

# PARISH COUNCIL OF PLAYDEN, EAST SUSSEX

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## Minutes of the Council Meeting Held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020 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

**Rother District Councillor:** Not present

**Members of the Public:** 0

	Item	Action
1	<b>To accept apologies for absence:</b> Sally-Ann Hart (S-A H) (Rother District Council). Now Member of Parliament for Hastings and Rye.	
2	<b>Declarations of interest on items on the agenda:</b> None	
3	<b>To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019:</b> The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the Chairman.	
4	<b>Neighbourhood Watch Report:</b> No additional information to report this month.	
5	<b>Reports from visiting Councillors:</b>  <b>East Sussex County Council Cllr Keith Glazier:</b> KG reported that the ESCC highways team continue to monitor the potholes on the local roads. ESCC received confirmation on 28 <sup>th</sup> January of the settlement amount from central Government. As reported previously ESCC will be increasing the Council Tax by the maximum 3.99% (including the maximum additional rise for additional social care funding). This equates to an additional £57 on band D. ESCC have been asked to assist West Sussex County Council (WSSC) in sorting out their Council following critical reports of their administration and governance. The clear systems used by ESCC are not being brought in by WSSC. KG also commented on Rye Town Council's recent request to continue the one hour free parking currently available in Rye town centre. The monitoring of this would be not be financially viable.	

	<p><b>Rother District Council (RDC):</b>  S-A Hart was not present to provide an update.  PO reported that there is currently consultation on RDC's budget proposals. It is proposed that RDC will increase their element of the Council tax by 1.99%. this equates to an extra £5 on a band D house.  RDC had held their initial Climate Emergency Meeting and wish to become carbon neutral by 2030. There will a consultation period starting in February. It is proposed to fund a specialist consultant to achieve the target. Approximate cost £100,000.</p>	
6	<p><b>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.</b></p> <p>There were no public present.</p>	
7	<p><b>Matters arising from the minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019:</b>  None.</p>	
8	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p>A member of the public who had attended the November council meeting had emailed the Clerk questioning the wording in the November 2019 minutes regarding the Neighbourhood Plan discussions. He considered that the wording "if a housing allocation or Development Framework were proposed for Playden in the future" did not specifically mention "if the Rye Development (Settlement) Boundary be extended to include Playden". The Councillors considered that the minutes were correct as the wording used covered the formation of a Development Framework by any means (new area or extension of any neighbouring parish). For clarification this does include the Rye (Settlement) Development Boundary being extended to include Playden.</p> <p>It was proposed by PO that the minutes were kept the same and this was seconded by TL. This was unanimously agreed by the other councillors.</p>	
9	<p><b>Parish Precept for 2020-21.</b> To set the parish precept.</p> <p>After discussion the Councillors decided to keep the precept at the same level as previous years.  This was proposed by PO, seconded by TL and agreed unanimously by the other Councillors.  The Parish Council anticipate additional expenditure this year in relation to the following:  The erection of a sign showing the footpaths in both Playden and Rye Foreign parishes.  The tidying and enhancement of Houghton Green (which is the responsibility of Playden Parish Council as it is a registered common) situated at the junction of Houghton Green Lane and Houghton Lane near Playden School.  Contributing to the cost of speed warning signs at the A268 approaching the Rye Hospital site once further analysis has been undertaken by East Sussex Highways Department.</p>	

10	<p><b>Local Road Closures.</b></p> <p>Southern Gas Networks have applied for, and been granted, a Permit to close Military Road for gas main replacement works between 2nd March and 3rd April 2020. Phase 1 is planned from 2nd to 20th March, however is expected to be completed by 15th March if SGN do not experience any difficulties. SGN are proposing to use Houghton Green Lane for part of the diversion route during the phase 1 closure, but for Phase 2 the suggested diversion goes via the A259.</p> <p>This was discussed by the Councillors and their concerns regarding the use of the suggested diversion (phase 1 - Houghton Green Lane) by Environment Agency vehicles, tractors and other HGV's given to KG. KG reported that there are approximately 15,000 scheduled road closures for work every year in the ESCC area and advanced warning signs will be put up nearer the time of the work.</p>	
11	<p><b>Planning.</b></p> <p><b>Applications.</b> None</p> <p><b>Outcomes</b> None</p> <p><b>Updates on current applications in progress</b> None</p>	
12	<p><b>Accounts</b></p> <p>a) Expenditure – to approve the following expenditure: i) Clerks wages and expenses. Carried forward.</p> <p>b) Income. None.</p>	
13	<p><b>Councillors reports.</b></p> <p>PO reported that he will not be able to attend the next council meeting. TL to chair.</p> <p>TL suggested that the Council should advertise the proposed work and expenditure which the Parish Council are planning this year. The Clerk to arrange for something to be included in the 'Village Voice' of the Hastings and Rye Observer newspaper.</p> <p>After the meeting PO returned one and borrowed another Tenement Analysis volume to look at.</p>	Clerk

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE W.I. HALL ON:  
THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

Signed:

Chairman

Date: