

PLAYDEN PARISH COUNCIL

**THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD THURSDAY 30th JANUARY 2014 AT 7.30 P.M.
IN PLAYDEN W. I. HALL**

DRAFT MINUTES

1) APOLOGIES:

Dist Cllr Osborne (PO), Cty Cllr Glazier (KG), PCSO Bevan (DB)

2) ATTENDEES:

Dist Cllr Ramus (NR), Cllrs Lovell (IML), Stone (DGS), Lenihan (TL), Blackham (AB),
Mr Maxfield (CM) & Mrs Ramus (JR)

3) PCSO REPORT:

There was no report from the Police although NR apprised us of the new “Speedwatch” initiative now in place and to warn members of the public to be aware of the many scams currently being operated.

4) PUBLIC SESSION:

CM reported a blocked drain in close proximity to the W I Hall, Clerk to report to RDC and if necessary to ESCC, plus the similar problem with New England Lane and Houghton Lane. IML reminded us that KG had undertaken to try and ascertain the ownership of land at the top of New England Lane.

Clerk to action

5) NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:

TL still not received contact from PCSO, so no further progress.

6) VISITING COUNCILLORS' REPORTS:

NR had attended recent committee meeting at RDC and it was resolved, in view of the financial situation, to reduce & re-structure committees and there would be further reductions in services as there has to be considerable further savings.

7) MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 5th DECEMBER 2013

Proposed by IML and seconded by TL it was resolved they be adopted.

8) CORRESPONDENCE:

Clerk reported on a letter from ESCC regarding “fracking”, which had been previously distributed to Councillors.

9) PLANNING

(a) RR/2013/2620/P & 2013/2621/L – Wren’s Cottage, New England Lane. It was resolved there be no objection to the proposal although better provision for parking be exercised, which on occasions causes problems for other road users.

10) ACCOUNTS:

- (a) Pay Clerk’s salary and expenses, including signing post-dated cheque for February as there will not be a meeting.
- (b) Consideration of the Budget was performed and being proposed by DGS and seconded by TL it was resolved that the precept for 2014/5 be set at £5,000:00

11) PARISH AFFAIRS:

- a. Welcome Pack for new residents – Carried forward
- b. Web site; AB gave a short presentation and it was asked that he and TL continue to progress the obtaining of quotations

- c. Butt Field tree – DGS updated us and advised that the bulk of the tree has been removed.
- d. Emergency Plan & Defibrillator – subsequent to a meeting he had recently attended, DGS suggested we might, in liaison with Rye Foreign PC, approach Rye Hospital regarding the locating of a device.

12) PARISH COUNCILLORS ' REPORTS:

- TL advised he and the Clerk for Rye Foreign have been keeping some foot paths clear in the absence of any action by ESCC & RDC.
- AB suggested a meeting of Clerk & Councillor's to clarify obligations. Clerk to supply Councillor's Handbook and details of Clerk's duties.
- Although IML's resignation is now effective she suggested she might, as a member of the public, be permitted to attend some future meetings, this was wholeheartedly and unanimously supported.
- DGS referred to an e-mail from Shepway Council regarding a call for sites and it was agreed that Playden had nothing to communicate.

13) ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS: To consider such other items as the Chairman decides are urgent and due notice of which has been given to the Clerk on the day of the meeting."

**THERE WILL NOT BE A MEETING IN FEBRUARY,
BUT NORMAL MEETING DATES WILL RESUME IN AS FROM
6th MARCH 2014 AT 19-30 Hrs. IN THE W.I. HALL**