

PARISH COUNCIL OF PLAYDEN, EAST SUSSEX

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Minutes of the Council Meeting Held on 6th February 2020 at 7.30 p.m.

Present:

Councillors: Mr T Lenihan (TL) Vice Chairman and acting Chairman for this meeting, Mr A. Dickinson (AD), Mr D Stone (DS).

East Sussex County Councillor: Cllr Keith Glazier

Rother District Councillor: Not present

Members of the Public: 1

	Item	Action
1	To accept apologies for absence: Mr P. Osborne (PO) Chairman. Sally-Ann Hart (S-A H) (Rother District Council). Now Member of Parliament for Hastings and Rye.	
2	Declarations of interest on items on the agenda: None	
3	To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 9th January 2020: The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by the acting Chairman.	
4	Neighbourhood Watch Report: A report had been sent out to the Councillors prior to the meeting and a copy given to those present.	
5	Reports from visiting Councillors: East Sussex County Council Cllr Keith Glazier: KG reported that the ESCC highways team continue to monitor the potholes on the local roads. He is aware that trees and branches have come down in recent high winds and will ask the local inspector to look at these. KG mentioned the new Government's first Budget is due on Tuesday 11 th March 2020. The Minister for Local Government appears to favour the creation of more Unitary Authorities with Mayors. Rother District Council (RDC): no report this month.	
6	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>The Clerk of Rye Foreign Parish Council, Julie Ramus (JR), was present and a discussion followed on the proposed Playden and Rye Foreign Parish footpath map board. Julie voiced concerns on the commissioning and erection of a board at this time as the foot path from opposite the Hare and Hounds to Springfield is not useable due to the bridge being damaged and closed. There is an alternative footpath through Lea Farm. It was agreed that the Clerk should start the process and contact ESCC regarding the provision of a map for the footpath board.</p>	Clerk
7	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of 5th November 2019 not covered elsewhere:</p> <p>The refurbishment of the vegetation on Houghton Green was discussed. There are several trees (self sown) which are now quite large. This includes at least one Ash tree which is likely to have been affected by Ash Die Back which is widespread in the area. AD mentioned that he will be arranging a visit by a tree specialist to look at the trees in Playden Parish Churchyard with a view to removal or pruning. It was proposed and agreed by the other Councillors that AD should arrange for the specialist to look at the trees on Houghton Green at the same time.</p> <p>The Clerk to contact Sussex Wildlife Trust to see what advice is available.</p>	AD Clerk
8	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>The Clerk had been informed that a resident in the Houghton Green area had reported to ESCC highways the deteriorating state of Houghton Lane as it dips and turns the corner towards Houghton Green. After rain the water flows across the surface of the road and the culvert cover is now broken and is dangerous (the School bus uses this route). The surface water is also causing a rough and potholed surface.</p> <p>Julie Ramus had sent on an email from ESCC saying that they would erect a warning sign at no cost to Rye Parish Council stating ‘frail or disabled pedestrians’</p> <p>Keep Britain Tidy – Date of this year Great British Spring Clean is 20th March to 13th April 2020. Julie Ramus to check with her parish Councillors that they wish to Join Playden PC again this year to take part.</p> <p>Rother Rural Trust had written to advertise their grants available to help rural based organisations or individuals in need (maximum grants £600)</p> <p>The Environment agency had sent through a map showing maintenance work being carried out in the Parish.</p>	
9	<p>Planning.</p> <p>Applications.</p> <p>RR/2019/2691/L: Monkbeggar, Iden Road, Playden. TN31 7PN. Internal alterations to the layout of the first and second floors Support approval.</p> <p>RR/2020/69/P: Tilmans, Houghton Green Lane, Playden TN31 7PJ Proposed single storey rear extension. Loft conversion with rear</p>	

	<p>dormer, roof windows and side window. Alterations including new roof over existing garden room and addition of entrance canopy over re-positioned front door.</p> <p>Support approval subject to neighbours amenity.</p> <p>Outcomes None</p> <p>Updates on current applications in progress None</p>	
10	<p>Accounts</p> <p>a) Expenditure – to approve the following expenditure: i) Clerks wages and expenses. Carried forward. ii) Hire of WI Hall for Parish Council Meetings in 2020: £100</p> <p>b) Income. None.</p>	
11	<p>Councillors reports.</p> <p>AD reported that the vicar of Playden Church, Teresa Munro, had retired at the end of December 2019 and the church was in an interregnum period. Services were going ahead as usual with a panel of vicars.</p>	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE W.I. HALL ON:
THURSDAY 5th March 2020**

Signed:

Chairman

Date: