

PLAYDEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

HELD 3rd JULY 2014 AT 19:30 AT THE PLAYDEN W.I. HALL

DRAFT MINUTES

1. APOLOGIES:

Dist Cllr Ramus (NR) and PCSO D Bevan (DB)

2. ATTENDEES:

Cty Cllr Glazier (KG) Dist & Parish Cllr Osborne (PO), Cllrs. Stone (DGS), Lenihan (TL) and Blackham (AB).

Messrs Baker (GB) & Maxfield (CM).

3. PCSO REPORT:

None had been received, Clerk to contact DB; although PO understood there had been a burglary in Military Road.

Action Clerk

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were none.

5. PUBLIC SESSION:

There were no new items.

6. NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH:

TL advised he had contacted Mrs Dearden to invite her to attend this evening, which was not possible; although she reported she planned to personally visit every residence in the Parish. AB suggested Mrs Dearden would find that an easier task if she enlisted some helpers. With the current spate of thefts, it was agreed that further efforts should be made to ensure all in the parish were aware of the benefits of supporting the initiative. The Clerk is to forward details of senior contacts in the NHW scheme. Mrs Dearden's contact details are on the parish website.

Action Clerk

7. VISITING COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:

KG - reported that pothole in Houghton Green Lane had been successfully repaired, but was as yet unable to provide a date for the steps, Clerk to contact Jon Copp at ESCC.

Action Clerk

In addition a reduction in bus route subsidies is under review, due to the very high cost.

NR – No report

PO – He reported that the waste contract was well under way. There is an initiative under discussion at all levels at RDC regarding something called a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) whose principal is to raise revenue from builders and developers, possibly at the rate of £120 per square metre on all new buildings and extensions of more than 100m², but it is very early days in a dull consultation process.

8. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF:

5th June 2014, being proposed by TL and seconded by AB it was resolved they be adopted..

9. CORRESPONDENCE:

Neighbourhood Watch communication, passed to TL.

10. PLANNING:

There were no applications.

11. ACCOUNTS:

- a) It was resolved to pay the Clerk's salary & expenses
- b) It was resolved to approve accounts for 2013/4.
- c) Internal Audit has been completed and it was resolved to pay Auditor £120-00

12. PARISH AFFAIRS:

There are still a number of inconsiderate property owners with overgrown and obstructive hedges & trees. It was resolved to circulate a copy of the standard letter from ESCC. AB & Clerk to liaise on this.

AB reported on the pleasing number of visits to the web site since inception.

13. PARISH COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:

DGS reported the, as yet, unconfirmed presence of Japanese Knot Weed in Rectory Lane and in the vicinity of Mr Martin's property. Alan Dickinson as Secretary of the Butt Field Trustees has been requested by the vicar Teresa Munro to instigate investigation. He also reported he will be absent in September.

14. ADDITIONAL 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.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE W.I. HALL ON:

7th AUGUST 2014 in the WI Hall



Signed

Ray Harrington-Lowe, Parish Clerk