Accounts:</p> <p>a) Expenditure – to approve the following expenditure:</p> <p>Clerks wages and expenses for January 2018 Yearly Office Allowance for 2017/8: £180.00 Wages £231.00 Cost of printing/copying £ 2.20 Book of stamps - £7.80 Cost of GDPA training course - £57.60</p> <p>Approved.</p> <p>b) Income.</p> <p>None.</p>	
	<p>Parish Councillors Reports.</p> <p>AD reported that he had looked at the property list for the Housing Survey that TL had provided and the forms were distributed to be delivered. The Clerk to collate the information when forms are returned.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.53pm

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE W.I. HALL ON:
THURSDAY 1st March 2018**

Signed:

Chairman

Date:

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