

PARISH COUNCIL OF PLAYDEN, EAST SUSSEX

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Minutes of the Council Meeting Held on 6th June 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Councillors: Mr P. Osborne (PO) Chairman, Mr T Lenihan (TL), Mr A. Dickinson (AD),
East Sussex County Councillor: Not present

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

Members of the Public: 3

	Item	Action
1	To accept apologies for absence: Cllr Keith Glazier (ESCC)	
2	Declarations of interest on items on the agenda: None	
3	Election of Chairman and signature of Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Paul Osborne was proposed as Chairman by TL and this was seconded by AD. The proposal was agreed and the Declaration of Office signed by PO and Clerk.	
4	Election of Vice Chairman. AD proposed that TL should be Vice Chairman and this was by seconded by PO and agreed.	
5	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 16th May 2019: The minutes were unanimously approved and signed.	
6	Neighbourhood Watch Report: There was no update this month. It was noted that there had been recent road accidents where speeding motorists had left the road.	
7	Reports from visiting Councillors: East Sussex County: No report this month. Rother District Cllr Sally-Ann Hart. S-A H had previously circulated a report to the Parish Councillors and copies were given to the public present. These will be attached to the minutes.	

8	<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>A member of the public had noticed the advertising boards on the edge of the highway and had noted in the last minutes that these had already been reported and recently removed.</p>	
9	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of 16th May 2019:</p> <p>There were no outstanding actions from the minutes.</p> <p>Since the last council meeting it had been decided by the council that discussion regarding the drafting of a Playden Neighbourhood Plan would be deferred until after the housing review has been undertaken by Rother DC. The Clerk had contacted the member of the public who had raised this.</p>	
10	<p>Co-option of additional councillor and signing of Declaration of Acceptance of Office.</p> <p>It was proposed by AD that David Stone should be co-opted onto the council. This was seconded by TL. The co-option was agreed by all those present. David signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.</p>	
11	<p>Annual Return and Audit.</p> <p>Approval of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Certificate of Exemption. <p>This had been circulated to the councillors before the meeting and was agreed unanimously and signed by the Clerk and PO.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Standing Orders c) Financial Regulations d) Risk Assessment e) Review list of fixed assets <p>All the above had been circulated to the councillors before the meeting and were unanimously agreed at the meeting.</p> <p>The Internal Audit report had also been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> f) Review audit (annual return for year ended 31 March 2019) for approval: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Annual Governance Statement 2018/19 (Section 1 of annual return). <p>This was proposed by PO and seconded by TL. The Annual Governance Statement was unanimously agreed by the Councillors and then signed by The Clerk and PO.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii) Accounting Statements 2018/19 (Section 2 of annual return). <p>This was proposed by PO and seconded by TL. The Accounting Statement was unanimously agreed by the Councillors and then signed by The Clerk and PO.</p>	
12	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>The Clerk reported that she had received a copy of a letter sent to a Playden resident following their complaint regarding overgrown footpaths in the parish. This had been passed onto the relevant departments to be dealt with. It had been noted by TL that the foliage along one has now been cut back.</p> <p>The Clerk mentioned that she had met Julie Ramus, the clerk of Rye Foreign</p>	

	<p>parish council, and Julie had mentioned that a Willow Tree on the highway verge near Playden Forge did not look healthy. Both clerks had a look and noted that the leaves were yellowing and sparse.</p> <p>AD mentioned that he believed that the owners of Playden Forge obtained a planting licence to plant the trees on the verge and it may be useful to obtain the terms of the licence as these may contain a continuing maintenance clause. The Clerk to pass on this information to Julie Ramus.</p> <p>The clerks also discussed the speed of the cars travelling along this section of road and discussed the positioning of the speed alerting signs. This will become more important with the increasing development of the Hospital site which will result in both more traffic turning and more pedestrians needing to cross the road to the bus stop etc.</p> <p>This was discussed. PO and S-A H will raise this at the scrutiny committee.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>PO & S-A H</p>
13	<p>Planning.</p> <p>Applications.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RR/2019/1007/P. 1 Landseer Cottages, Iden Road, Playden TN31 7PP. Removal of condition 1 (agricultural occupancy condition) imposed on planning permission A/53/465A. <p>It was decided that the council would not support the removal of this condition as this would reduce the availability of affordable housing in the rural community</p> <p>Outcomes</p> <p>None</p> <p>Updates on current applications in progress</p> <p>RR/2016/3026/P: 115 Military Road, Playden, TN31 7NY Outline: New covered structure to provide 3 new tennis courts. Undecided – decision stated as due by 15/10/18 –</p> <p>RR/2018/1622/P: Brookgate, Folkstone Road, Playden/East Guldeford TN31 7PB Demolition of existing dwelling. Erection of replacement dwelling. Undecided – decision stated as due by 28/2/19.</p> <p>Appeals</p> <p>APP/U1430/W/18/3210776: Land at Shellfield, New England Lane TN31 7NT (Original Planning ref: RR/2017/1450/P) Outline: Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of up to 24 new houses and associated external works. Additional written comments had been submitted as agreed by the councillors. Outcome awaited. Expected approximately August.</p> <p>TL informed the council that the Inspector had visited the site and had come into his garden to see the site from there.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
14	<p>Accounts</p> <p>a) Expenditure – to approve the following expenditure:</p> <p>i) Parish Council insurance (RSA). The clerk reported that the broker has negotiated a new specialist policy for parish councils which gave enhanced benefits for less annual premium. The</p>	

	<p>clerk had also received an offer via the broker that if the council committed to a three year term the cost would be lower at £127.68 and would be fixed for this term. The council agreed to take up this offer.</p> <p>ii) Yearly subscription to LRC magazine - £17.00</p> <p>iii) Clerks wages – carried forward.</p> <p>All approved.</p> <p>b) Income. .None</p>	
13	<p>Councillors reports.</p> <p>No additional reports.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE W.I. HALL ON:
THURSDAY 4th July 2019**

Signed:

Chairman

Date: