

PARISH COUNCIL OF PLAYDEN, EAST SUSSEX

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Minutes of the Council Meeting Held on 7th February 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

East Sussex County Councillor: County Cllr Keith Glazier (KG)

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

Members of the Public: 2

	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 3rd January 2019: The minutes were unanimously approved by the councillors and signed by the chairman.	
4	Neighbourhood Watch Report: There was no update this month. PO commented that the reports he received by email cover a large area – all of Rother and Hastings – and people generally are only interested in their immediate locality.	
5	Reports from visiting Councillors: District Councillor Sally-Ann Hart had prior to the meeting sent a report to the councillors and the clerk gave the members of the public present a copy. S-A H also mentioned that the £10m Rother DC had invested had resulted in a return of £600,000. The Council has outside financial advisers on their investment panel. PO mentioned that Council Scrutiny Committee had agreed the decision not to invest in large retail/shopping areas as rents are falling. Investment over the last ten years has been concentrated in the councils own property i.e. The building of industrial units on Council land bringing both rents and jobs into the local region. It was also noted that the existing Rye retail units were doing well so would be kept. County Councillor Keith Glazier reported that ESCC had set the Council Tax increase to 2.99%. The one off extra provided by the Government had reduced the County Council expected shortfall from £17m to £14m. KG commented that other County Councils such as Surrey had a very much greater predicted shortfall and cuts of £80m to be made as they had not yet gone through the	

	<p>efficiency and cost cutting exercises that ESCC have already undertaken.</p> <p>KG reported that Isla had visited Houghton Green Lane and there was no mud on the road at the time of her visit. She had noted pot holes near Poppyfield. KG asked that residents should continue to report any problems.</p>	
6	<p>Public adjournment: To suspend the meeting for any public statements. <i>Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meeting and raise any pertinent issues at this point.</i></p> <p>The digging out of the ditches along the roadsides were mentioned and an attendee mentioned that the run off from part of the ditch was incorrect. Another mentioned that he thought the ditching work down Houghton Green Lane has been done very well.</p> <p>It was agreed in discussion that as the earth from the ditches were left mounded up on the side of the narrow road cars would occasionally clip this and would spread earth onto the road.</p>	
7	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of 7th January 2019:</p> <p>The clerk reported that Highways had said that they knew that the stile was broken but had noted that there was an alternative way through a gate. They will revisit the site following the clerk's report.</p> <p>TL responded that though there is a gate next to the stile there was no way through back onto the footpath. The clerk will respond to the Highways unit with this information.</p>	Clerk
8.	<p>Setting of the May Council meeting date due to elections on 2nd May 2019.</p> <p>It was agreed to hold the meeting on May 16th. The clerk to book the WI Hall for that evening.</p>	Clerk
9	<p>Rother Public Realm Strategic Framework Consultation Document.</p> <p>The councillors decided that they required more time to look at this document (the link to which had been sent out by the clerk) and this should be added as an agenda item for the next meeting.</p>	Clerk
10	<p>Great British Spring Clean.</p> <p>S-A Hart informed that Councillors that this was an initiative supported by Rother DC. The Councillors agreed that Playden should take part and asked the Clerk to contact the Clerk of Rye Foreign to ask if they would like to have a joint cleaning day.</p> <p>DJ reported that walking opposite Rye Harbour wharf he had noticed plastic and litter that had been blown over the river from the site. KG said that he was going to meet the owner next month and he would mention this.</p>	Clerk
11	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>The Clerk had received the renewal documentation for the hire of the WI Hall in the coming year. It was agreed that this should be continued and the Clerk to sign and return to the WI.</p> <p>The Clerk had been sent the Folkstone and Hythe draft local plan for information. This included the proposed large new housing area near Sellinge on the old race course. S-A Hart expressed an interest in seeing this and the hard copy was passed to her.</p>	Clerk

12	<p>Planning:</p> <p>Applications None</p> <p>Outcomes and Updates:</p> <p>RR/2016/3026/P: 115 Military Road, Playden, TN31 7NY Outline: New covered structure to provide 3 new tennis courts. Undecided – decision due by 15/10/18 – Still outstanding information.</p> <p>RR/2018/1622/P: Brookgate, Folkstone Road, Playden/East Guldeford TN31 7PB Demolition of existing dwelling. Erection of replacement dwelling. Undecided – decision due by 28/2/19.</p>	
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12	<p>Accounts – to approve the following expenditure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clerk’s wages – carried forward to next month. • Rother Rural Trust – Donation of £200 as agreed at the last meeting <p>Income.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
12	<p>Councillors reports.</p> <p>TL reported that he had had a ‘cold caller’ who had approached him regarding the sale of garden furniture. TL thought that Playden had decided to be a ‘No Cold Calling area. The Clerk to investigate if this is the case.</p>	Clerk

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25 pm

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE W.I. HALL ON:
THURSDAY 7th March 2019 at 7.30pm**

Signed:

Chairman

Date: