

PARISH COUNCIL OF PLAYDEN, EAST SUSSEX

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Minutes of the Council Meeting Held on 5th September 2019 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

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

East Sussex County Councillor: 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 4th July 2019: The minutes were unanimously approved and signed.	
4	Neighbourhood Watch Report: Copies provided were handed out to those present.	
5	<p>Reports from visiting Councillors:</p> <p>East Sussex County Council Cllr Keith Glazier:</p> <p>KG had had a meeting with Katy Bourne (Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner) regarding policing in the area. He has had a bad experience with reporting a missing trailer on the 101 police number - had to wait 35 minutes to get through. The trailer was later found and retrieved from a site but no prosecution was made. KG and S-A Hart are to meet senior police officers.</p> <p>Local Government settlements for councils have been issued. The County Council can levy an extra 2% to go towards social care. ESCC a is able to raise council tax by up to 3.99%. The settlement is better than expected with additional one off monies being confirmed. The special needs provision is being reviewed.</p> <p>Rother District Cllr Sally-Ann Hart.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>TL asked if a further dog fouling notice could be put up at the end of Saltcote Lane as the footpath there continues to have problems. TL reported that some dog walkers are correctly collecting dog excrement in plastic bags but then are depositing the bags at the side of the footpath.</p>	

6	<p>Public adjournment: To suspend the meeting for any public statements. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meeting and raise any pertinent issues at this point.</p> <p>One member of public reported that there were still potholes which were getting worse. KG responded that the roads were regularly checked by highways officers and last time these were checked they had not met the criteria for mending. KG will contact James Kelly to pass on the concerns. The same person highlighted that delivery lorries were having problems finding Poppyfields due to the sign posting not being prominent enough. Another person mentioned that she had been told by the Rye Medical Centre that she will not be able to collect her prescriptions from the surgery dispensary (which is only a short walk away) in future (after 15th October) but would need to use a chemist in Rye as she lives too close to the surgery. Boots now charge £5 for delivery. KG said that he had not heard of this, nor had the councillors.</p>	
7	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of 4th July 2019: KG confirmed that the Houghton Green triangle of grass is the responsibility of the parish council.</p>	
8	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>RALC are having a speeding workshop on 26th September at Battle 2 to 4pm. The Clerk can't attend due to another commitment. There will be an opportunity to give feedback separately.</p> <p>RALC have arranged a free training session on November 6th at Battle on the updated Parish Online Mapping application which the Clerk will attend.</p> <p>The Clerk has been invited to a Policing Focus Group Forum in Rye on 21st October which she will attend.</p> <p>Further letters had been sent to residents regarding the intention to bring in Civil Parking Enforcement in the Rother area following the earlier consultation. This is to be discussed at the next Rye Town Council meeting.</p> <p>The Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator had informed the Clerk that the 'Dogs on Leads' sign had disappeared in the churchyard and that the gate from the churchyard footpath into the Butt Field was not sound. The Clerk had reported this to the Butt Field trustees.</p> <p>Folkestone and Hythe District Council had written to inform the Parish Council that they propose to allocate a site on Lydd Road, New Romney for the use of Travellers and invited any comments regarding this.</p> <p>The Clerk had received an email from a Rye resident (copies of which were passed to the Councillors) in which he urged Playden Parish Council to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan. TL suggested that any further discussion should take place when the correspondent was able to attend. The other Councillors agreed. The Clerk to respond.</p> <p>It had been noted that Deadman's Lane had a road closure sign at the Rye Hill end of the road. The dates of closure were very indistinct. KG said that he was not aware of this and would ask the Highways</p>	Clerk.

	<p>department to look into this.</p> <p>TL also raised the development of the site down Deadman's Lane and queried if the developer had been required to have an archaeological investigation carried out. There had been a digger there for some time moving earth round the site. S-A H queried the planning application number.</p>	
9	<p>Planning Applications.</p> <p>RR/2019/1665/P Environment Agency, Rye Scots Float Depot, Military Road, Playden TN31 7PH Demolition of existing welfare building (10m x 4m) and installation of new site cabin offices (27m x 4m.) The councillors had agreed by email since the last parish council meeting that they had no objection to this application.</p> <p>Outcomes</p> <p>RR/2016/3026/P: 115 Military Road, Playden, TN31 7NY Outline: New covered structure to provide 3 new tennis courts. Decided – Outline Approval granted</p> <p>Updates on current applications in progress None</p>	
10	<p>Accounts</p> <p>a) Expenditure – to approve the following expenditure: i) PWLB Loan £86.33 taken by DD from bank account half yearly. ii) RALC Membership (£25.00) and Online Mapping service including a free training session (£45.00). Total £70.00. iii) Clerks wages and expenses. Carried forward.</p> <p>The Clerk has been notified by Rother DC that the parish council will soon be invoiced for their share in the electoral costs. As the parish council had an uncontested election this should be in the region of £120.</p> <p>b) Income. .None</p>	
11	<p>Councillors reports.</p> <p>The Playden Forge hedge is still overgrown and is obstructing the public footpath along the road. KG to forward a sample letter wording to the Clerk who will then write to the owner/occupier of the house requesting them to cut back their hedge.</p> <p>DS notified the Clerk and Councillors that he will not be able to attend the next council meeting as he will be away.</p> <p>TL reported that there had been a car parked at the end of New England Lane at Rye Hill with notices advertising its sale.</p>	KG/Clerk

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE W.I. HALL ON:
THURSDAY 3rd October 2019**

Signed:

Chairman

Date: