

PARISH COUNCIL OF PLAYDEN, EAST SUSSEX

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Minutes of the Council Meeting held remotely by Zoom and telephone on 5th November 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	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 1st October 2020: The minutes were unanimously approved and will be signed later by PO.	
4	Neighbourhood Watch Report The Neighbourhood Watch coordinator for Playden has moved. Rural crime continues with the theft of quadbikes, equipment etc.	
5	Reports from visiting Councillors: East Sussex County Council: Cllr Keith Glazier: ESCC meetings continue to be carried out remotely (at least to May 2021) and attendance had increased. Following the announcement of the 2 nd National Lockdown which will be in place until 2 nd December KG confirmed that waste recycling sites would continue to be open and libraries would be offering a click and collect service. All ESCC residents in the ‘shielding’ category would be receiving a letter from central government to confirm this. The demand for assistance from this group is considered to be at a much lower level. Most have already set up food deliveries direct with supermarkets or have organised local assistance. The main need is the delivery of medicines. There are helplines set up to assist anyone needing this. In East Sussex no one is sent from hospital into a care/nursing home without having a negative test for Covid19. A special unit has been set up.	

	<p>Though East Sussex and Rother district are currently seeing a low incidence of Covid19 infections the national lockdown aims to keep these levels low and prevent the NHS being overwhelmed as the normal winter pressures increase. Huw Merriman (MP) voted against the lockdown in Sussex as this would damage the economy and requested more help for those businesses affected.</p> <p>KG had been facilitating the delayed issuing of visitor car parking permits under the new Rye Parking regime.</p> <p>KG left the meeting after his report.</p> <p>PO reported that Rother District Council continues to work remotely though staff can come into offices if they wish. Virtual committee meetings continue and have now been extended for 6 months. Discussions are happening regarding the council budgets, there is a 3 to 4 million shortfall in finances due to the Covid pandemic and loss of income through closures..</p> <p>AD asked if there was going to be central government help with this. PO responded that will money towards housing rough sleepers and other grants but it will be difficult balancing the finances.</p> <p>TL asked about the commercial properties that Rother DC had invested into in recent years. PO confirmed that the District Council had not invested in shops and the properties bring in a good income.</p>	
6	<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>No members of the public had joined the Zoom meeting.</p>	
7	<p>Matters arising from last minutes not covered elsewhere.</p> <p>Peasmarsh PC are currently awaiting feedback from Catsfield Parish Council on the Black Cat speed monitor.</p> <p>The Clerk has been notified by ESCC Highways that they will contact the owner of Playden Forge regarding the overgrown hedge blocking the public footpath following their inspection of the site. The Clerk to chase if path continues to be overgrown.</p> <p>The Clerk has been sent useful information from the Sussex Wildlife Trust regarding guidance on managing the Houghton Green triangle for natural biodiversity. The clerk to read and report back to councillors. DS highlighted that the Parish Council had received a donation towards tree planting and this is a good opportunity to use this.</p> <p>AD had contacted one contractor regarding grass cutting on the site to prepare for future management but he was concerned about the steepness of the site. AD to contact another contractor to discuss work required and get a quote.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>AD</p>

	<p>Rother DC Local Plan. Following the last council meeting the councillors had agreed the response to the parish questionnaire sent out by Rother DC and the Clerk had returned the completed form.</p> <p>The pot hole on Rye Road has been repaired near the entrance to DS's drive.</p>	
8	<p>Correspondence: The Clerk had been in correspondence with Barry Nealon regarding a tour of the new hub building. It was agreed that 4pm would be a convenient time for the councillors to visit.</p>	
9	<p>Additional grass verge cuts. The councillors agreed to pay Rother DC for an additional four verge cuts a year. This will be billed for in Spring next year. The Clerk to confirm to Rother DC.</p>	Clerk
14	<p>Planning.</p> <p>Applications. RR/2020/1741/L : Monkbeggar, Iden Road, Playden, TN31 7PN. Internal alterations to first and second floors. The council has no objection to the changes.</p> <p>RR/2020/1572/P PLAYDEN / EAST GULDEFORD DEL River Rother - Land at, (relating to project known as Folkestone to Cliff End Schemes - Rother Tidal Walls East), Rye/Playden/East Guldeford/Camber/Icklesham Improvement of the existing linear flood embankments and construction of a realigned section of embankment at Camberfield for the creation of new inter-tidal habitat. The Council has no objection to the planned works.</p> <p>Appeals: W/4001557 Shellfield : Planning In Principle for 9 houses.</p> <p>This has been logged as an appeal by Rother DC but has not appeared on The Planning Inspectorate website for comment. The Council will comment when this is possible.</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>RR/2020/1276/P Peace & Plenty, Rye Road, Playden TN31 7UL Subdivision of existing dwelling to form a one bedroom cottage with associated parking and garden (alternative to planning permission RR/2018/2283/P.) Conditional Approval.</p>	

	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>RR/2020/1054/P</p> <p>Hérons, New England Lane, Playden TN31 7NT</p> <p>Construction of new timber garden workshop / office with outside patio area.</p> <p>Undecided</p>	
	<p>Accounts</p> <p>a) Expenditure – The following expenditure was approved: Clerks wages and expenses – carried forward.</p> <p>b) Income. None.</p>	
10	<p>Parish Councillors reports.</p> <p>TL suggested the Clerk should draft a breakdown of what the parish council do with the precept received so this can be put on the notice board and website. This was agreed by all councillors.</p>	Clerk

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING 3rd December 2020.
(Expected to be by remote means in accordance with and dependant on the latest Government guidance on the continuing Coronavirus pandemic.)

Signed:

Chairman

Date: