

PARISH COUNCIL OF PLAYDEN, EAST SUSSEX

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Minutes of the Council Meeting Held on 5th March 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: 2

	Item	Action
1	To accept apologies for absence: 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 6th February 2020: The minutes were unanimously approved and signed by PO.	
4	Neighbourhood Watch Report: A report had been sent out to the Councillors prior to the meeting and a copy given to those present. TL mentioned that there had been unknown people knocking on doors.	
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. It has been the wettest winter for 20 years and the wettest February on record and this has affected the roads. 11,000 potholes have been repaired –twice the normal average. The majority have been repaired within 28 days of being reported. KG mentioned the new Government’s first Budget is due on Tuesday 11 th March 2020 and the County Council await announcements regarding funding. PO reported two new potholes. The condition of Deadmans Lane going into Rye was raised as it is in very bad condition with existing potholes deteriorating further. There are also planned road closures of Houghton Green Lane between 9.30am and 3pm scheduled in May/June due to work by Openreach.	

	<p>Rother District Council (RDC): PO reported that there had been two consultations, one to reconsider proposals for Bexhill Town Council and the other the environment climate emergency. RDC are aiming to be carbon neutral by 2030.</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>It was reported that with the very wet weather there had been some drainage problems on some of the roads and run off into the neighbouring fields.</p>	
7	<p>Matters arising from the minutes of 5th February 2019 not covered elsewhere:</p> <p>The Clerk gave an update on the following:</p> <p>Speed Signs: David Dengate (Chairman of Rye Foreign Parish Council) has emailed Ian Johnson at ESCC to chase feasibility survey for speed sign options, costs etc. Pat Hughes (Rye Town Council) has suggested that the Rye Town Steward could be used to move and set up signs as he is trained to do this.</p> <p>Footpath Sign Board. David Dengate reported that ESCC are talking to the landowner regarding blocked footpath Rye Foreign 13. The bridge that needs to be replaced is over 20ft long as goes diagonally across 2 streams. There is an alternative footpath Rye Foreign 11. A sign has been put up to redirect people. The Clerk requested a copy of the map showing the Playden and Rye Foreign footpaths from ESCC and has received a reply to say they could not pass this onto her as this uses Ordnance Survey base mapping and due to licensing constraints they can't provide this for public display. The Clerk to investigate alternatives.</p> <p>Great British Spring Clean. It was agreed that the joint spring clean with Rye Foreign would take place on 4th April 2020.</p> <p>Houghton Green AD to speak to the tree specialist to be appointed to assess the trees in Playden Parish Churchyard.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>AD</p>
8	<p>Date of May Parish Council Meeting.</p> <p>The WI Hall has been booked on the 7th May for local elections. The clerk has provisionally booked the 14th instead. The Council agreed the revised date of the 14th May.</p>	
9	<p>SGN Roadworks and closure of Rye Hill.</p> <p>PO summarised the earlier informal meeting held between representatives of Playden, Rye, Iden and Peasmarsch. The Clerk had sent out a summary</p>	

	after this meeting (attached for record). Following further communications with ESCC highways and SGN these have been rescheduled to the two weeks over Easter excluding the bank holiday weekend. Concerns were discussed regarding this. The Clerk to email again regarding details including hours of work and why work is not happening over the Easter bank holiday as the road will not be reopened whilst no works take place..	Clerk.
10	Correspondence: No additional correspondence.	
9	Planning. Applications. None Outcomes None Updates on current applications in progress None	
10	Accounts a) Expenditure – to approve the following expenditure: i) Clerks wages and expenses for the year 2019/20. The clerk had issued an account for the year to the Councillors. Wages: £1,850.75 Expenses: £279.70 ii) PWLB half yearly payment: £86.33 paid by Direct Debit on 26 th March 2020. Loan outstanding £246.93. b) Income. None.	
11	Councillors reports. Suggested that it would be interesting for the councillors to tour the new Hub.	

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.25pm

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE W.I. HALL ON:
THURSDAY 2nd April 2020.**

**(Subsequently cancelled to comply with the Government's guidance due to the
Coronavirus pandemic)**

Signed: Chairman

Date: